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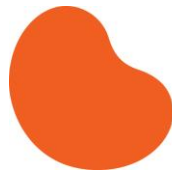
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Local Organizations Collaborate to offer free Health Fair in St. Charles

(St. Charles, MO) August 23, 2017 — The National Kidney Foundation, Laborers Local 660, and Saints Joachim and Ann Care Service have partnered together, along with other health focused organizations, to offer a free health fair on Saturday, September 16, 2017 at Saints Joachim and Ann Care Service located at 4116 McClay Rd. Saint Charles, MO 63304, from 9am to 1pm. This event is open to the public, including the uninsured, underinsured, and immigrants regardless of legal status.

Free blood pressure, blood glucose and cholesterol screenings will be administered by LiUNA-Midwest Region nurses, Saint Luke's Hospital, Barnes Jewish- Saint Peters Hospital, and Progress West Hospital. The National Kidney Foundation will offer free kidney screenings through its KEEP Healthy program, which includes an ACR urine test to check for protein in the urine. The Department of Health for the City of Saint Louis will be offering free Hepatitis C and HIV screenings. The Center for Hearing and Speech will offer free hearing screenings. Walgreens will offer a limited number of free flu shots (for the uninsured only). Cover Missouri will be present to educate and enroll individuals on health insurance options. Casa De Salud and RX Outreach will be providing information regarding free and reduced cost medical services and prescription medicine. United Health Care and Starbucks are providing additional support for the health fair. Saint Charles County Ambulance District will be on site and offering free tours of their ambulance for kids. Additional exhibitors will provide information about immigration services, citizenship, health and nutrition and education.

All services are free of charge for participants. Interpreters will be available on site, provided by LAMP (Language, Access, Multicultural People). Participants can enter a free raffle to win a \$50 grocery gift card. Participants will have an opportunity to review health screening results with nurses, physicians and advanced practitioners. No pre-registration required, all are welcomed.



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Anyone interested in volunteering for the event should contact Sal Valadez at 319-383-6200 salvaladez85@gmail.com. General volunteers and interpreters are needed.

One in nine Americans has kidney disease and most don't know it. If you have diabetes, high blood pressure, a family history of kidney failure, or are over the age of 60, you are at risk and should have your kidneys checked.

The National Kidney Foundation (NKF) is the leading organization in the U.S. dedicated to the awareness, prevention and treatment of kidney disease for hundreds of thousands of healthcare professionals, millions of patients and their families and tens of millions of Americans at risk. For more information on kidney health, visit kidney.org.

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