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Community Support Boosted Caribbean Health Fair Results
More Individuals and families Received Free Screenings

Orlando, Fl., September 12, 2007 – More than 1,500 people living in Central Florida and the surrounding communities attended the Fifth Annual Caribbean Health on Saturday, September 8, 2007 at the Central Florida Fair & Exposition Park in Orlando. Of that total number of attendees, approximately 935 individuals received free health screenings and testing, which represent an increase of 70% over 2006. Dr. Francois, event coordinator and executive director of CMWP, said that “I was surprisingly pleased to see the diversity in the people who came out for the free screenings and testing, which is an indication that we are accomplishing our mission of enhancing the quality of health of the diverse and ethnic population of Central Florida”.

The Center for Multicultural Wellness and Prevention along with several local, county and state agencies and organizations provided free mammogram, prostate cancer screening, pap smear, blood pressure, cholesterol, BMI (Body Mass Index), diabetes, HIV, syphilis and many more health screenings and tests to individuals and families living in Central Florida. This year’s event saw an increase in the number of men having prostate exams (80) completed, women having pap smears (50) and mammogram (65) exams and blood pressure/cholesterol screenings and BMI (740) completed.

Funding for this year’s event were received from Washington Mutual, Bank of America, Idenix Pharmaceuticals, Sunshine Funding, Wellcare (Comprehensive Healthcare Management), Winter Park Health Foundation, Community Health Centers, American Cancer Society, Center for Health Futures, Rosen Hotels and Resorts, Florida Department of Health/Bureau of HIV/AIDS, Nirvana Health Services, Bank of America, Orange County Drug Free Coalition, Orange County Health Department/Office of Minority Health and Susan G. Komen for the Cure. With the financial help from these organizations, many more individuals were able to be tested, along with the fact that abnormal readings were detected and referrals made to the proper agencies and organizations.

Key support were received from Dr. Kevin Sherin, director of Orange County Health department, Dr. Gedeon Lewis, Dr. Philippe Robelin, PA and Dr. Lou Harold in providing PSA exams to many of the men attending the health fair. City of Orlando Commissioner, Daisy Lynum and State Representative, Geraldine Thompson also presented brief remarks on the need to support community events, such as the Caribbean Health Fair. The event was facilitated by radio personality, Monica May of STAR 94.5.

The Center for Multicultural Wellness and Prevention is a 501 (c) 3 not-for-profit organization with the mission to enhance the quality of life for diverse and ethnic populations through the provision of health promotion services in Central Florida. CMWP is an established non-clinical setting, health education and outreach agency in Orlando Florida. The organization has successfully partnered with community and social agencies to effectively address the health education needs of Orange County’s minority communities. For more information about the Center for Multicultural Wellness and Prevention, please visit our website at www.cmwp.org.

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