



# *Jack and Jill of America, Inc.*

*Empowering Our Youth to Excel through Leadership & Service in Our Communities.*

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## **Jack and Jill of America, Inc. Reaches Out to Lawmakers on Capitol Hill**

*Declares Healthcare, Education and the Juvenile Justice system must change in order  
for minority children to have a chance*

**WASHINGTON DC (March 10-11)** –Jack and Jill of America, Inc. will conduct its first On the Hill Summit in Washington, D.C. on Capitol Hill March 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. This awareness campaign will bring over 200 mothers and teens from across the United States to meet with their elected officials to urge their support for healthcare for all children, education reform for children pre-k through high school and revamping of the juvenile justice system. On March 10<sup>th</sup>, a panel made of lawmakers such as Reps. John Conyers, James Clyburn, Charlie Rangel, Bobby Scott, Stephanie Tubbs-Jones, Sen. Barack Obama, and others have been invited to address these issues and others facing minorities today.

This two-day awareness campaign will also allow mothers and teens to meet with congressional leaders from their hometowns to discuss issues and give Congressional leaders an opportunity to understand that Jack and Jill of America, Inc. is a viable African American organization that brings substantive and legitimate issues to Congress for its review and consideration. *“This is a momentous occasion for us” says Bartina Edwards, Legislative Chair of Jack and Jill. “This event takes Jack and Jill to the Hill and spotlights issues that affect children and their families across this nation.”*

Jack and Jill represents 30,000 family members who serve their community and families in 35 states. The membership spans a variety of capacities to include entrepreneurs, business professionals, stay-at-home mothers, educators, attorneys, physicians and faith-based leaders with the belief that we can make a difference in the lives of children and families. *“We understand the challenges in rearing African American children,” says Jacqueline Moore Bowles, the National President of Jack and Jill of America, Inc. Moore Bowles believes “It is our goal for congress to hear our voice on these issues - for them to know our expectations when it comes to children’s legislation and how we can lend our support.”*

This awareness campaign will not stop at Capitol Hill. *“This is just the beginning”* says Moore Bowles. Upon returning home, the mothers will remain in contact with their congressional leaders in their home districts.

Jack and Jill of America, Inc. is a national children’s organization founded in 1938 to provide educational, cultural, civic, recreational, and social activities for youth between the ages of 2 and 19. Today, there are over 218 chapters, in 35 states, united through national initiatives to enhance the quality of life for youth.