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

Health In Motion stop at Elsie Quirk Library canceled on Feb. 19

Sarasota County Commissioners will be touring the Sarasota County Health Department's 40 foot mobile medical unit, Health In Motion on Tuesday, Feb. 19. This change in the February schedule will result in the cancellation of the unit's visit to the Elsie Quirk library in Englewood that day.

Health In Motion visits over a dozen locations throughout north Sarasota, Laurel, Venice, Englewood and North Port each month. With the downturn in the economy, community interest in these services has been increasing especially in North Port where a third site was added last month.

The Health In Motion staff provide basic health services to residents with Medicaid, without health insurance or who do not have transportation. No appointment is needed. 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 and the Sarasota County Health Department's medical director, Dr. Kieran Smart, provide basic medical care on a rotating basis when the mobile unit visits the Salvation Army each Thursday. 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 agencies such as Community AIDS Network (CAN), and Coastal Behavioral Healthcare will 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. Residents can also download a copy of the calendar by visiting the Sarasota County Health and Human Services website, www.sarasotahealth.org.

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UPDATED February Schedule of Events (Health In Motion) - PAGE TWO

North Sarasota

Thursday, Feb. 7, 14, 21, and 28; 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Salvation Army

1400 Tenth St., Sarasota 34236

Monday, Feb. 11 and 25; 9:30 a.m. to Noon

Selby GoodNeighbor Center (Goodwill Job Center)

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

Monday, Feb. 11 and 25; 1 to 3 p.m.

Newtown Estates Park

2800 Newtown Blvd., Sarasota 34234

Laurel

Wednesday, Feb. 20; 2 to 5 p.m.

Sandra Sims Terry Community Center

509 Collins Road, Laurel 34272

Venice

Tuesday, Feb. 12 and 26; 9:30 a.m. to Noon

Goodwill Center Rialto

650 S. Tamiami Trail, Venice 34285

Tuesday, Feb. 12 and 26; 1 to 3 p.m.

Grove Terrace

201 Grove St. N., Venice 34285

Englewood

Tuesday, Feb. 5 and 19; 9:30 a.m. to Noon

Goodwill Center

410 Indiana Ave, Sarasota 34223

Tuesday, Feb. 5; 1 to 3 p.m.

Elsie Quirk Library

100 W. Dearborn St., Englewood 34223

North Port

Wednesday, Feb. 6, 13, 20 and 27; 9:30 a.m. to Noon

Wal-Mart Super Center

17000 Tamiami Trail, North Port 34287

Wednesday, Feb. 6 and 27; 1 to 3 p.m.

Riley Chase Apts.

1015 Panacea Blvd., North Port 34289

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