

# NDC Carolinas Hosts Charlotte, NC's Inaugural Women in Leadership Symposium



*Symposium Panelists from left to right: Denise Cooper, Janet Hart, Jeannene Allen, Karen Breach, and Mimi Zelman*

The Inaugural Charlotte Women in Leadership Symposium was held on April 20th at the Foundation for the Carolinas. Women from the area were in attendance to receive a wealth of knowledge from a diverse group of successful female executives. This year's theme was "Women Leaders as Architects of Change."

The symposium consisted of a panel of five female executives who gathered to inspire and encourage women to reflect on their own career goals as they strive to advance in their respective organizations. To help achieve this goal, topics relevant to women in today's workplace were chosen which, perfectly accentuated the symposium's theme. A few of the topics were, "Managing Your Career in a World of Chaos"; "Your Personal

Board of Directors: How to Maximize Mentors"; and "Giving and Receiving: Supporting One Another in Both Directions."

"We wanted to create an environment which allowed attendees of various ethnic backgrounds to come together, in order to gather a wealth of knowledge, experience and expertise from female executives in the Charlotte area," said Dennis Kennedy, Founder & CEO of the National Diversity Council.

The symposium panelists were Dr. Denise Cooper, Executive Coach, Coach HR, LLC; Jeannene Allen, Area Human Resource Director, CVS Caremark Corporation; Karen E. Breach, M.D., Pediatrician at University Pediatrics,

President NC American Academy of Pediatrics, CHS Physician Diversity Advisory Committee; Janet C. Chart, Vice President of Public Relations and Communications, Better Business of Better Bureau of Southern Piedmont; and Mimi Zelman, President and Publisher, Women with Know How, President Elect, Business and Professional Women NC.

The NDC Carolinas Diversity Council would like to thank all the sponsors, speakers and attendees for helping make this year's Inaugural Charlotte Women in Leadership Symposium a success.