

## **Local Nonprofit Brings Awareness to Fertility Issues in Minorities During National Infertility Awareness Week**

*Fertility for Colored Girls joins RESOLVE in raising awareness through events April 20-27, 2014*

CHICAGO, April 1, 2014 – Fertility for Colored Girl NFP (FFCG), the organization dedicated to offering hope and information about options for women and couples of color trying to conceive, will have a week of events from April 20-27 to recognize National Infertility Awareness Week.

FFCG joins RESOLVE: The National Infertility Association in recognizing National Infertility Awareness Week, which is now in its 25<sup>th</sup> year. This year's theme is “Resolve to Know More.”

Having celebrated its first-year anniversary in March 2014, FFCG has reached hundreds of women and couples who are exploring options to create the families of their dreams.

“Fertility for Colored Girls is excited about the amazing impact that we have made since we came into existence one year ago,” says FFCG Founder Rev. Stacey Edwards-Dunn. “In addition to birthing two chapters in less than a year, FFCG has reached over 500 women through our programming and support groups, and many via social media and our website presence.”

Statistics show 7.3 million people in the United States are affected by issues of infertility but black women are twice as likely as white women to experience these issues. Still, black women are less likely to seek treatment, according to experts.

FFCG was started by Edwards-Dunn, whose own six-year struggle with infertility resulting in seven unsuccessful invitro fertility (IVF) treatments compelled her to reach out to other women and couples trying to conceive. But this year, Edwards-Dunn and her husband have announced their own pregnancy. The news makes Edwards-Dunn more determined than ever to show others trying to become parents and build the families of their dreams that there is hope.

FFCG is unique because it offers a holistic approach to fertility infertility, incorporating the expert advice of nutritionists, obstetricians and gynecologists address the biological solutions; adoption agencies and family planning experts. The organization recently hosted a webinar about egg donation with Tomiko Fraser-Hines, the first black model to be signed to a major cosmetic line, who shared her experience conceiving twins. FFCG has also has chapters in Richmond, Va. and the DMV area.

Edwards-Dunn and FFCG have been featured in various media outlets, including Chicago's Inspiration 1390, WVON 1690 AM and the Tom Joyner Morning Show. For more information, log on to [www.fertilityforcoloredgirls.org](http://www.fertilityforcoloredgirls.org).

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## **FFCG NIAW 2014 Activities**

### **Monday, April 21**

Prayer Circle – Virtual (Phone Call)  
7 a.m. CST/8 a.m./5a.m. PST

April Support Group Meeting – Chicago  
7 p.m. CST

### **Tuesday, April 22**

Panel Discussion – Chicago  
7 p.m. CST

“If I knew then, What I Know Now”

Description: No one really prepares you for the thought of infertility or dealing with fertility challenges. Often you are told if you do things right, you will be able to conceive. Join us for as we discuss the variety of options that are available when striving to build a family.

### **Wednesday, April 23**

Virtual Candlelighting

### **Thursday, April 24**

Webinar: the 411 on Accupuncture

### **Friday, April 25**

Advocacy Day

### **Saturday, April 26**

Fitness for Fertility Fundraiser - Chicago  
Victory Dance Studio  
10243 S Western Ave, Chicago, IL 60643  
(between 102nd St & 103rd St), Beverly  
Cost: \$15

Health Fair – Richmond, Va. Chapter

### **Sunday, April 27**

Fighting infertility and giving hope in churches nationwide

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