

c-CARE II Community Health Worker (CHW) Spotlight: Ms. Percie Davis, CNA, RT Broadway Baptist Church



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When Percie Davis arrived at the c-CARE II CHW training session on Saturday, June 3, 2023, at the Georgia Cancer Center, Dr. Martha Tingen, PhD, RN, FAAN, (Principal Investigator, c-CARE II) knew that this was a familiar face. Ms. Davis later revealed that she had participated in a previous community health project that Dr. Tingen had conducted in 2010-2011; the “*Sister to Sister*” program, a tobacco cessation research study for public housing neighborhoods in which women help other women quit smoking.

Ms. Davis had what she described as a “rough childhood”: she began smoking at a very young age, and had dropped out of school in the 8th grade. When Ms. Davis joined *Sister to Sister* at the Barton Village housing development in 2011, she joked that “if she could quit smoking, she could do anything.” With the help of the program, and Dr. Tingen’s support, Ms. Davis was successful in quitting smoking. Having accomplished this seemingly impossible feat, Ms. Davis realized she really could do anything, and it changed her life. She took classes and got her GED. Next, she attended college and completed a Certified Nursing Assistant program. But she didn’t stop there. With her personal experience as a former smoker, and knowing how smoking affects the respiratory system, in 2023 Ms. Davis completed training to become a Respiratory Therapist.



Ms. Percie Davis and Dr. Martha Tingen at the c-CARE II Community Assessment tent at Broadway Baptist Church, 7/15/2023. Ms. Davis is holding the Sister to Sister participant t-shirt that she got in 2011, while wearing the c-CARE II shirt that she was given as a CHW.



In the Spring of 2023, Ms. Davis learned that Dr. Tingen was starting a new community health program at her own church, Broadway Baptist, and she jumped at the chance to become a Community Health Worker.



Ms. Percie Davis and Dr. Martha Tingen at the c-CARE II Community Assessment tent at Broadway Baptist Church, 7/15/2023. Ms. Davis brought the copy of her Sister to Sister informed consent document and thank you letter signed by Dr. Tingen in 2011. Now Ms. Davis will “pay it forward,” serving as a community Health Worker (CHW) for the c-CARE II project at her church.



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