

Cottonelle® Brand Continues Commitment To Colorectal Cancer Education And 'Good Down There' Resources For Black Americans With BLKHLTH® Partnership

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NEENAH, Wis., May 19, 2021 /PRNewswire/ -- Earlier this year, Cottonelle® announced its partnership with the nonprofit organization, BLKHLTH®, to help reach Black people with critical information about colorectal cancer, which impacts the Black community at greater rates, and yet has a 90 percent survival rate if caught and treated early¹. Since announcing the commitment and initial \$750,000 donation in March, together Cottonelle and BLKHLTH have distributed nearly 3,000 free at-home colorectal cancer screening tests in less than 90 days, with plans to double that amount within the coming months.

Despite being highly curable, there remains a strong stigma attached to colorectal cancer screening and "down *there* care", particularly among men. In honor of Men's Health Month in June, Cottonelle is committing an additional \$50,000 donation to BLKHLTH to help provide more free colorectal cancer screening tests. Consumers can support BLKHLTH when buying Cottonelle, and other products from Amazon, using [AmazonSmile](#) for a no-cost-to-you donation. Each donation helps BLKHLTH fulfill its mission in reaching Black communities with critical health information and resources. Simply select BLKHLTH as the charity of choice before making a purchase through [AmazonSmile](#).

"The risk of colorectal cancer is higher for Black Americans due to differences in social determinants of health – the way that we live our daily lives. Due to historic and current social policies, lack of health insurance, lack of information, and lack of access to health care providers, Black Americans are less likely to know the importance of screening, to participate in screening, and to have access to high quality health care," said Dr. Fola May, gastroenterologist and health equity researcher who has joined Cottonelle and BLKHLTH on its efforts to help Black Americans get "good down *there*."

In addition to distributing screening tests, Cottonelle and BLKHLTH have partnered with the [Colorectal Cancer Alliance](#) to provide financial assistance to Black people in need of a colonoscopy or follow-up care after an at-home screening test. The fund has already helped to support several dozen people get their needed *down there* care colonoscopies. Learn more about the financial assistance fund at [Cottonelle.com/GoodDownThere](#).

"In just a couple of months, it's amazing to see all of the people we've been able to reach with critical colorectal cancer screening information and tests as a result of our partnership with Cottonelle," said Matthew McCurdy, co-founder and President of BLKHLTH. "This is just the beginning, and we're excited to be able to extend our reach into Black communities across the country."

BLKHLTH and Cottonelle have identified likeminded ambassador organizations to serve as community liaisons to distribute critical education materials and free colorectal cancer screening tests through the remainder of 2021. Current ambassador organizations include:

- Washington, DC - [So Others Might Eat](#)
- Detroit, MI - [Neighborhood Service Organization](#)
- Houston, TX - [Change Happens HTX](#)
- Los Angeles / Oakland, CA - [TRAPMedicine](#)
- Philadelphia, PA - [Bebashi Transition to Hope](#)

"As part of our continued commitment to *down there* care and caring for our whole selves, Cottonelle is honored to continue its partnership and momentum with BLKHLTH," said Ada Zavala, Senior Brand Manager for Cottonelle. "Supporting this cause beyond Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month has always been a priority of ours and we are passionate about continuing the conversation and providing resources to help reduce barriers and stigmas associated with this disease."

Visit [Cottonelle.com/GoodDownThere](#) to find more information on the partnership with BLKHLTH and how you can support the cause, including attending a virtual health education event featuring experts and special guests who will highlight risks, patient stories and ways to get involved. Help break the stigma and commit to having conversations with loved ones about taking care of *down there* by tagging your family and friends on social media using hashtag #GoodDownThere and challenging them to get screened.

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About BLKHLTH

BLKHLTH is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to critically engage and challenge racism and its impact on Black health. This is done through workshops and trainings, practice-based consulting, community health events, and digital media. Its vision is a world where racism and other intersecting forms of oppression do not determine a person's ability to achieve optimal health. Learn more about BLKHLTH at [BLKHLTH.com](https://www.blkhlth.com) or follow the conversation on [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#) or [Facebook](#).

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¹ <https://www.cancer.org/content/dam/cancer-org/research/cancer-facts-and-statistics/colorectal-cancer-facts-and-figures/colorectal-cancer-facts-and-figures-2020-2022.pdf>



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