



**SADIE G. MAYS**  
HEALTH & REHABILITATION CENTER

Volume 9, Issue 1

WINTER

Dec. 2018— March 2019



**HAVE A HEALTHY  
& HAPPY 2019**

**Sadie G. Mays  
Calendar**

**MS. SADIE G. MAYS  
PAGEANT**

Saturday, April 27, 2019  
3:00 p.m.

**MOTHER'S DAY  
PROGRAM**

Friday, May 10, 2019  
11:00 a.m.

**22nd ANNUAL  
COMMUNITY HEALTH FAIR  
"Live Soulfully!"**

**Wednesday, May 15, 2019**  
10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.  
Health Screenings, Prizes,  
Entertainment, and Food  
**FREE & Open to Public**

**PRE-MEMORIAL DAY  
COOK-OUT**

Friday, May 24, 2019  
11:30 a.m.

LIKE US ON FACEBOOK!



<https://www.facebook.com/SadieGMays/>

# HORIZONS

## 72 YEARS AND COUNTING!

It was March 23, 1947, when Sadie G. Mays admitted its first patient. And on March 23, 2019, we celebrated 72 years of unbroken service to our community. Joining us on this occasion were about 85 residents, staff, family members and volunteers. Our speaker was Rev. Dr. Leo T. M. Brown, the Associate Minister of Zion Hill Baptist Church, who gave a rousing message, honoring

what the founder, Sadie Gray Mays and her colleagues, had accomplished, and urging the audience to be encouraged, no matter what they may be going through. He said that God may be preparing them for greater blessings or to be a greater



Attendees of the SGM 72nd Anniversary Celebration on March 23, 2019.

blessing to others. Board members, Marshalyn Yeargin-Allsopp, MD and Samuel Bacote, III, also participated in the program. Saxophonist, Ollie Patterson, provided music. **Homestead Hospice**, a SGM partner, provided cakes. We thank them all for helping us to celebrate. And as Rev. Brown said, "We look forward to 72 more years!"

Rev. Dr. Leo T. M. Brown, of Zion Hill Baptist Church spoke at Anniversary.



## ALL NEW BEDS — THANKS TO HANK, BILLYE AND OTHERS!



Pres./CEO, Charles Robinson, with Allan Tannenbaum, Hank and Billye Aaron on their visit to SGM.

**We have now raised enough money to replace all of the electric beds in the facility!** Every resident will enjoy the comfort and efficiency of a new bed. We would like to thank all the foundations who helped us reach this goal. Most especially to the **Hank & Billye Aaron Philanthropic Fund** for a \$42,239.28 grant. Because of their generous donation, we will be able to purchase the last 21 beds needed. Baseball great, Hank Aaron, and his distinguished wife, media pioneer, Billye Aaron, visited Sadie G. Mays on Feb. 21. Already donors, they came to see the facility and discuss ways that they could partner with SGM even

more closely. They were accompanied by their friend and advisor, Allan Tanenbaum. The Aaron's met with Pres./CEO Charles Robinson, Jr., Board Chair, Sam Bacote, and Shirley Coleman, Dir. of Development and Marketing. Afterwards, they decided to help SGM complete the bed project. We are also grateful to the other foundations who contributed to this project. The most recent contributors include:

**Ida Alice Ryan Charitable Trust—\$7,500; Frances Wood Wilson Foundation—\$10,000; Atlanta Foundation—\$10,000; Mary Ryan and Henry G. Kuhrt Foundation—\$5,000 and Thanks Mom & Dad Fund—\$1,700.**



Thanks Mom & Dad trustees, (l-r) Jocelyn Dorsey, Jackson Keenan, Maureen Kelly and Danny Johnson present Shirley Coleman (center) of SGM with grant certificate.

