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

Health In Motion adds another site in North Port

The Sarasota County Health Department's 40 foot mobile medical unit, Health In Motion visits over a dozen locations throughout north Sarasota, Laurel, Venice, Englewood and North Port each month. Beginning in January, Health In Motion will visit St. Nathaniel's Episcopal Church, 4200 S. Biscayne Drive in North Port, in conjunction with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Food Distribution Program. This will allow North Port residents to access Health In Motion services at three sites each month.

Health In Motion will also be available on Saturday, Jan. 19 from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. during the Habitat for Humanity Building Dedication and Health Fair at 1400 Ogden Road in Venice. 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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January Schedule of Events (Health In Motion) - PAGE TWO

North Sarasota

Monday, Jan. 14 and 28; 9:30 a.m. to Noon
Selby GoodNeighbor Center (Goodwill Job Center)
1781 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Way, Sarasota 34234

Monday, Jan. 14 and 28; 1 to 3 p.m.
Newtown Estates Park
2800 Newtown Blvd., Sarasota 34234

Monday, Jan. 7; 9:30 a.m. to Noon
Fredd Atkins Park
Southwest corner/ U.S. Highway 301 and Dr. Luther King Jr. Way, Sarasota 34234

Monday, Jan. 7; 1 to 3 p.m.
La Canasta Market
2268 Fruitville Road, Sarasota 34237

Thursday, Jan. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31; 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Salvation Army
1400 Tenth St., Sarasota 34236

Laurel

Wednesday, Jan. 16; 2 to 5 p.m.
Sandra Sims Terry Community Center
509 Collins Road, Laurel 34272

Venice

Tuesday, Jan. 15 and 29; 9:30 a.m. to Noon
Goodwill Center Rialto
650 S. Tamiami Trail, Venice 34285

Tuesday, Jan. 15 and 29; 1 to 3 p.m.
Grove Terrace
201 Grove St. N., Venice 34285

Englewood

Tuesday, Jan. 8 and 22; 9:30 a.m. to Noon
Goodwill Center
410 Indiana Ave, Sarasota 34223

Tuesday, Jan. 8 and 22; 1 to 3 p.m.
Elsie Quirk Library
100 W. Dearborn St., Englewood 34223

North Port

Wednesday, Jan. 2, 9, 23, 30; 9:30 a.m. to Noon
Wal-Mart Super Center
17000 Tamiami Trail, North Port 34287

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North Port (Continued)

Friday, Jan. 4; 9:30 a.m. to Noon

**New Location: St. Nathaniel's Episcopal Church
(In conjunction with USDA Food Distribution Program)**

4200 S. Biscayne Drive, North Port 34287

Wednesday, Jan. 9 and 23; 1 to 3 p.m.

Riley Chase Apts.

1015 Panacea Blvd., North Port 34289

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