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Meet Our New Executive Director!



Board Chair, Sam Bacote, greets new Executive Director, Gerri Cooper.

Sadie G. Mays Health & Rehabilitation Center (SGM) is pleased to announce the appointment of Gerri Cooper as its new Executive Director. Originally from Detroit, Michigan, Cooper holds a master's degree in Human Resources & Employee Relations from Pennsylvania State University. She is an accomplished Nursing Home Executive Director who has worked with facilities across multiple states, including North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia. "Gerri Cooper brings over 30 years of experience and a passion for senior care to this vital role," said Samuel W. Bacote, III, chairman of SGM's board of directors. "She is working hard to lead Sadie G.

Mays into a new era of excellence," he continued. "I am excited to join the Sadie G. Mays team and look forward to making a meaningful impact on the community we serve," said Cooper. As executive director, she oversees the day-to-day operations, including staff and financial management, and regulatory compliance. Her key priorities will be quality care, staff retention, along with marketing, especially to inform the community of the facility's \$4.2 million renovation. We welcome you, Gerri!



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26th Annual Health Fair — A Tapestry!

Our 26th Annual Community Health Fair on May 14th was a success. Presented in celebration of **National Skilled Nursing Care Week**, the theme was, "Tapestry of Life!" We sincerely thank everyone who took part in this free, community service event,

especially our sponsors (See list at right). 22 service providers offered health information and screenings. Attendees came from the Auburn Neighborhood Senior Center, the New Horizon Senior Center, and the Dogwood Senior Center. They enjoyed rocking to "Boots on the Ground" with the Senior Steppers of Tracey Wyatt Rec. Center and exercising with Kamilah "Coach K" Williams. They heard music from our residents' choir, vocalist, Najuma, DJ Barake, and Clear Vibrations sound therapy. Following the "Tapestry..." theme, Geraldine Brewton, displayed her own handmade quilts. The attendees also enjoyed prizes, tasty refreshments, and more.



SGM Life Enrichment team performs liturgical dance.



The Senior Steppers of Tracey Wyatt Rec. Center dance to "Boots On The Ground."

78 YEARS AND COUNTING — WITH YOUR SUPPORT!



Attendees pose for a 78th anniversary group shot.

On March 26, 2025 Sadie G. Mays celebrated its 78th anniversary! On hand to join the celebration were residents, family members, volunteers, staff and special guests. This included Fulton County Commissioner Marvin Arrington, Jr. who spoke about his father's



Fulton County Commissioner Marvin Arrington, Jr. speaks.

time at Sadie G. Mays and how much it meant to his family. The attendees enjoyed music, poetry, cake, and a champagne toast. *If you would like to help Sadie G. Mays to continue serving the ill and disabled seniors of our community, please make a special donation in honor of someone you love. Visit our website or use the QR code to the right. Thanks!*

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"SADIE STRONG!"**



A WORD FROM GERRI'S DESK



Our new Director of Nursing, Stacey Ellis-Parks (r) is with our new Asst. Dir. of Nursing, Brenda Cruz (l).

As we wrap up an impactful quarter, I want to sincerely thank our team for the dedication, compassion, and resilience they bring to their work every single day. Our caregivers are listeners, encouragers, problem solvers, and most importantly, the heart of Sadie G. Mays. Our residents and family members continue to express their gratitude for the warmth and comfort they receive, and this is a direct reflection of the exceptional care and teamwork happening every day at SGM. We have successfully completed a State of Georgia revisit, and the facility remains in compliance. As we approach the winter months, respiratory illnesses can become more of a concern in a healthcare setting. That is why we are excited to welcome our new Infection Preventionist, Sonya White, to our team. We are committed to growing stronger and collaborating with our residents, families, and the community. Thank you for being part of the Sadie G. Mays family. We look forward to the continued journey ahead, together!



Gerri Cooper, LNHA, MHRER, is SGM's new Executive Director

STARS OF THE MONTH

Congrats to our Stars of the Month for 2024-2025, chosen by SGM team members, who each receive a plaque and \$100.

