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## **SADIE G. MAYS HEALTH & REHABILITATION CENTER HOSTS 75<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY COMMUNITY HEALTH FAIR**



(l – r) A Heal.com nurse checks an attendee's blood pressure; 2. The Atlanta Ol' Skool Drummers wowed attendees; 3. Beverly Burks of the National Church Residences, a major sponsor of the event, poses with Shirley Coleman, Director of Development & Marketing at Sadie G. Mays Health & Rehabilitation Center.

**Under beautiful sunny skies, Sadie G. Mays Health & Rehabilitation Center welcomed 150+ participants to its 23rd Annual Community Health Fair on Thursday, June 16, 2022.** The event was held in honor of the facility's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with the theme, *"75 Years of Serving Our Community!"* "It was so well done!" said Josie Pegeese, a resident from True Light Haven senior apartments across the street. Attendees took advantage of the free health screenings and great entertainment. Everyone received free bags of fresh produce distributed by representatives of Fulton County Commissioner Natalie Hall. Ten service providers offered important health screenings, including blood glucose and blood pressure, health information, and COVID-19 vaccinations. There was also a Job Fair in conjunction with the health fair, offering great job opportunities at the facility in healthcare and more.

**"The annual health fair is our way of thanking our community of supporters," said Beth Laxton, Executive Director of the 206-bed, non-profit, skilled nursing facility.** The award-winning facility was founded by Sadie Gray Mays -- social worker and wife of Dr. Benjamin E. Mays. It 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.

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**“We are grateful to our sponsors and contributors who made it possible for us to host this free event for our community,” Laxton continued.** This year’s sponsors were National Church Residences, Propel Insurance, Georgia Long-Term Care, JenCare Senior Medical Center, Gordon Food Service, Wayfield, First Class Transportation, Grace Nutrition, AFLAC, Fortner Communications, Mark Dickinson, O.D., LongHorn Steakhouse (Camp Creek), Chick-fil-A (M.L. King Dr.), Chili’s (Camp Creek) and Starbuck’s (Cascade).

**The exhibitors offered valuable health screenings and information.** They included: Allstate, Clover Health, Fulton County COVID-19/Nursing Dept., Fulton County Commissioner Natalie Hall, Homestead Hospice, JenCare Medical Center, Passionate Care Hospice, Sonder Health Plus, Heal.com, and Walmart Vision Center (Howell Mill Rd.).

**Outstanding entertainment was provided** by The Atlanta Ol’ Skool Drummers who brought the “funk” and energized everyone. While DJ Barake and his vocalist wife, Najuma, kept it cool despite the temperatures.

**Volunteers** from Hands On Atlanta, the National Women of Achievement Inc. – Midtown Chapter, and Sadie G. Mays retirees helped the event to run smoothly. **Sadie G. Mays sincerely thanks everyone who took part in this free, community service event! For more information, visit [www.sgmays.org](http://www.sgmays.org).**