

## Black History Month Physician Spotlight

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Dr. Paul Waller

Area of Practice

TriHealth Priority Care

Family Medicine

# Education & Experience Morehouse College 1983 University of Cincinnati College of Medicine 1987 Bethesda Family Medicine Residency Program 1987 thru 1990 Private Practice 1992 thru 1998 Urgent Care 1990 thru 2021

### What's Your Motivation for Becoming a Physician?

I found medicine to be challenging and fascinating. I wanted to be able to help people and be a positive role model in my community.

#### Who in Black History Inspires You?

Frederick Douglass; Thurgood Marshall; Paul Robeson; A Phillip Randolph, and Martin Luther King. There are so many Americans who have made significant contributions to the cause for freedom, liberty and justice for all Americans.

### How have Diversity and Inclusion Impacted your Career Path? Did it Hinder or Help?

The role models that you experience in life have a profound impact on your career choices and pathway in life. I cherish my HBCU origins at Morehouse College with stressed academic excellence along with a social consciousness for mankind.

I hope and pray one day that society will overcome hate, prejudices and tribalism. "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly". Quote from Dr. Martin Luther King

#### What's Your Best Advice?

"It must be borne in mind that the tragedy of life does not lie in not reaching your goal. The tragedy of life lies in having no goal to reach. It isn't a calamity to die with dreams unfulfilled, but it is a calamity not to dream. Not failure, but low aim is sin. Every man and woman is born into the world to do something unique and something distinctive, and if he or she does not do it, it will never be done. It isn't a disgrace not to reach the stars, but it is a disgrace to have no stars to reach for". Quote from Dr. Benjamin Mays

#### How Do You Engage with the Community?

I volunteer primarily thru my fraternity—the distinguished men of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. I also participate in numerous organizations, from the Cincinnati Medical Association to my high school alumni organization. I contribute to the Susan G. Komen Foundation, March of Dimes, United Way and numerous other Civic Organizations.