Welcome to our Summer 2017 Newsletter! In case you missed it, read on to see what we’ve been up to at The Olive Branch so far this year.

**ACTIVITIES**

**January 2017**

**Spiritually Speaking Prayer Breakfast**
In January, we broke the winter blues with a Prayer Breakfast that was well-attended, with a level of worship that was so powerful, a window of healing literally opened. Our motivational speaker this year was Rowena Rodriguez, who stirred the guests with her story of how she had to overcome many hurdles, including a life-threatening experience. Our keynote speaker, Pastor Bridget James delivered a strong, inspiring message of hope to the audience, which included many survivors, their family members and friends.

**February 2017**

**Golden Girls Project**
In February, we went once again to the TAIBU Community Health Centre in Malvern for another of our Golden Girls “Seniors Rockin It Out” music therapy sessions. This was a group information and storytelling program funded by the Government of Ontario’s Seniors Community Grant Program, to encourage seniors in our black and ethnic communities to share their health history and medical information with their younger generations. We presented the ladies with a My Ancestry Health Tree (much like a family tree) where they were asked to fill in any known health history info and share it with their children, grandchildren, etc.

**Upcoming Events**

**August 20**
“Beautiful You Are” Brunch

**August 26**
2017 One Dream Walkathon

**November 11**
Think Beyond ‘Love Pink’ Symposium

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Think Beyond ‘Love Pink’ Hamilton Workshop

In March, we took our Think Beyond ‘Love Pink’ Workshop series to Hamilton. Dr. Juliet Daniel and her wonderful team from McMaster University put together the event which included speakers from the medical community, a nutritionist and a Zumba component. This was the final in a series of workshops around the GTA and Hamilton, where participants learned about genetic counselling for breast cancer and the devastating consequences that the Triple Negative strain can have on those affected.

JOIN OUR FAMILY OF VOLUNTEERS

We are desperately in need of more volunteers who can assist us in the areas of social media, administration and event assistance for display booths at community events.

Contact us at 416-256-3155
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The effects of the Think Beyond Love Pink BC Awareness Campaign were greater than we had originally anticipated. We did not expect the campaign to have such quick traction among our targeted age group.

We were delighted to discover that our student volunteers were so impacted by the Campaign that they organized and launched an official student club for The Olive Branch of Hope at the University of Toronto at Scarborough.

BC awareness will continue to grow as this student club will educate, empower and provide a forum for young adults to engage with the discussion on how BC affects women of African Ancestry.

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