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"Don't Hesitate" Get the Shot: Health and Wellness Educational Fair Extravaganza.

DETROIT, MI – The Malcolm Madison Foundation with the Judson Center, Wayne County Community College District – Northwest Campus Allied Health, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. and Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. will host **"Don't Hesitate" Get the Shot: Health and Wellness Educational Fair Extravaganza.** The event will occur at the Wayne County Community College District – Northwest Campus Allied Health building, 8200 Outer Dr. W, Detroit, MI 48219, **Saturday, July 16, 2022, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm.** Please remember that all minors must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

The Health and Wellness Educational Fair Extravaganza has three platforms; ***Healthy Conversation, Soft Screenings, and Exercising Zones.*** **Healthy Conversation** include ensuring that Detroit residents receive unadulterated and fact-based education to reduce or eliminate “shot” hesitancy among people of color in response to reluctance to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. Additionally, ensure the disparate, disconnected, underserved, disenfranchised, under-employed, over-burdened, and financially challenged Detroit residents receive an opportunity to enhance their overall health and welfare at “no charge”. As well as, promote and provide a stable platform for enhancing family support systems, and Create a manageable continued and, in some cases, initial contact for community long-term health consultation and referrals. **Soft Screenings** are baseline health and wellness education and screening based on a short health questionnaire that will be used to help the participant start their health journey. Immunization and COVID 19 vaccine will be available for participants. **Exercising Zones** is an opportunity to participate in a 5 Mile Bike Slow Stroll at 8:15 am, \$65.00, and a 5K Run (1st 3 Places Receive Trophy) at 8:35 am, \$35.00, or a 5K Walk at 9:00 am, \$35.00. All proceeds are tax-deductible and support the work of the Malcolm Madison Foundation. Please arrive 35 minutes before your event.

At noon there will be a free Prayer Luncheon open to the public. **See website for registration.** Bishop John Drew Sheard, Presiding Bishop of the Church of God in Christ from the State of Michigan and is the Pastor of the Greater Emmanuel Institutional Church of God in Christ, one of the denomination’s largest churches in Michigan will preside over the luncheon. Entertainment from famed gospel recording artist Darius Twyman & Destiny will bring songs of praise along with other musical guests. All activities will take place between 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. Registration for the Bike Stroll, Run, Walk, Prayer Luncheon, and Health and Wellness Education Screening is online at Malcolm Madison Foundation website: www.malcolmmadison.org.

Dion N. Johnson, Ph.D., MPA, Founder & Executive Director, Malcolm Madison Foundation, says, *“this pandemic has revealed the gap in health disparities and the burden that poor health can have on a community. It is important to have this event to help Detroit residents get a jumpstart on their overall wellbeing”*. The mission of the Malcolm Madison Foundation is to: Assist underrepresented, at-risk, and ethnic minority youth and young adults with identifying, growing, and achieving their career passions through STEM experiential lab operations with real-world learning and capacity development. For additional information about the "Don't Hesitate" Get the Shot: Health and Wellness Educational Fair Extravaganza, don't hesitate to contact Dion N. Johnson, Ph.D., at dr.dionjohnson@malcolmmadison.org or 313-580-2208.

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