## 50+ YEAR MILESTONES FOR THOMAS & HOLLOWAY

On October 2018, Lola Thomas joined Gretchen "Greta" Holloway as a 50-year employee of Sadie G. Mays! They were both recognized at the 30th Annual Christmas Dinner on December 14, 2018. Each received a Pandora pendant reading "50" in recognition of their exceptional achievements. Lola is a Certified Nursing Assistant and Greta, started as a Nursing Assistant, but now serves as Unit Clerk. In fact, Greta reached her 51st year anniversary in February. Neither has indicated when she'll retire. Keep up the great work ladies!



Greta Holloway(l) and Lola Thomas (r) were recognized at the Annual Xmas Dinner for their long service.

## A PLACE TO GO



Sister Residents, Ruth Rouse and Dora Dallas, enjoy a conversation.

"Thank God people have a place to go," said Ruth Rouse, a resident of SGM since September 2018. "I like this place and everybody around here treats you nice. I like having my sister here, too."

Her sister is Dora Dallas. She arrived at SGM about two weeks before Ruth. They are one of two sets of sisters who reside at SGM. Ruth is the oldest of 7 children and Dora is next. They grew up in Herndon Homes. Ruth is known for being helpful around SGM. "I don't mind doing stuff for people when they can't do for themselves. She helps with Bingo and the monthly birthday parties. She also visits several residents regularly, including her sister. Said Dora, "I go visit her and she comes to visit me!" Ruth lives by her mother's saying, "You be nice to folks, folks will be nice to you!"

## SADIE G. MAYS' AMAZING STAFF



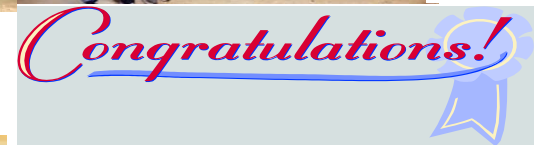
Staff members wear matching t-shirts to promote Women's Heart Month in February.



Dietary staff pose for a group photo in honor of Dietary Week in October.



CNA's Rochelle Woods (r) and Walchina Hollman (l) pose in front of the Area C nurse's station, which they turned into a Winter Wonderland!



## EMPLOYEES OF THE MONTH

**OCTOBER** - Judy Jordan

**NOVEMBER** - Tifanie Jones

**DECEMBER** - LaKecia Troutman

*Thank You!*

**Would you like to join our team?**

**Visit [www.sgmays.org/careers](http://www.sgmays.org/careers) to see available positions.**

**Sadie G. Mays is a great place to work!**

## TOTALLY FANTASTIC!

For the past 6 years, the dancers and musicians of Total Dance/ Dancical Productions have brought their special gifts to Sadie G. Mays. Founded in 1985 by Terrie Ajile Axam, Total Dance/ Dancical Productions, Inc. is a nonprofit, dance company dedicated to positively impacting people's lives through the presentation of arts education and entertainment. Housed in the C.T. Martin Recreation Center, the



Terrie "Ajile" Axam speaks at Black History Program.

company is composed of youth through adult dancers who are trained in several dance techniques. One of those techniques is *Mojah*, a

combination of Modern and West African dance forms, which was originated by Ms. Axam. We are thankful to Total Dance/ Dancical Productions for enriching the lives of our residents by bringing their annual Kwanzaa celebration and Black History programs to them. These outstanding programs are not only enjoyable, but educational. Moreover, the company provides this outstanding programming at no cost. We look forward to continuing our partnership with Total Dance/Dancical Productions for years to come!



Total dancers perform at Kwanzaa program.



Master drummer, Ojinga, accompanies dancers.

## JOHNSON & COOMBS RECOGNIZED

A current member and former member of the Sadie G. Mays Board of Directors were inducted into the Hall of Fame for Outstanding Alumni of Morehouse College. They were SGM Board Parliamentarian, Sen. Leroy Johnson (Class of 1949), and retired SGM Board Treasurer, Fletcher Coombs (Class of 1950). The induction took place on Nov. 28, 2018 at the



F. Coombs (l-back), C. Robinson (r-back) along with C. Clayton Powell (l-front) and L. Johnson (r-front) pose together.



C. Clayton Powell and Sen. Leroy Johnson talk.

Sigma Zeta Foundation in East Point. Also in attendance was C. Clayton Powell, O.D., a retired SGM board member, along with President/ CEO, Charles Robinson, and other administrative staff.

