



ARMENIAN AMERICAN MEDICAL SOCIETY GIVES BACK TO THE COMMUNITY



Glendale Health Festival Provides Community with Vital Medical, Vision, and Dental Services for the 11th Year

On November 5 and 6, 2022, the 11th Annual Glendale Health Festival was held at the Pacific Community Center. The event is a collaboration between the Armenian American Medical Society (AAMS) and Remote Area Medical, the City of Glendale, and the Glendale Community Services and Parks Department. This year's clinic included free dental fillings, x-rays, extractions, and cleanings. Also, complete eye exams with free eyeglasses made on-site. In addition, participants had access to mental health services, hearing tests, flu and COVID-19 vaccinations, and other medical services and education. The event was co-chaired by AAMS Executive Committee members Elizabeth Zoryan, RN, BSN, PHN, and Michael Aznavour, DDS.

The flow of the health festival mirrored a routine doctor's visit, beginning in the triage area, where volunteers performed patient intakes. Following blood pressure, cholesterol, and blood sugar screenings, participants received a consultation with a licensed physician who made individualized recommendations.

Eleven years ago, the AAMS helped launch the Glendale Health Festival in response to a lack of access to essential medical services for the area's uninsured and under-insured. "The Glendale Health Festival is a unique event because of the extensive services offered, all of which are free to the public," said festival co-chair Dr. Aznavour. "It is significant because the most vulnerable in our community have the opportunity to receive the healthcare they would otherwise not have access to."

Local dignitaries were on hand to acknowledge the AAMS for their work on behalf of the community's health. Attending the event were Laura Friedman, State Assembly Member; Glendale Mayor Pro Tem Ellen Asatryan; Captain Andrew Jenks, Acting Glendale Police Chief; Lieutenant Alex Krikorian, Glendale Police Department, GHF committee member; Jason Maruca, Field Representative for Supervisor Kathryn Barger and GHF committee member; Glendale councilmember Paula Devine; and State Senator Anthony J. Portantino.

"This year's festival was made possible by the generous participation of dozens of dedicated medical professionals and volunteers," said Mrs. Liz Zoryan, GHF co-chair. "We owe them a tremendous debt of gratitude. The committee is also grateful for the support of our sponsors. We are incredibly fortunate to be a part of a community that is invested in the health and wellbeing of others and turns its compassion into action."

The Glendale Health Festival is a community service of the Armenian American Medical Society (AAMS) in collaboration with Remote Area Medical, the City of Glendale, Glendale Community Services and Parks Department, Office of State Senator Anthony J. Portantino, Los Angeles County 5th District Supervisor Kathryn Barger, Office of Assemblymember Laura Friedman, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, the Armenian American Nurses Association, ARTN, Adventist Health Glendale, ComfortCare, Dignity Health Glendale Memorial Hospital and Health Center, USC Verdugo Hills Hospital, USC School of Pharmacy, Regal Medical Group and Lakeside Community Healthcare, Veritas, and Western University College of Graduate Nursing.



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