



# AAngelsNJ

first annual

## *Pink Tie Ball*

Thursday, October 24, 2013  
6 pm - 11 pm

The Richfield Regency  
420 Bloomfield Avenue,  
Verona, NJ 07044

## *Our Mission and Vision*

**AAngelsNJ** - Our mission is to serve and provide resources to underserved and underinsured individuals and families. We are committed to educating and navigating them through issues surrounding Preventive Care, Pre- and Post-Breast Cancer diagnoses and all aspects of Breast Health.

**Our vision** is an end to Breast Cancer related deaths as a result of late stage Breast Cancer diagnosis.

**Thank you** all for your continued support. AAngelsNJ is not funded by any grants, businesses or corporations. We are solely funded by donations and our fundraising events.

If you would like to make a donation please use the self-addressed donation envelopes that are provided for you on each table. Please fill out and mail or you can place in the donation box at the table near the stage.

We thank you again and look forward to seeing you in May 2014 for our 2nd Annual Scholarship Awards ceremony.



Welcome to the first annual

*Pink Tie Ball*

*to*

Help support your community

Breast Health,

Breast Cancer Awareness and

Education support services

organization.

Remember, all of our services to the  
community are free of charge. Help us

to continue to serve those in need

and save lives.





## 2013 AAngelsNJ Honoree

Roslyn Y. Rogers Collins is President and CEO of Planned Parenthood of Metropolitan New Jersey (PPMNJ) in Newark. In this role, she has oversight of six centers in Essex and Passaic Counties including Downtown Newark, East Orange, Paterson, Ironbound Newark, Montclair and Pompton Lakes. These centers

serve nearly 20,000 men, women, and adolescents and the education department, called the Family Life Institute, presents workshops to almost 9,000 individuals.

A strong advocate for reproductive justice and equity in the provision of quality health care, Ms. Rogers Collins has had a distinguished and progressive career that spans more than 30 years. Passionate about the needs of families, Roslyn's dedication to health options for the poor and for low-income women in particular stems from the fact that in many instances Planned Parenthood centers may be the only provider that these individuals are able to see.

Roslyn's affiliation with health care and reproductive justice started during a high school summer internship at a Planned Parenthood affiliate then located in Jersey City. Years later, her professional career began at Horizons Family Planning Clinic in Jersey City where she became a Health Educator immediately after completing her undergraduate studies in 1979. This position fostered in her a true commitment to advocacy, social concerns, issues regarding choice, and family and women's health. She went on to increasingly responsible positions. As Associate Director of the YWCA of Hudson County (Jersey City), she supervised staff in Family Advocacy, Battered Women's Programs, and out-of-home placements for young people at risk. Her programs resulted in significant funding increases, which in turn led to program expansion.



In 1989, she joined Passaic County Committee for Planned Parenthood (PCCPP) as a Program Director for Alternative Care for Adolescents and subsequently for the Teen Mothers Career Start Program. She eventually became the Associate Executive Director of that organization. In 1995,

PCCPP joined forces with Planned Parenthood of Essex County and became Planned Parenthood of Metropolitan New Jersey.

Roslyn was elevated to the position of Chief Operating Officer with responsibility for Human Resources and Administration in 2005. During the coming years, PPMNJ experienced severe financial hardships brought on by drastic funding cuts and a number of key staff changes. Roslyn developed a turn-around plan that resulted in returning PPMNJ to an affiliate in good standing. As a result of her fiscal stewardship and leadership during these trying times, Roslyn was named President and CEO in 2011 after serving one year in an interim capacity.

A life-long resident of the Jersey City/Newark, NJ area, Roslyn holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Social Work from Seton Hall University and a Master of Science Degree in Health Administration from New Jersey City University. An expert on the topic of human sexuality, she has taught courses for more than 17 years at Essex County College, William Paterson and Kean Universities. She is a Leadership Newark fellow with many professional affiliations and currently serves on the Board of Directors for New Jersey Women and AIDS Network, the Planned Parenthood Action Fund of New Jersey and the New Jersey Family Planning Association. As for personal passions, Roslyn is a graphic designer, prolific writer and poet. She has travelled extensively with her husband Marc Collins, throughout the United States, Mexico and the Caribbean.





