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## RECORD-BREAKING ATTENDANCE AT SADIE G. MAYS HEALTH FAIR



*Vocalist, Reggie Parks wows the audience; Atlanta Police/Crime Prevention Unit shares info with attendees; Sojourner Grimmitt represents our new sponsor, National Church Residences. Photos by Felder's PhotographyStudio and Shirley H. Coleman.*

**Atlanta – With gorgeous, sunny weather and over 200 participants, the 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Community Health Fair at Sadie G. Mays Health & Rehabilitation Center was a huge success!** Held on May 15, 2019, it was the Center's biggest health fair yet. Participants included more than 127 seniors from high-rises and senior centers around the city and 40 exhibitors who offered important health screenings, including cholesterol, HIV, blood glucose, bone density tests, etc., as well as 18 entertainers and 15 volunteers. "It was so informative and uplifting!" said Linda Paden, a volunteer from National Women of Achievement. "We loved it. We will definitely go next year!" said J.T. Smith, Director of the Harriet G. Darnell Center's Adult Day Program.

**The health fair was held in celebration of National Skilled Nursing Care Week with the theme, "Live Soulfully!"** In conjunction with this theme, Reggie Parks, a *Smokey Robinson Tribute Artist*, wowed the audience with his soulful vocals. Also providing great soul music was the Griot Arts Center featuring DJ Barake and vocalist, Najuma. The health fair participants enjoyed rousing performances by the Urban Line Dancers of Helene Mills Senior Center and exercising with Energy Fitness guru, John Lewis.

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**“The annual health fair is our way of thanking our community of supporters,” said Charles Robinson, Jr., President and CEO of the non-profit, skilled nursing facility.** The award-winning facility was founded by Sadie Gray Mays -- social worker and wife of Dr. Benjamin E. Mays -- and is celebrating 72 years in operation. The Sadie G. Mays Center provides skilled nursing and rehabilitative services such as physical therapy, speech therapy and occupational therapy, on a short-term and long-term basis, as well as respite care and hospice care.

**“We are grateful to our sponsors and contributors who made it possible for us to provide this free event to the public,” Robinson continued.** This year’s sponsors were Mauldin & Jenkins, LLC, Citizens Trust Bank, Georgia Power, Sysco Foods Atlanta, National Church Residences, Felder’s Photography Studio, Corporate Insurance Advisors, B & S Pest Control, Wallace Electric Company, First Class Transportation, Fortner Communications, Steve Tran, M.D., Anonymous, JenCare Senior Medical Center, Kaiser Permanente, Art Plumbing Company, Darryl Allen’s Plus, LongHorn Steakhouse (Camp Creek), Starbuck’s (Cascade), Mark Dickinson, O.D., and PUBLIX.

**The largest number of exhibitors ever offered valuable health screenings and information.** They included: American Heart Association, Anthem Medicare BCBS, ARC Area Agency on Aging, Atlanta Fire Rescue Dept., Atlanta Legal Aid Society/Kinship Care Project, Atlanta Police Dept/Crime Prevention Unit, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Service, Concoh Health Care, Council on Aging, Diabetes Assoc. of Atlanta, Diabetes “You Can Win!” Foundation, Dr. Biggs Chiropractic, Emory Alzheimer’s Disease Research Center, Eye Specialists of Georgia, Foot Fittr, Georgia Cares, Georgia Center of the Deaf & Hard of Hearing, Healing Community Center, Homestead Hospice, Interim Health Care, Kaiser Senior Advantage, Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, Lincoln Cemetery, National Church Residences, Northwest Chiropractic, Odyssey Family Counseling Center, Social Security Administration, Sovereign Hospice, True Medical Supplies, Visiting Nurse Health System, Walmart Vision Center (Howell Mill Rd.) and Wellstar Community Education & Outreach.

**Outstanding entertainment was provided** by vocalist, Reggie Parks, the Griot Arts Center, featuring D.J., Barake and vocalist, Najuma Mulefu; Energy Fitness Trainer, John Lewis; and the Urban Line Dancers of Helene Mills Senior Center.

**Volunteers** from Hands On Atlanta and the National Women of Achievement Inc. – Midtown Chapter helped the event to run smoothly. **Sadie G. Mays thanks all of the participants! For more information, visit [www.sgmays.org](http://www.sgmays.org).**

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