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### FELICIA F. NORWOOD, PRESIDENT, COO, ACTIVEHEALTH MANAGEMENT, INC. HONORED BY THE NETWORK JOURNAL AS ONE OF ITS “25 INFLUENTIAL BLACK WOMEN IN BUSINESS”

*Adaora Udoji, Co-Host, WNYC Morning News, Is Mistress of Ceremonies  
At the March 13 Celebratory Awards Luncheon in New York City*

**NEW YORK, N.Y. (February 2008)** —*The Network Journal*, New York tri-state area’s premier business magazine for African-American professionals and business owners, announces its 2008 list of “25 Influential Black Women in Business.” The select group will be profiled in the special March issue of the magazine and will be formally honored during Women’s History Month at the “Tenth Annual 25 Influential Black Women in Business Awards” luncheon on Thursday, March 13. The event will be held at the New York Marriott Marquis Hotel, located at 1535 Broadway (between 45th & 46th streets) in New York City, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

“The women we are honoring on the tenth anniversary of these awards are, as usual, in the forefront of American leadership and symbolize the diversity and advancement that has occurred across industry lines,” *TNJ* Publisher and CEO Aziz Gueye Adetimirin said. “We salute them for achieving significant levels of success in their businesses and professional careers and for their myriad contributions to their community.”

This year’s extraordinary honorees are:

**Gina F. Adams**, Senior Vice President, Government Affairs, FedEx Corporation  
**Sheryl Adkins-Green**, Vice President, General Manager, Alberto-Culver Co.  
**Terri D. Austin**, Chief Diversity Officer, American International Group, Inc.  
**Monica Azare**, Senior Vice President, State Public Policy and External Affairs, Verizon NY/CT  
**Alena Baquet-Simpson, M.D.**, Staff VP & Medical Director, CM Strategy & Development, WellPoint  
**Lindamichelle Baron, Ed. D.**, President & Publisher, Harlin Jacque Publications  
**Alfreda Bradley-Coar**, General Counsel, Diagnostic Imaging, GE Healthcare  
**Patricia S. Bransford**, President and Executive Director, The National Urban Technology Center, Inc.  
**Deborah S. Coleman**, Executive Vice President & COO, National Urban League  
**Lurita A. Doan**, Administrator, U.S. General Services Administration  
**Lillian A. Dukes**, Vice President, Technical Services, American Eagle Airlines, Inc.  
**Pamela K. El**, Marketing Vice President, State Farm Insurance  
**Heide Gardner**, Vice President, Chief Diversity and Inclusion Officer, Interpublic Group of Companies  
**Juliet Nicole Gilliam**, Senior Director, Corporate Outreach, ESPN, Inc.  
**Beverly W. Jones, Ph.D.**, Provost & Vice-Chancellor for Academic Affairs, North Carolina Central University  
**Debra Langford**, Executive Director, Strategic Sourcing, Time Warner  
**Leslie A. Mays**, Vice President, Worldwide Diversity and Inclusion, Pfizer, Inc.  
**Donna M. Mendes, M.D., F.A.C.S.**, Vascular and General Surgeon, St. Luke’s-Roosevelt Hospital  
**Felicia F. Norwood**, President, COO, ActiveHealth Management, Inc.  
**Andrea Davis Pinkney**, Vice President, Editor-at-Large, Scholastic Trade  
**Rose Catherine Pinkney**, Executive Vice President, Programming & Production, TV One  
**Sonia Reese**, Executive Director, Community Impact, Columbia University  
**Robin Verges**, Senior Vice President, Rubenstein Associates, Inc.  
**Valaida S. Walker, Ed. D.**, Chair, Board of Directors, Elwyn  
**Donna Walker-Kuhne**, President, CEO, Walker International Communications Group

The program includes a cocktail networking reception, lunch and awards presentation with Mistress of Ceremonies Adaora Udoji, co-host of WNYC Morning News. As a signature *TNJ* event which attracts a “Who’s Who” of business executives and decision makers from various industries, the luncheon sells out each year.

Tickets are \$200.00 if purchased before February 29th and \$250.00 thereafter. No tickets will be sold at the door.

Sponsors this year are: **AOL Black Voices, AXA, Cadillac, Entergy, L’OREAL USA, Toyota and 107.5 WBL5-FM Radio.**

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#### About The Network Journal

Founded in 1993, *The Network Journal* is an award-winning magazine published each month, except for combined issues in July/August and December/January. It provides news and commentaries on issues that affect the growth of business and the advancement of professionals in the workplace for an audience of predominantly African-American professionals, corporate executives and small-business owners. Engaging more than 86,000 readers, *The Network Journal* is distributed nationwide, with a focus on the New York tri-state area. For more information call 212-962-3791, or visit the Web site at [www.tnj.com](http://www.tnj.com).