



## History

Dianne's Call is a grassroots organization founded in 2001. It started out without a formal name. Our first gathering was held at the Outdoor Laboratory at Clemson University in August 2001. A healthy meal was planned and the activities included yoga, tai chi, nature walks and lectures by motivational speakers and health educators. After the gathering the women wanted to continue to stay in touch.

The intent was for women of different religious backgrounds to come together and share their stories, and begin to break down the walls of religion that sometimes separate us, and start the process of supporting each other.

The gathering was centered on the subject of taking better care of our health because we are losing a generation of women, and this is estimated to be the first generation of children that will not outlive their parents due to premature deaths caused by preventable diseases.

In 2004 the gathering was given the name "Dianne's Call." Dianne was the mother of the founder. At age 42, Dianne passed away due to a stroke, leaving behind 4 children. She was a single mother and led an unhealthy lifestyle. Like her, so many people are dying at even younger ages due to health complications that are preventable through healthy living. Dianne's Call's mission is to educate, enlighten and empower women to change the way they live. Dianne's Call vision is to reduce health disparities in the African American Communities.

On February 26th, 2007, Dianne's call was granted a certificate of Incorporation as a Nonprofit Corporation by the State of South Carolina and was granted a tax exempt status from Federal income tax under the section 501©3 of the Internal Revenue Code.

Each year Dianne's Call sponsors programs include farm and ranch tours for inner-city youth, all female farm team, health and wellness conferences, cooking classes, women circles, and walking clubs.

