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**MEDIA NOTE: The October calendar of events is provided at the end of this news release.**

## Health In Motion brings health services to needy residents

The Sarasota County Health Department's 40 foot mobile medical unit, Health In Motion's will visit 15 locations throughout north Sarasota, Laurel, Venice, Englewood and North Port during October. In addition to the regular schedule, Health In Motion will be present at the Laurel Community Health and Housing Fair on Saturday, Oct. 4 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Sandra Sims Terry Community Center, 509 Collins Road in Laurel. The mobile medical unit will also be part of a Flu Immunization Clinic that will be held on Saturday, Oct. 11 from 9 a.m. to noon at St. Nathaniel's Episcopal Church, 4200 S. Biscayne Drive in North Port

The 16 sites that Health In Motion staff visit each month were selected in an effort to bring basic health services to more residents with Medicaid, without health insurance or who do not have transportation," said the program's coordinator Tim Thompson, RN. The services offered include blood pressure, and diabetes screening, HIV testing, pregnancy testing, tuberculosis skin testing, adult immunizations, health education, and eligibility screening as part of assisting people in locating a permanent health care provider. Senior Friendship Center volunteer physicians assist the health department medical director Dr. Kieran Smart in providing basic medical care on a rotating basis when the mobile unit visits the Salvation Army. No appointment is needed. A registered nurse is available at all other Health In Motion locations.

Some services will be free; other services will be offered on a sliding fee scale based on income. Community AIDS Network (CAN) also provides specialized services.

Health In Motion is supported in part by a two-year grant from the Gulf Coast Community Foundation of Venice which funds the staffing and medical equipment needs.

Those who would like a schedule of dates, routes and services can call the Sarasota County Call Center at 941-861-5000. To submit a request for Health In Motion to be part of a major community event or to download a copy of the monthly calendar, visit the Sarasota County Health and Human Services website, [www.sarasotahealth.org](http://www.sarasotahealth.org).

### October Schedule of Events (Health In Motion)

## **North Sarasota**

Thursday, Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30; 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

### **Salvation Army**

1400 Tenth St., Sarasota 34236

Monday, Oct. 6; 9:30 a.m. to Noon

### **Orange Ave. Housing Authority Property**

1912 N. Orange Ave., Sarasota 34234

Monday, Oct. 6 and 20; 1 to 3 p.m.

### **La Canasta Market**

2268 Fruitville Road, Sarasota 34237

Monday, Oct. 13 and 27; 9:30 a.m. to noon

### **Selby Goodwill Jobs Center**

1781 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Way, Sarasota 34234

Monday, Oct. 13 and 27; 1 to 3 p.m.

### **Newtown Estates Park**

2800 Newtown Blvd., Sarasota 34234

Monday, Oct. 20; 9:30 a.m. to Noon

### **McCown Center – Sarasota Housing Authority**

1300 Boulevard of the Art, Sarasota 34236

## **Laurel**

Saturday, Oct. 4; 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

### **Laurel Community Health and Housing Fair**

509 Collins Road, Laurel 34272

Wednesday, Oct. 15; 3 to 5 p.m.

### **USDA Food Distribution Program**

### **Sandra Sims Terry Community Center**

509 Collins Road, Laurel 34272

## **Venice**

Tuesday, Oct. 7 and 21; 9:30 a.m. to Noon

### **Goodwill Center – The Rialto**

650 S. Tamiami Trail, Venice 34285

Tuesday, Oct. 7 and 21; 1 to 3 p.m.

### **Habitat for Humanity Retail Store**

1400 Ogden Road, Venice 3428

## **Englewood**

Tuesday, Oct. 14 and 28; 9:30 a.m. to Noon

**Goodwill Center**

410 Indiana Ave, Sarasota 34223

Tuesday, Oct. 14 and 28; 1 to 3 p.m.

**Englewood Helping Hands**

700 E. Dearborn St., Englewood 34223

**North Port**

Friday, Oct. 3; 9 a.m. to noon

**USDA Food Distribution**

**St Nathaniel's Episcopal Church**

4200 S. Biscayne Drive, North Port 34287

Saturday, Oct. 11; 9 a.m. to noon

**Flu Vaccination Clinic**

**St. Nathaniel's Episcopal Church**

4200 S. Biscayne Drive, North Port 34287

Wednesday, Oct. 1, 15, and 22; 9:30 a.m. to Noon

Wednesday, Oct. 8 and 29; 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**Wal-Mart Super Center**

17000 Tamiami Trail, North Port 34287

Wednesday, Oct. 1 and 22; 1 to 3 p.m.

**Riley Chase Apts.**

1015 Panacea Blvd., North Port 34289