Most people desire good health, but not everyone practices it. The Association of Black Women Physicians (ABWP) hopes to change that behavior by spreading a message of physical health and wellness.

Since its founding in 1982, ABWP has served the community through educational programs, mentorships, advocacy and philanthropic outreach.

“We have four signature programs,” explained Dr. Valencia Walker, ABWP president. “Our Wellness Series features workshops, offered in English and Spanish, designed to help people understand the benefits of health. The ABWP Speaker’s Bureau is available on request to organizations that request a physician expert to address health and medicine topics. Through the Sister to Sister Mentoring Program, our members mentor students and advise high school, under- graduate and postgraduate students interested in health and science careers. Our main event is the Annual Charity and Scholarship Benefit Gala. This fundraiser activity provides monies for scholarships to students and the community service programs we conduct and support,” said Walker. With the money from these events, ABWP has awarded approximately $600,000 in financial aid to women of color studying to become physicians.

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Price Chapel spotlights music & dance

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For more information, call Dr. Calhoun at (310) 714-3879.

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