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## **LaRoyce F. Chambers, MD joins the United Way of Greater Milwaukee & Waukesha County's Teen Pregnancy Prevention Initiative**

*Dr. Chambers replaces Bevan Baker as the  
co-chair of the Teen Pregnancy Prevention Initiative*

[March 22, 2018] MILWAUKEE – LaRoyce F. Chambers, MD, retired department chief and chair of obstetrics and gynecology for Aurora Health Care and a 2017 Top Influential Black Doctors in America awardee by Savoy Magazine, will serve as the co-chair of the Teen Pregnancy Prevention Oversight Committee (TPPOC) led by the United Way of Greater Milwaukee & Waukesha County along with Betsy Brenner.

Dr. Chambers, a native of Detroit, MI, has practiced in the Milwaukee area for over 40 years and joined Aurora Sinai Medical Center when it was formed in the mid-1980's through the union of Good Samaritan and Mt. Sinai hospitals.

"Dr. Chambers' expertise in OB/GYN will be an invaluable addition to our oversight committee and the work of its sub-committees. His passion and insights for improving the care of high-risk populations will contribute significantly in moving this important initiative forward," said Nick Turkal MD, CEO, Aurora Health Care.

The Oversight Committee provides leadership and advice to a collective impact model that holds itself accountable to one bold goal: reducing births to teens. Since 2008, TPPOC has worked to reduced teen pregnancy by 62% in the 15-17-year-old age category. While statistics across the country are down in teen birth rate, Milwaukee has far outpaced the rest of the nation.

"I'm looking forward to working with Dr. Chambers on this communitywide effort driven by United Way," said Betsy Brenner, community volunteer and co-chair of the Teen Pregnancy Prevention Oversight Committee. "This initiative will continue to be successful because of our all-hands-on-deck approach adopted by the community, which has been honored nationally as a model for other cities."

The United Way-led initiative has been recognized by United Way Worldwide, Mutual of America, and the White House Council for Community Solutions and was included in a report on successful community collaborations to President Barack Obama.

"As we enter the 12<sup>th</sup> year of our nationally-recognized initiative, we couldn't be more pleased to have someone like Dr. Chambers to help support and guide this critical work,"



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said Nicole Angresano, vice president, Community Impact for United Way of Greater Milwaukee & Waukesha County.

Each year in October, Mayor Tom Barrett and the Teen Pregnancy Prevention Initiative releases the city's teen birth rate data. The city's goal is to reduce teen births by another 50% by 2023 and to close gaps between racial and ethnic groups.

To learn more about the Teen Pregnancy Prevention Initiative visit, <https://www.unitedwaygmwc.org/Teen-Pregnancy-Prevention>.

**About United Way's Teen Pregnancy Prevention Initiative:** *Since 2006, United Way of Greater Milwaukee has led the community-wide Teen Pregnancy Prevention Initiative aimed at reducing the teen birth rate among 15- to 17-year-olds by 46% by 2015. In 2013 the Teen Pregnancy Prevention Initiative announced another ambitious goal – to reduce the 2013 overall rate by another 50%, to 11.4 births per 1,000, by 2023. The successful initiative has now become an international model for community collaboration.*

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