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Harlem Hospital Center-Generations+/Northern Manhattan Network  
May 25, 2012-----



Audience view

## THE WHITE HOUSE COMES TO HARLEM

On May 3, 2012, Harlem Hospital Center and representatives of various community organizations welcomed The Honorable David Strickland, Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. At the request of President Obama, The Honorable Strickland and other senior Administration Officials paid visits to businesses across the US, hosting roundtable discussions entitled, "Winning the Future".



(l-r) Arthur Cooper, M.D., Surgery, Denise C. Soares, RN, MA, Executive Director, David L. Strickland, Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and Erik Cliette, Injury Prevention Coordinator.

Leaders and Business owners graced the Medical Board Room, respectfully voicing their concerns to the Honorable Strickland. Ms. Stephane Howze came to represent the Community Advisory Board.

## IMMIGRANT WEEK CELEBRATION



In honor of Immigrant Heritage Week, Harlem Hospital Center hosted a luncheon for the Council of African Imams on April 18, 2012. During the luncheon, a documentary entitled "Dollars and Dreams: West African in New York" was shown. The film focuses on the pursuits and challenges of West African immigrants as they confront the idea of the American Dream and the reality of the New York experience. In attendance at the luncheon was The Honorable Fatima Shama, (sitting, center in photo above), NYC Commissioner, Immi-



grant Affairs; Imam Souleimane Konate, General Secretary, Council of African Imams, Inc. and Vice President of Harlem Islamic Leadership, Inc.; Mr. Milton Adul, Associate Director of Marketing, MetroPlus Health Plan; and Orlando Adamson, M.D., Director, Ambulatory Care and Chair, Medina Clinic Task Force.

## MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS



William Palomo, Community Liaison Worker providing educational literature during the event

May is National Mental Health Awareness Month. On May 2, 2012 in the Herbert Cave Auditorium, Behavioral Health presented an outstanding kick-off event entitled "Transformation, Resilience and Triumph: Living a Meaningful and Productive Life Through Wellness and Recovery" in recognition of Mental Health Awareness Month.

During the event, there were many moving testimonials from staff highlighting the department's accomplishments. The Keynote Speaker was Connie Williams-Neils, Director of Rehabilitation at the NYC Dept of Health and Mental Hygiene, Behavioral Health. Ms. Williams-Neils recognized

the powerful aspects of recovery, and offered inspiration and hope. More than 100 patients, staff and community members attended the event.



Dr. Louise Hodge

Special thanks to Diana Gongorra, Art Therapist, Psychiatry Inpatient unit, who hosted an art exhibition outside of the auditorium; and William Palomo, Community Liaison Worker, who also provided literature, educational materials and giveaways to the event's attendees.

## DENIM DAY 2012



The Department of Social Work stood in uniformity of the Anti-Crime week's "Denim Day" by wearing denim and bringing awareness to the community. Recognized annually during the Week April 22-27, 2012, Denim Day is symbolic of the fight against sexual assaults and violence. The anti-blaming campaign was created as a time of reflection that all people have the right to live a life without violence and fear.



This program is proudly sponsored by the Victim Support, a division within the Department of Social Work.

## HARLEM'S NURSES WEEK 2012



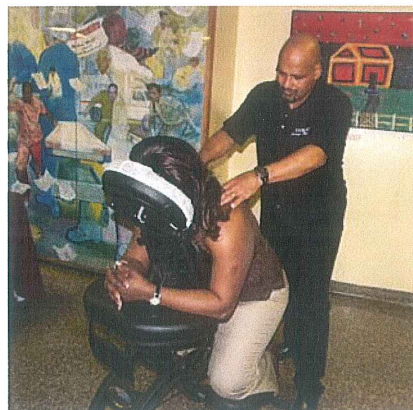
Ms. Goodridge presents Ms. Soares with flowers

On May 10, 2012, Harlem Hospital Center paused to celebrate the Nursing Staff for the outstanding job they provide. This year's theme was "Nurses: Advocating, Leading, Caring." The Keynote Speaker for the event was Marcia Skeete, PMHCNS-BC, President, New York Black Nurses Association.