2024:

AUGUST — SHAKEEM ALLAH — Maintenance

SEPTEMBER — EUSTACE IKE — Nursing

OCTOBER — LYNN TOUSSAINT — Nursing

NOVEMBER — WILLIAM WILSON — Dietary

DECEMBER — SHARON SOLOMON — Environmental Services

EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR 2024 — SHARON CRAWFORD

2025:

JANUARY — KENZAIVIOUS COLLIER — Dietary

FEBRUARY — CONNIE WOODS — Life Enrichment

MARCH — LISA HILL — Business Office

APRIL — SCILENTO THOMAS — Maintenance

MAY — JANERO WALKER — Nursing

JUNE — LENA JOHNSON — CONCIERGE

JULY — MARCUS REESE — Dietary

AUGUST — SHERRELLE HOLMES — Central Supply



Our fantastic nurses celebrated National Nurses Day on May 6 2025 with Chick-fil-A lunches and more!

Our superstar CNAs enjoyed a week of festivities during Certified Nursing Assistants Week, June 12-18, 2025.



WOUND TEAM WINS EXCELLENCE AWARD

Sadie G Mays Health & Rehabilitation Center was recently certified as a Vohra Wound Physicians Center of Excellence for Wound Management. Our wound nurses, Sharon Crawford, LPN, and Kristal Stallworth, LPN, partner with Dr. Steve Tran, a Vohra wound physician, and Theresa Harvey-Gilliard, NP, a

Vohra nurse practitioner, to promote positive wound healing outcomes for our residents. Understanding the development and treatment of wounds, such as pressure ulcers, is important to effectively support healing and provide optimal patient care. We are proud of them and the work they do every day to make sure that our residents receive excellent skin care. Congratulations, team!



T. Harvey-Gilliard, NP, SGM wound nurses, K. Stallworth, LPN, and S. Crawford, LPN, and Steve Tran, MD, with Vohra Award.

A NEW PARTNER!



Brightmoor Hospice representatives accompany SGM residents on a bowling field trip.

Sadie G. Mays is happy to welcome a new partner, Brightmoor Hospice. This family-owned and operated company has been serving patients and families since 2005. "We're happy to welcome them to the Sadie G. Mays family to provide hospice and

palliative care," said Gerri Cooper, SGM Exec. Director. The company took several residents on a bowling field trip on June 18. The men were thrilled to show off their bowling skills and have fun with friends. We look forward to more fun and great service with Brightmoor!

SCENES FROM SADIE G. MAYS



Resident, P. Williams, gets the royal treatment from team mates, D. Curier and W. Clay, for her African inspired makeover on Aug. 22.



Resident, O. Robinson, wins the "prize" for most family in attendance at the Family Night event on Aug. 5, with a dozen family members joining him!



SGM team mates, J. Croll, B. Cruz, C. Chambers, and S. Ellis-Parks, cut the cake in honor of Mrs. Mays' heavenly birthday on Aug. 5.

Guest artist, Milkshake Mayfield, his wife, Tine, and their keyboardist, wow the SGM Audience with a live concert on June 30.



GA State Rep. Bryce Berry visits July 17 with Exec. Dir., G. Cooper, S. Taylor, and other residents.



SGM board members come for a Board Appreciation Social on June 20. Here they are with our team leadership.



SGM residents enjoy Cinco de Mayo in the courtyard complete with music, tacos and tortilla chips with salsa.



Our friends from the Jos. B. Whitehead Foundation chat with Resident Council President, A. Strozier and his brother, during their visit to see SGM's recent renovations. We appreciate their support!



Resident, W. Shuler enjoys the fun at the Father's Day Social on June 13.



Residents R. Thomas, T. Sparks, and A. Favors plant flowers, vegetables, and melons, in the courtyard on May 7.



Resident, J. Tucker, shows the Easter Eggs he dyed on April 10.



Sadie's Divine Community Choir sings "How Excellent" at the Easter program on April 12.



Life Enrichment Dir., D. Curier has fun with resident, W. Harris, on St. Patrick's Day!



Resident, C. Trammel, enjoys the Mardi Gras Party on March 4.



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On July 8, members of Thee Hills, CDC, and the Dixie Hills Mission Ministries resumed their wonderful annual celebration for residents who are 90+ years old.



B. Hewitt of the Artistic Dogwood Garden Club donated gifts and nail care supplies to S. Coleman for residents on June 13.



Members of the Daughters of Sphinx and Owning My Truth brought gifts and treats to our residents for Father's Day.



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.
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Members of Smooth Ashlar Grand Court-Heroines of Jericho presented a donation to team member, D. Curier, on May 2.



Club Tapestry Night Club was a hit, with a band sponsored by our longtime volunteer, Craig Sneed, (3rd from left) during National Nursing Home Week in May.



Members of the Sally Skrine Missionary Ministry of Jackson Memorial Church brought Easter crosses for the residents.

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Stacey Ellis-Parks, RN