## 2013 AAngelsNJ Honoree

Dee Dee Ricks is an entrepreneur, public health advocate, and expert on patient navigation. She is the founder of RICKS Consulting Group, Inc., which serves and advises hedge funds on talent acquisition that maximizes portfolio optimization. Dee Dee began the company 20 years ago at the age of 24. She is now a

sought after inspirational speaker on mending the gap in access to quality healthcare, patient navigation, and entrepreneurship. Since diagnosis with breast cancer and the debut of her HBO documentary, *The Education of Dee Dee Ricks*, Dee Dee has given over 100 keynote addresses to Fortune 50 companies, foundations, and non-profit organizations, both domestically and internationally.

*The Education of Dee Dee Ricks* documents Dee Dee's journey from diagnosis to survivorship and the many challenges and hardships she endured along the way, including learning about low health literacy in underserved communities; becoming deeply passionate to end injustice in healthcare accessibility; and the drive to make Patient Navigation a household name. Dee Dee views health as a human right and has committed her life to making people aware of the healthcare resources to which they are entitled.

She often says that cancer is the worst and the best thing that ever happened to her. It was cancer that allowed her to develop a relationship with long-time advocacy partner, Dr. Harold P. Freeman. Together with Dr. Freeman, Dee Dee founded the Harold P. Freeman Patient Navigation Institute (PNI). PNI supports patient navigation training and aims to provide information about chronic disease prevention and eliminate barriers to timely diagnosis, prevention and care. As Board Chair, Dee Dee has successfully lobbied Congress to



reenact the Patient Navigation Act as part of sweeping health care reform policy. She is a champion, alongside Dr. Freeman, of Congressman Israel's Patient Navigation Assistance Act of 2012. With Dee Dee's help, Rep. Israel Co-Chair of the House Cancer Caucus has been working on legislation to address the problem of cancer navigation assistance for Medicaid recipients. The Education of Dee Dee Ricks was screened for House members the eve of the airing on HBO.

Dee Dee is also a philanthropist, supporting various organizations in their efforts to serve marginalized communities and to mend the gap in access to quality healthcare. Dee Dee is active with a number of charitable and service-providing organizations, including Susan G. Komen for the Cure, Livestrong, Robin Hood Foundation, the Ralph Lauren Center for Cancer Care and Prevention, the Winthrop P. Rockefeller Cancer Institute at the University of Arkansas Medical Center, and Harvard University's Global Task force on Expanded Access to Cancer Care & Control in Developing Countries. Dee Dee is a Breast Reconstruction Awareness Ambassador for BRA Day USA, an initiative designed to promote education, awareness and access regarding post-mastectomy breast needs.

According to the United States Department of Labor, women make over 80% of health care decisions for their families and are more likely to be the caregivers when a family member falls ill. Dee Dee's new campaign to empower Americans toward their right to quality healthcare and the need for Patient Navigation, America's Navigator, urges all Americans to ask their insurance companies "Who is my Navigator?" in order to receive the best solutions for their families. Dee Dee believes, "You cannot win the battle for your life when you don't have the ammunition required to beat it. Insurance companies must be held responsible for providing patient navigators. If people speak up, someone will listen."



# AAngelsNJ First Annual Pink Tie Ball 2013

## *Program*

6:00 pm – 7:00 pm .....	Cocktail Hour Harpists Tonka Barrett McBurrows and Faye Fishman (www.fayefishman.com)
7:00 pm – 7:30 pm .....	Proceed to Dining Room
7:30 pm – 7:45 pm .....	Invocation Mrs. Justina Schumacher Eucharist Minister
7:45 pm – 8:00 pm .....	Opening Remarks Joi Mikki Stanley-Smith Mistress of Ceremony
8:00 pm – 8:15 pm .....	Introduction of Honoree Angelina Killane-Sims <b>Mrs. Roslyn Rogers Collins, President &amp; CEO Planned Parenthood of Metropolitan New Jersey</b>
8:15 pm – 8:30 pm .....	Short clip of the HBO Documentary “The Education of Dee Dee Ricks”
8:30 pm – 8:45 pm .....	Introduction of Honoree Ms. Robin C. Lewis <b>Mrs. Dee Dee Ricks, Founder, Ricks Consulting Firm and The Harold P. Freeman Patient Navigation Institute (PNI)</b>
8:45 pm – 8:50 pm .....	Poem “Strength of a Color” Written by Bylena Barrett Read by her daughter, Brett Lynn Byron
8:45 pm – 8:55 pm .....	Special Presentations Tonka Barrett McBurrows Angelina Killane-Sims
8:55 pm – 9:00 pm .....	Closing Remarks
9:00 pm – 11:00 pm .....	Dinner & Dancing



