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First Ladies Health Day Hits 15,000 Screenings for Deadly Illnesses

Los Angeles – Just released figures reveal that health providers administered 15,300 life-saving medical screenings during Sunday's historic First Ladies Health Day, hosted by pastors' wives of 30 African-American churches in the Los Angeles area including the stately Crenshaw Christian Center.

The health day, the first of its kind in Los Angeles, was held to combat health disparities among African Americans and to offer a convenient, free opportunity for local community members to learn their status as it relates to a number of life-threatening diseases.

Participating churches ranged in congregation sizes from 20,000 to less than 100. All screenings were administered by local health professionals with results revealed immediately.

The health day featured screenings for a host of illnesses that disproportionately affect African Americans, including HIV/AIDS, diabetes, high cholesterol, Hepatitis C, high blood pressure, breast cancer and more, in addition to CPR demonstrations and information on Alzheimer's.

Providers included Walgreens pharmacists, HealthCare Partners, the Los Angeles Fire Department, Charles Drew University, City of Hope, the American Diabetes Association, Global Cardio Care, the California Department of Public Health, and the American Heart Association.

The annual First Ladies Health Initiative is present in both Los Angeles and Chicago and is sponsored by Walgreens Corporation. For more information on the First Ladies Health Initiative including a complete list of participating churches visit www.FirstLadiesHealth.com.

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