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The December 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, Nokomis, Venice, Englewood and North Port during December.

The 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 education and 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 provide basic medical care 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 are free including the rapid OraQuick HIV testing method which provides preliminary test results in 20 minutes. Other services will be offered on a sliding fee scale based on income. Community AIDS Network (CAN) and Coastal Behavioral Healthcare also provide 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.

December Schedule of Events (Health In Motion)

North Sarasota

Monday, Dec. 1 and 29; 9:30 a.m. to Noon
McCown Center – Sarasota Housing Authority
1300 Boulevard of the Art, Sarasota 34236

Monday, Dec. 1, 15 and 29; 1 to 3 p.m.
La Canasta Market
2268 Fruitville Road, Sarasota 34237

Thursday, Dec. 4, 11 and 18; 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Salvation Army
1400 Tenth St., Sarasota 34236

Monday, Dec. 8 and 22; 9:30 a.m. to noon
Selby Goodwill Jobs Center
1781 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Way, Sarasota 34234

Monday, Dec. 8 and 22; 1 to 3 p.m.
Newtown Estates Park
2800 Newtown Blvd., Sarasota 34234

Monday, Dec. 15; 9:30 a.m. to Noon
Orange Ave. Housing Authority Property
1912 N. Orange Ave., Sarasota 34234

Laurel

Saturday, Dec. 17; 1 to 5 p.m.
Laurel USDA Food Distribution
Sandra Sims Terry Community Center
509 Collins Road, Laurel 34272

Nokomis

Wednesday, Dec. 17; 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.
The Community Pharmacy of Sarasota County
225 Tamiami Trail South Nokomis 34275

Venice

Tuesday, Dec. 2, 16 and 30; 9:30 a.m. to Noon
Goodwill Center – The Rialto
650 S. Tamiami Trail, Venice 34285

Tuesday, Dec, 2, 16 and 30; 1 to 3 p.m.
Habitat for Humanity Retail Store
1400 Ogden Road, Venice 34285

Englewood

Tuesday, Dec. 9 and 23; 9:30 a.m. to Noon

Goodwill Center

410 Indiana Ave, Sarasota 34223

Tuesday, Dec. 9 and 23; 1 to 3 p.m.

Englewood Helping Hands

700 E. Dearborn St., Englewood 34223

North Port

Friday, Dec. 5; 9 a.m. to noon

USDA Food Distribution

St Nathaniel's Episcopal Church

4200 S. Biscayne Drive, North Port 34287

Wednesday, Dec. 3 and 24; 9:30 a.m. to noon

Wednesday, Dec. 10 and 31; 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Wal-Mart Super Center

17000 Tamiami Trail, North Port 34287

Wednesday, Dec. 3 and 24; 1 to 3 p.m.

Riley Chase Apts.

1015 Panacea Blvd., North Port 34289

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