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PARTNERSHIP BRINGS LAUGHTER TO NURSING HOME



Cast members of Atlanta Theatre-To-Go introduce themselves: Steven Miller, Marcus Weathersby, Phyllis Giller, and Lory Cox; Residents of Sadie T. Mays enjoying the performance of the comedy play, "Make Yourself Uncomfortable."

Atlanta - The residents of Sadie G. Mays Health & Rehabilitation Center have been laughing a lot and being very creative -- thanks to a unique partnership between their facility, the Atlanta Theatre-To-Go, and the Atlanta Senior Care Networking Niche.

The 206-bed skilled nursing facility, located in NW Atlanta, recently received a \$1,000 grant from the Atlanta Senior Care Networking Niche (ASCNN), a non-profit organization of professionals who provide services and products to seniors in the Metro-Atlanta area. The purpose of the grant was to fund performances and workshops at the nursing home by Atlanta Theatre-To-Go, a theater company which specializes in catering to senior audiences, where they live. Both the nursing home and the theater company are members of ASCNN. "We make a donation to a non-profit every month," said John Butler, ASCNN President. "We came up with the idea of giving a grant to Sadie G. Mays to fund performances by Atlanta Theatre-To-Go. It's a win-win for everyone!" he said. Lois Koepke, Executive Director of Atlanta Theatre-To-Go said of the collaboration, "We believe that theater and the arts need to be accessible to everybody at every age!" She continued, "Sadie G. Mays was one of our best audiences ever!"

So far, the theater company has presented a comedy play entitled, *"Make Yourself Uncomfortable,"* and two improvisation workshops. "It was real nice," said Annette Hann, a Sadie G. Mays resident who read her own poetry during one workshop. "When are they coming back?" she asked. **Atlanta Theatre-To-Go will present their holiday musical, "Bread & Butter," at Sadie G. Mays on Friday, December 13 at 3:00 p.m. This performance will be free and open to the public. For more information, visit www.sgmays.org, www.ascnn.org and www.atlantatheatretogo.com.**