



El Monte NEWS

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3rd Annual City of El Monte *Family Health Fair – A Great Success!*

El Monte, Calif. - The City of El Monte once again held the community Annual Family Health Fair at the El Monte Community Center. This large and free fair was co-sponsored by various local health fair providers, including Kaiser Permanente Baldwin Park, Alta Med Health Care, Greater El Monte Community Hospital, Medic-One Ambulance, and El Monte Senior Presidents' Council, to bring health awareness and health screening to local residents.

From 10:00 a.m. through 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 21 2008, local El Monte residents and community members got to stroll through the El Monte Community Center's Grace Black Auditorium at 3130 Tyler, El Monte, to a vast array of health related services available in the locale. Over 70 medical service providers were on-hand, and over 500 persons were in attendance.

"This annual event was an outstanding opportunity for everyone in the community to increase their general wellness and learn valuable health information", said Committee Chairman Juventino "J" Gomez. "...the opportunity for free medical screenings and preventive medical information was just awesome!" Councilmember Art Barrios, Co-chair for the event, also added, "Many of our local residents were able to discover that they were borderline at-risk for heart disease or diabetes, and this event allowed them to make plans to visit their health care provider, or to find a new one right here."

The Fair provided free children's immunizations, free blood glucose level testing, scoliosis assessment, HIV screening, blood pressure checks, body fat and bone density composition, children's physicals, breast cancer risk assessment, vision screening, dental screening, hearing assessment, nutritional assessments, and pulmonary function screening. Also available were health safety education tips, and information from the LA County Sheriff's Office and the Los Angeles County Fire Department.

The free fair will be held again next year, so those unable to attend this year can always plan on visiting the event in 2009.

Photos of the event are available by contact Matt Weintraub at 626.580.2001.

El Monte, a city incorporated in 1912 and home to more than 116,000 residents, is a full-service city located in the heart of the San Gabriel Valley. It is freeway-close to all of Los Angeles, bisected by Interstate 10 and abutting Interstate 605. El Monte is home to a mega auto mall and boasts the largest single car dealership in the world, Longo Toyota.



Local residents get information on health care



J Gomez has blood drawn for testing



John Wolsdorf has his blood pressure taken



National media cover the event

