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August 29, 2023

Reginald Ware, CEO
BlackDoctor.org
309 W. Washington, Suite 250
Chicago, IL 60606

Dear Mr. Ware:

On behalf of the Board of Directors and membership of the Association of Black Cardiologists (ABC), we are truly delighted to honor BlackDoctor.org as the 2023 recipient of the **Excellence in Health Media Award** during our *14th Annual Spirit of the Heart Awards Gala & Fundraiser*. This black-tie affair will be held on Saturday, October 28, 2023, at The Whitley Hotel in Atlanta, GA. The evening's reception will begin at 6pm followed promptly by the awards dinner program at 7pm.

About the award...

The **Excellence in Health Media Award** seeks to recognize individual journalists or media companies that demonstrate firm dedication to the delivery of timely and accurate cardiovascular health information specific to Black communities, consistently herald the expert perspective of Black cardiologists and peer physicians, and serves as a champion advocate for diversity in the medical workforce and compassionate patient care. **BlackDoctor.org has consistently partnered with ABC to deliver life-saving information and resources to our shared audience. Your service to and impact upon over 19 million readers each month is to be celebrated.**

About the event...

The Annual Spirit of the Heart Awards Gala and Fundraiser amplifies ABC's nearly 50-year commitment to curating a diverse cardiovascular workforce by awarding scholarships to deserving medical students from underrepresented communities across the U.S. The evening also celebrates trailblazers and champions who demonstrate excellence in health promotion, education, advocacy, and service. This year, we have selected "**Preserving our Legacy, Advancing Health Equity**" as our theme. The proceeds from the evening are dedicated to the expansion of ABC's community programs and scholarship awards for aspiring physicians. Thank you, in advance, for opening doors to your family, friends, members, and other potential donors interested in attending this highly anticipated event.

Mr. Ware, we extend our heartfelt congratulations and deepest appreciation to you and BlackDoctor.org for the work you continue to do on behalf of our beloved community. As an honoree, please note, BlackDoctor.org will be highlighted in event-related materials. Direction to obtain the preferred organizational information and logo is greatly appreciated.

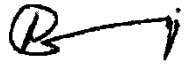
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To promote the prevention and treatment of cardiovascular disease, including stroke, in Blacks and other minorities; and to achieve health equity for all through the elimination of disparities.

An ABC logistics team member will contact you directly to arrange your, or a designated representative's, travel to Atlanta, GA and lodging accommodations (up to two nights) at The Whitley Hotel (3434 Peachtree St NE, Atlanta, GA 30326). Seating for two will be reserved in your name for the event.

If you have any questions regarding this award notification, please contact Ms. Lynnett Glass, Chief Development Officer, at 202-600-4355 or lglass@abcardio.org.

Sincerely,



Anekwe Onwuanyi, MD, FACC
President, Association of Black Cardiologists



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Founded in 1974, the ABC is a nonprofit organization with an international membership of 2,000 healthcare, lay professionals, corporate and institutional members. The ABC's mission is *to promote the prevention and treatment of cardiovascular disease, including stroke, in Blacks and other minorities and to achieve health equity for all through the elimination of disparities.* The ABC's deep roots in the community anchor the Seven Steps to a Healthy Heart focusing on the daily practice of cardiovascular risk factor control, and its education initiatives are further enriched through continuing medical education, clinical research and building the workforce pipeline. The ABC has always advocated for better health care for all as embodied in our tagline:

Saving the Hearts and Minds of a Diverse America.

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