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Block party planned to promote community health and wellness services

Five north Sarasota and Newtown-area churches are joining together for the Gospel Explosion Block Party promoting community health and wellness services on Saturday, May 18, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Sarasota County Housing Authority's The Courts Apartment complex on the corner of Orange Avenue and 21st Street.

"This is going to be an exciting community affair. I've wanted to see our community embrace this type of event and now we are seeing this dream come together with these churches," said Bill Carter, who works for Genesis Health Services and First Step of Sarasota as a case manager. "All of the churches will have choirs performing inspiring and uplifting songs of joy and hope that carry a positive message. We are also offering a variety of health screenings and education services, so come on out and join us."

The event will feature live music performances from the choirs of five local churches: Bethlehem Baptist Church, Harvest Tabernacle, Trinity Christian Fellowship Center, New Bethel Missionary Baptist, and Truvine Missionary Baptist Church. Local health care agencies will be present to distribute information about minority health, and HIV and STD testing will be available at no cost through a mobile unit operated by the Community AIDS Network. Attendees also will be able to view The Florida Department of Health's mobile exhibit "Faces of HIV," which uses art to examine the stigma, personal relationships and medical care issues connected to HIV.

Free refreshments will be provided.

For more information, call 941-256-6620 or visit www.hivсарasota.org. For information about health initiatives in the Newtown Community, visit the Community Health Improvement Partnership website, www.Chip4health.org.

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