Nurses received awards in the following categories: Clinical Excellence and Achievement. This year's Honorary Nurse was Mary Caram, LCSW-R, Senior Associate Director, Department of Social Work.



Nursing Administration named Mrs. Mary Caram, Senior Associate Director, Social Work this year's honorary nurse



Nurses received massages in honor of their special day



## INDIAN NURSES WEEK 2012

On Saturday, May 12, 2012, the Indian Nurses Association of New York welcomed Executive Director Denise C. Soares, RN, MA (in center) as the Keynote Speaker for the Nurses Week Celebration. The theme of National Nurses Week, "Nurses: Advocating, Leading, Caring" was discussed throughout the event as the contribution of Indian Nurses was honored.



## DANCE OF THE VILLAGE ELDERS



Members of the Dance of the Village Elders

The "Dance of the Village Elders" program, sponsored by The Friends of Harlem Hospital Center, Inc., is thriving! The program offers Jazz, West African, and Body Conditioning classes taught by dance instructors from the Alvin Ailey Dance Foundation to seniors age 50 and up. Over 75 community seniors and hospital patients have participated, and the number continues to grow!

Classes are held on Tuesdays from 5:00PM-6:00PM and Fridays from 10:00AM-11:00AM in the 3rd floor Rehabilitation Day Room. For more information, please contact Amparo Abel-Bey at (212) 939-1894 or Monique Hedmann at (212) 939-4239.



Dance class for Seniors

## O.I.D. KEYNOTE SPEAKER



On Saturday, May 6, 2012, Executive Director, Denise C. Soares, R.N., M.A., was the Keynote Speaker at the Organization for International Development's Annual Luncheon. The theme of the Luncheon was "Strengthening Our Roots, One Community at a Time." OID's has provided medical, dental and family support services to several underserved communities in many countries including India, Jamaica, St. Lucia, Haiti, Kenya, Ghana, Ethiopia, and in the United States, Oklahoma and New Orleans. Ms. Soares is a member of OID and has served in medical missions to Ghana and Jamaica.

## "THE WAITING ROOM"



Firelight Media's debut of the documentary film "The Waiting Room" was held at the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture. Denise C.

Soares, R.N., M.A. was the guest speaker and panelist. Ms. Soares talked about the issues in public health care and their impact on patients, families, doctors and nurses in New York City.



### **BIG APPLE CIRCUS DISCOUNT TICKETS!!!**

Get them while they're hot! The Circus will be at Cunningham Park in Queens beginning May 22 - June 17. Discounted tickets are available for Harlem Hospital Center Employees.

To get discounted tickets use code: **COMMUNITY 12**; tickets may be used during any day of the week. For more information contact (888) 541-3750 or E-mail: [www.bigapplecircus.org](http://www.bigapplecircus.org).

### **EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH CAUGHT IN THE ACT**

In your daily travels, have you seen someone going above and beyond the call of duty? Have you experienced someone promoting world-class customer service? If so, nominate them for Employee of

the Month/Caught In The Act. To submit your write-up, contact Tamicka Murray, Human Resources, Women's Pavilion, 6th Floor, Room 630, or by email at [Tamicka.Murray@nychhc.org](mailto:Tamicka.Murray@nychhc.org). Hurry, deadline for submission is 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday! The write-up should include the following information:

- ✓ Employee Name
- ✓ Title
- ✓ Department
- ✓ Supervisor's Name
- ✓ Employee's Tour
- ✓ Why you're nominating them

Remember, you don't need to be a manager or supervisor to submit a nomination; you can nominate one of your fellow employees if you feel they are deserving of recognition. So go ahead do it... What are you waiting for?

### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

Memorial Day - Monday, 5/28/12