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Guide to the Mary Ann E. Black Interview, 2004

Contains audiotapes and a transcript of an oral history interview of Mary Ann E. Black, associate vice president for Community Affairs for the Duke University Health System.

Descriptive Summary

Collection Title: Mary Ann E. Black Interview, 2004

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Biographical Note

Mary Ann E. Black was born in Manhattan, New York, and grew up in Florence, South Carolina. She received her undergraduate degree at Benedict College and a degree in social work from the University of North Carolina.

Black, a resident of Durham for the past 25 years, has been an active leader and participant in numerous community agencies, schools and health care programs during her years in Durham. Among the boards she has either chaired or served on are the Durham and Triangle United Ways, Durham County Board of Social Services, Durham Arts Council, Durham Regional Hospital Corporation, Greater Durham Chamber of Commerce, North Carolina Health and Wellness Trust Fund, North Carolina Board of State Teachers and Local Government Retirement System, Durham Council on Alcoholism, Durham Center for Behavioral Health, Durham Nursery School Association board, the YWCA, and the United Way Allocation Committee. Ms. Black has worked in the Durham County School System and the Duke Child Guidance Center. In 1982 she went into private practice as a psychotherapist.

Ms. Black was voted Social Worker of the Year in 1994 by the National Association of Social Workers. In 2004, she received the Josephine Dobbs Clement Award for Exemplary Community Leadership for helping to improve public education in Durham. She served as a Durham County commissioner from 1990 to 2002, and was chair of the Durham County Commissioners from 1996 to 2002.

Emphases throughout her career have included the fight against domestic violence, the improvement of mental health, and the enhancement of childhood education for local families. In 2002 she became associate vice president for Community Affairs for the Duke University Health System (DUHS), where she develops and implements strategies and programs to enhance the health system's relationships with local communities and groups that support the health and human service needs of the people of Durham, N.C.

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Interview on January 22, 2004

Ms. Black discusses her family background; father's career in the police force; racism in the South; influences on her career in social work; growing up in South Carolina; education; activism; public service; private practice; view of Durham community; Duke's purchase of Durham Regional Hospital; role in county commissioner's office; Duke's impact on the community; hiring of minorities; Dr. Ralph Snyderman; Office of Community Affairs; positive aspects of Duke.

Interview tapes [1 audiotapes (45 minutes total)]

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