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**CARE CEO HELENE GAYLE AND ENTREPRENEUR SHEILA C. JOHNSON
INDUCTED INTO ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA AS HONORARY MEMBERS
HIV/AIDS Activist Pernessa Seele to be inducted during Sorority's convention in July**

Chicago, Illinois – June 25, 2010 - Dr. Helen D. Gayle, president and CEO of CARE, USA, a leading humanitarian organization, and entrepreneur extraordinaire Sheila C. Johnson were recently inducted into Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority as Honorary Members during separate members-only induction ceremonies. Presiding over the inductions was Alpha Kappa Alpha's international president Barbara A. McKinzie. Also in attendance were Mae R. Carr, the international chairman of Alpha Kappa Alpha's Honorary Members/Awards Committee, Loann Julia Honesty King, AKA's international program chair, Mary Shy Scott, 23rd International President, Ella Springs Jones, South Atlantic Regional Director and Executive Director Deborah Dangerfield.

Immunologist and Balm In Gilead, Inc. founder Pernessa C. Seele will join the Sorority as an honorary member during a private ceremony on Wednesday, July 14 during the Sorority's Convention that takes place July 9 through 16 in St. Louis, MO.

An Honorary membership is the most prestigious designation the Sorority presents. Those who are inducted represent the highest standards of character, courage and womanhood and are committed to Alpha Kappa Alpha's mission to serve.

Dr. Gayle, Ms. Johnson and Ms. Seele have achieved phenomenal success in their respective fields and command worldwide respect for the strides they have made.

Helene D. Gayle is an expert on health, global development and humanitarian issues and spent 20 years with the Centers for Disease Control, working primarily on HIV/AIDS. Dr. Gayle then worked at the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, directing programs on HIV/AIDS and other global health issues. Dr. Gayle chairs the Obama Administration's Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS, and serves on the President's Commission on White House Fellowships. She has won acclaim for her professional achievements, has published numerous scientific articles and been featured in many media outlets.

Sheila C. Johnson is a successful entrepreneur and impassioned philanthropist. As a partner in Lincoln Holdings, Ms. Johnson is the only African-American woman to have ownership in three professional sports teams, the WNBA's Washington Mystics, the NBA's Washington Wizards and the NHL's Washington Capitals. Ms. Johnson is also President and Managing Partner of the Mystics. As CEO of Salamander Hospitality, a company she founded in 2005, Ms. Johnson oversees a growing portfolio of luxury properties, which include Five Diamond-rated properties. In 2006, Ms. Johnson was named global ambassador for CARE, and spearheaded "Sheila's I Am Powerful Challenge," which was instrumental in helping raise funds for CARE's important work. Ms. Johnson is also a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and was recently appointed by President Barack Obama to the President's Committee on the Arts and the Humanities. She also serves on numerous boards.

Pernessa C. Seele is one of the nation's most prominent voices on issues of HIV/AIDS and other health disparities. She is founder and CEO of The Balm In Gilead, Inc., a not-for-profit, non-governmental organization whose mission is to prevent diseases and to improve the health status of people of the African Diaspora by providing support to faith institutions in areas of program design, implementation and evaluation. Now in its 21st year, the Balm In Gilead has provided capacity development and technical support to more than 20,000 faith institutions. Under Ms. Seele's leadership, The Balm In Gilead has supported the establishment of over 12 national health offices within the national headquarters of Catholic, Protestant and Muslim communities in Africa and the United States; furthermore, The Balm In Gilead has engaged nearly 10 million churchgoers throughout the United States in health awareness campaigns through the effective mobilization of the African-American church to address public health issues.

"We are filled with pride to have these outstanding women of such great stature join our great sorority," said McKinzie. "They represent the best in their fields, the most committed to Alpha Kappa Alpha's noble service mission and the best in character. We look forward to embracing them as members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority."

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