# SCENES FROM SADIE G. MAYS



Resident, Bennie Fair, won a prize at the Valentine's Day Social.



Resident, Bertha McClain, enjoys a performance by folk singers, Bobby & Christine.



Folk singer, Bobby, jams with SGM resident, Artie Dykes.



Resident, Sandra Thomas, having fun at the New Years Social.



Happy New Year sign decorates the Dining Room for the celebration.



Resident, Andrea Reed holds her gift from the Christmas Party.



"Santa" aka Sharon McCrary (SGM retiree), gives a gift to Resident, David Green, at the Christmas Party.



Resident, Clyde Hudson, smiles after receiving his gift at the Xmas Party.



Resident, Sharron Noble, opens a present at the Christmas Party.



Children from the West End Mountaintop Adventure Club sing at the Annual Christmas Tree Lighting on Dec. 6, 2018.



Resident, T. Hill, enjoys the Xmas Tree Lighting.



Residents enjoy dancers at the Annual Christmas Tree Lighting program.



MACB founder, Dr. Alfred Wyatt (2nd from left), and other band leaders, join Emcee/WCLK personality, Debb Moore, (c) and SGM Resident, Ahmed Obafemi (l) after the concert.



Metropolitan Atlanta Community Band performs their 7th Annual Thanksgiving Concert on Nov. 24, 2018.



B.E.S.T. Academy ROTC presents the colors at Veterans Day Salute on Nov. 9, 2018.



Resident, Lillie Bell, receives certificate of appreciation for her service at Veteran's Day Salute.

**TRIBUTE TO WALLACE  
MAPP— VOLUNTEER  
EXTRAORDINAIRE**



This is a tribute to a special volunteer — Wallace Mapp (Top row, far right, blue shirt) who passed away on March 18. Mr. Mapp showed love and determination to help those in need by his dedication to the residents of Sadie G. Mays for 38 years. He was President of the Family Council and spearheaded efforts to bring happiness to the residents with “Banana Breaks” and the Country Store. He once said, “We tried to make people feel part of society and not forgotten.” He will be sorely missed by his Sadie G. Mays family. Rest in peace, Mr. Mapp.



Teamworks volunteers from Hands On Atlanta pose after working at SGM on Feb. 16.



Volunteers from Greenforest Community Baptist Church visited residents at SGM on M.L. King Day, Jan. 21.



C. Sinkler (r) of Cornucopia Ministry/Word of Faith Church presents Xmas gifts for residents to Activity Aide, L. McCrimmon.



The Keenagers of St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church brought music and humor to audiences at the Xmas Tree Lighting.



Founded in 1947, the Sadie G. Mays Health & Rehabilitation Center is a 206-bed, non-profit, skilled nursing facility providing comprehensive nursing and rehabilitative services.

**Listed in U.S. News & World Report  
“Best Nursing Homes”  
2015, 2012 & 2011**

President & CEO -  
**Charles Robinson, Jr., CFACHCA**

Medical Director -  
**T. Andrew Frinks, M.D.**

Director of Health Services -  
**Claudette Stoddart, RN**



**WISHING YOU A  
HEALTHY & HAPPY  
2019!**

**Sadie G. Mays Health & Rehabilitation Center**

1821 Anderson Ave., NW  
Atlanta, GA 30314

Phone: 404-794-2477  
FAX: 404-799-9876

Newsletter Editor—Shirley H. Coleman  
Email: scoleman@sgmays.org

Visit our website  
[www.sgmays.org](http://www.sgmays.org)  
*Donate Today!*



The Joint Commission  
The Gold Seal  
of Approval™

*Quality People. Quality Care.*

***Thanks for your support!***

