

Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Donna Thompson

Overview of the Collection

Repository:	The HistoryMakers®1900 S. Michigan Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60616 info@thehistorymakers.com www.thehistorymakers.com
Creator:	Thompson, Donna, 1957-
Title:	The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Donna Thompson,
Dates:	May 4, 2018
Bulk Dates:	2018
Physical Description:	7 uncompressed MOV digital video files (3:19:55).
Abstract:	Healthcare executive Donna Thompson (1957 -) served as the chief executive officer of Access Community Health Network, the largest primary care provider for minority patients in Illinois. Thompson was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on May 4, 2018, in Chicago, Illinois. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.
Identification:	A2018_091
Language:	The interview and records are in English.

Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Healthcare executive Donna Thompson was born on January 2, 1957 in Decatur, Illinois. She graduated from Stephen Decatur High School in 1975, and received her diploma in nursing from Decatur Memorial School of Nursing in 1977. She worked as a pediatric nurse at Decatur Memorial Hospital until 1980, when she became a neonatal transport nurse in the neonatal intensive care unit at St. John's Regional Medical Center. Thompson went on to earn her B.S. degree in nursing in 1986 and her M.S. degree in nursing in 1988, both from DePaul University in Chicago. Thompson also completed the Kellogg School of Management's CEO Perspectives program in 2010.

Thompson served as the manager of the pediatric intensive care unit at Chicago's Michael Reese Hospital from 1983 to 1991. She was then hired as the director of nursing at Advocate Christ Hospital in Oak Lawn, Illinois. In 1995, Thompson became the chief operating officer of Access Community Health Network (ACCESS) in Chicago, and was promoted to chief executive officer in 2004. Thompson organized the Stand Against Cancer program in 2002, and the Pin-A-Sister/Exáminate Comadre program in 2007. Under her leadership, ACCESS became one of the largest federally qualified health centers in the country, as well as the largest provider of Medicaid and Medicare managed primary healthcare in Illinois. Thompson was also a co-founder of the Metropolitan Chicago Breast Cancer Task Force.

Thompson received numerous awards for her work in the healthcare field, including the Nursing Star Award from the Illinois Association of Visiting Nurses in 2003, the Chicago Athena Award from Athena International in 2007, the Outstanding Leadership in Continuous Quality Improvement Award from United Way of Metro Chicago in 2009, and the National Medical Fellowship Leadership in Healthcare Award in 2015. She was also named as "One of Chicago's Most Influential Women" by *N'Digo Magazine* in 2009. From 2003 to 2006, Thompson served as a Robert Wood Johnson executive nurse fellow. Thompson also served as a board member for Access DuPage, and chaired the board of directors for The Chicago Network. She was also a co-founder of the Metropolitan Chicago Breast Cancer Task Force.

Thompson and her husband, Robert, have two children.

Donna Thompson was interviewed by *The HistoryMakers* on May 4, 2018.

Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with Donna Thompson was conducted by Larry Crowe on May 4, 2018, in Chicago, Illinois, and was recorded on 7 uncompressed MOV digital video files. Healthcare executive Donna Thompson (1957 -) served as the chief executive officer of Access Community Health Network, the largest primary care provider for minority patients in Illinois.

Restrictions

Restrictions on Access

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Related Material

Information about the administrative functions involved in scheduling, researching, and producing the interview, as well as correspondence with the interview subject is stored electronically both on The HistoryMakers® server and in two databases maintained by The HistoryMakers®, though this information is not included in this finding aid.

Controlled Access Terms

This interview collection is indexed under the following controlled access subject terms.

Persons:

Thompson, Donna, 1957-

Crowe, Larry (Interviewer)

Hickey, Matthew (Videographer)

Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews

Thompson, Donna, 1957- --Interviews

Organizations:

HistoryMakers® (Video oral history collection)

The HistoryMakers® African American Video Oral History Collection

Occupations:

Healthcare Executive

HistoryMakers® Category:

MedicalMakers

Administrative Information

Custodial History

Interview footage was recorded by The HistoryMakers®. All rights to the interview have been transferred to The HistoryMakers® by the interview subject through a signed interview release form. Signed interview release forms have been deposited with Jenner & Block, LLP, Chicago.

Preferred Citation

The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Donna Thompson, May 4, 2018. The HistoryMakers® African American Video Oral History Collection, 1900 S. Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Processing Information

This interview collection was processed and encoded on 5/30/2023 by The HistoryMakers® staff. The finding aid was created adhering to the following standards: DACS, AACR2, and the Oral History Cataloging Manual (Matters 1995).

Other Finding Aid

A Microsoft Access contact database and a FileMaker Pro tracking database, both maintained by The HistoryMakers®, keep track of the administrative functions involved in scheduling, researching, and producing the interview.

Detailed Description of the Collection

Series I: Original Interview Footage

Video Oral History Interview with Donna Thompson, Section A2018_091_001_001, TRT: 1:30:30
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Video Oral History Interview with Donna Thompson, Section A2018_091_001_002, TRT: 2:28:53
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- Video Oral History Interview with Donna Thompson, Section A2018_091_001_004, TRT: 4:30:38
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- Video Oral History Interview with Donna Thompson, Section A2018_091_001_005, TRT: 5:32:05
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- Video Oral History Interview with Donna Thompson, Section A2018_091_001_006, TRT: 6:29:54
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- Video Oral History Interview with Donna Thompson, Section A2018_091_001_007, TRT: 7:16:29
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