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PRESS RELEASE

Newly Released Book Examines the Career-Life Journeys of Women

Clemmons, North Carolina, June 8, 2015: Dr. Anne Sourbeer Morris AKA Dr. Anne of Clemmons is the author of the newly released book ***Unexpected Pathways: The Journeys of Women in the Workforce.*** About the book, Dr. Anne asks, “Do we really know the women—our colleagues, our friends, our relatives—we encounter on a daily basis? Do we know their history? Do we know their hearts? Do we make assumptions based upon our own experiences and beliefs? Or, do we simply co-exist and move through our own busy lives without knowing the richness of their stories and the lessons that they may teach us?” These were some of the questions that drew her to create *Unexpected Pathways*—a journey that has been ten years in the making and one that has certainly been unexpected.

Unexpected Pathways presents stories about the career pathways of twenty-three multi-generational women representing diverse occupations, experiences, and backgrounds. The stories reflect the stories of many women, expressing the intimate connection between one’s career pathway and life journey. ***Unexpected Pathways*** shares stories of determination and perseverance - courage and resilience. ***Unexpected Pathways*** shares stories of greatness and fragility - survival and victory! And in the context of the career-life journey, ***Unexpected Pathways*** shares stories of healing and love. The stories and the inspired lessons offered by the chapter authors, encourage hope and inspiration to women present and future.

About the multi-generational nature of ***Unexpected Pathways***, author Dr. Anne writes, “*True wisdom is ageless. True idealism is ageless. Idealism must not be ‘assigned’ to the young or wisdom to the old. As we create our career/life journey we must embody both idealism and wisdom. We must maintain the enthusiasm and passion of the young while embodying the conviction and perseverance of those who have paved the way for us.*”

In 2005, Dr. Anne retired from the Great Valley School District, Malvern, Pennsylvania as the district’s Transition Coordinator, supporting students with disabilities and their families. She was a former Director of School Counseling for Great Valley High School and the Counseling Department Chairperson at Octorara Area High School. Over a thirty-five year career in public education, she worked in rural, urban and suburban school districts as a teacher and school counselor.

In 1990, she was named PSCA School Counselor of the Year. In 2010, Dr. Anne was given the PSCA Honorary Lifetime Achievement award and was named a National Association of Professional Women (NAPW), Woman of the Year. In that same year, Anne moved from Pennsylvania to North Carolina. Immediately connecting with her community; she served as the first president of the Winston-Salem Local Chapter of NAPW. For two years, she was a member of the Board of Directors of The Queen’s Foundation, Inc., supporting young women in North Carolina. Dr. Sourbeer Morris is currently an Associate Adjunct Professor of Education at Salem College, Winston-Salem, North Carolina. She collaborated on the design and curriculum development of the Salem College Online Masters of Education in School Counseling program. Her writing has been featured in publications including *Career World Magazine*.

For thirty years, Anne's primary volunteerism was with the Pennsylvania School Counselors Association (PSCA) for which she served in myriad capacities including as the organization's president and newsletter editor. Dr. Anne served on the Education Foundation Board of the National Alliance for Partnerships in Equity and the Guidance and Counseling Advisory Committee of the Association for Career and Technical Education.

Unexpected Pathways: The Journeys of Women in the Workforce will be officially launched on Thursday, June 25, 2015, 7:00 – 9:00 pm, at The Piedmont Club, BB&T Financial Center, 200 W. Second Street, 19th Floor, Winston-Salem, NC 27101, with a Cocktail Launch and Signing. The public is welcome to attend. Pre-registration requested on or before June 22, 2015! Books will be available via pre-registration and at the door for \$20 tax included. A complementary signature beverage and light appetizers are included with the registration fee of \$10 per person or \$15 at the door. Cash bar available. 15% of the event sales will go to the National Alliance for Partnerships in Equity. Please register at: <http://unexpectedpathwaysbooklaunchandsigning.eventbrite.com>

Unexpected Pathways chapter authors – The *Women of Unexpected Pathways* – include: Wynne Renee Brown, MD, Lac; Mittie Denise Cannon, Ed.D.; Bonnie Dawn Clark; Linda Eisenstein; Margie Florini; Winifred Quire Giddings; Kaitlyn Green; Mary Ann Hauser; Donna Martin Hinkle, Ed.D.; Angela Lynn Jackson Howard; Kelly Abeyta Jimenez; Latoya Rochae' Johnson; Gabrielle J. Jordan; Patricia McGlynn, Ph.D.; Christine A. Moore; Molly L. Nece; Clare Novak; Marviette Usher; Victoria N. Scott; Tina Ketchie Stearns; Dana Winner, Melissa W. Wittner and Anne Sourbeer Morris, Ed.D. For more information about the chapter authors, visit: www.futuresinspired.com

Unexpected Pathways: The Journeys of Women in the Workforce is available on Amazon.com and at: <https://www.createspace.com/5194061>

