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Third Annual African American Health Fair set for March 29

The Aurora African American Health Fair Committee is proud to announce the Third Annual Aurora African American Health Fair, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, March 29, at the Prisco Community Center, 150 W. Illinois Ave., in Aurora.

The health fair is free and open to the public. It will feature health screenings and lectures from distinguished experts in various health disciplines such as men's health, women's health, heart disease, hypertension/stroke, kidney disease and nutrition. The event offers full complimentary breakfast. Note: screenings will require an eight-hour fasting period.

R. Brady Johnson will be the keynote speaker. Johnson, an Assistant Minister at Progressive Baptist Church in Elgin, is a 34-year-old stroke survivor and speaker for the American Stroke Association. He was invited to work out for the Chicago White Sox and has been a Sports Agent representing NFL athletes. Rev. Johnson was ordained at Patmos Baptist Church in Louisville, KY in 1999 where he was an Assistant Pastor. Reverend Johnson was heavily involved in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes in Louisville. He resides in Belvidere, IL with his family.

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The Master of Ceremonies will be Dr. Julian E. Spencer, Pastor-Teacher of Main Baptist Church in Aurora. A special guest appearance by Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White is scheduled

Other speakers include Dr. Terry Mason, Commissioner of the Chicago Department of Public Health; Dr. Paul Crawford, board member of the National Kidney Foundation of Illinois and the Gift of Hope (formerly the Regional Organ Bank of Illinois) and past chairman of the Minority Intervention Kidney Education program (MIKE) and member of the Advocate Trinity Hospital Medical Staff and Dr. Julie V. Taylor, a board-certified family practice physician in private practice.

Other health fair features include a free complimentary breakfast, entertainment by 100 Men's Choir, exhibits, raffles prizes and giveaways. Soul food cookbooks are compliments of the American Heart Association.

Sponsors of the health fair include the Kane County Health Department, the Fox Valley Christian Minister's Alliance, the Aurora African American Heritage Board, State Rep. Linda Chapa LaVia, Quad County Urban League, Aunt Martha's Healthcare Network, Aurora Circle of Wise Women, Open Door Clinic, Pregnancy Information Center, Provena Mercy Medical Center, Rush-Copley Medical Center, VNA of Fox Valley and Old Second Bank.

More information about the health fair is available by calling Toya Johnson at (630) 518-8379

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