



DR. NOTISHA MASSAQUOI

HEALTH

Dr. Notisha Massaquoi has been a powerful force in Black women's healthcare for over 30 years. As the Executive Director of Women's Health in Women's Hands Community Health Centre – a centre specializing in providing primary healthcare to Black and racialized women – she played a critical role in shaping community-level healthcare programs for two decades, changing the lives of thousands of women in Toronto.

She has founded and contributed to a number of organizations and projects that uplift Black Canadians, such as Africans in Partnership Against AIDS and TAIBU Community Health Centre. She has also served as a board trustee for many organizations to ensure anti-Black racism is a prominent consideration

in Canadian research and healthcare institutions. On the international stage, she has worked with the Joint United Nations Program on HIV/AIDS on organizational responses to HIV and migration

and with the United Nations Social Development Forum on racism and its impact on workforces.

Currently, Dr. Massaquoi holds the position of Assistant Professor in the Department of Health and Society at the University of Toronto, Scarborough, with a graduate appointment in the Factor Inwentash Faculty of Social Work. She is also the founding Director of the Black Health Equity Lab (The BHEL).

For her work, Dr. Massaquoi has received several awards including the Alliance for Healthier Communities' Joe Leonard Award for extraordinary leadership, commitment and support for accessible healthcare, and the Black Health Alliance Legacy Award.

With Dr. Massaquoi at the table, equitable outcomes for Black and racialized women's health can become a reality in Toronto.

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