**We would like to thank the following for their donations:**

***Services:***

Roxy Florist, Flowers  
SuSu Productions, Videography  
TNDJ Music Services, DJ  
The Big Image, Photography  
Progressive Achievers, Joi Mikki Stanly Smith  
Harpist, Tonka Barrett McBurrows, Faye Fishman  
Printing Services, Tri-Lon Color Graphics, Dave Strickler,  
Mark Strickler, Justin Strickler

***Financial:***

Briana Brindao  
Gil Celli, Highroad Press  
Jill Denburg Cooperstein, Highroad Press  
Hallie Denburg Satz, Highroad Press  
Joe DeSopo, Case Paper Company  
Peter Garber, C&C Bindery  
Vivian Gaunt & April Gaunt-Butler  
Chris Kmosko, Argus Technology  
Kathy LaViola, Nuez Bindery  
Gary Markovits, E&M Bindery  
Robert Martinelli, Imperial Nails  
Monique Munford  
Jim Murray, DFX Trucking  
Mr. and Mrs. Barry Perez, Highroad Press  
Peter Piccone, Perfect Finishing Bindery  
Peter Preziotte, MidIsland Bindery  
Bob and Jackie Price  
Chris Scarano, Meadowlands Bindery  
Sharmaine Swan  
Eric Tepfer, Highroad Press

***Door prizes donated by:***

Date Night In, AAngelsNJ  
Pooka, Pure and Simple, Tonka Barrett-McBurrows  
Manicure/Pedicure gift certificate and polish, Montclair Nails  
Photography session gift certificate, Tinetta Bell Photography  
Natural Body soaps, Celeste Munford



***A special thank you to the following:***

Hakim Sims  
Lia Dickens, Orange Police Dept.  
Janice Parish Jackson  
Angelique Harris Hamm  
Tri-Lon Color Graphics  
TNDJ Music Services

***Thank you to our Board Members:***

Joyce Lane  
Robin Lewis  
Heather Jones  
Rochelle Preston  
Jerilynn Smith

***AAngelsNJ Development Committee:***

Kecia Barrett Callahan  
Kim Barrett  
Priscilla Barrett  
Tonka Barrett McBurrows  
Agena Brown-Simmons  
Ellen Davis  
Lolita Jones  
Jeneen Paige  
Cheryl Salley  
Debra Small  
Felicia Turner



## *Strength of a Color*

So soft the color, yet so strong the meaning  
Pink, a symbol used by a strong woman,  
A woman with a fight, no guns, no ammo, just  
The strength of her mind, body and soul  
So many women, so many stories told  
You can take our hair out, leaving us completely bald  
We can buy a pink scarf and cover it all  
Many tears will fall for this fight is unknown  
Tears that can be wiped away and dried away with pink  
Tissues, this can't continue  
The fight may be short or many years to come  
Stand strong women in pink fighting for a cure  
And stand strong together until we fight no more

This poem is dedicated to the Pinkest person I know. My cousin, My sister, Angelina Killane-Sims, since her fight, she has obtained her wings. An angel for sure she's become.

I say to that bully, the Big Letter "C", you're not welcome back because we Love her dearly, all standing in Pink, now you have met your defeat!

Warmly written for those who have fought and those who continue to fight, letting you all know, things will be Pink and Alright.

**A Poem written by Bylena Barrett, October 2013.**





Post Office Box 150  
Montclair, NJ 07042  
Toll Free: 888-589-8035  
Fax: (888) 552-8437