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APRIL 21, 2009

**Penn Presbyterian Medical Center Nurse Organizes Grassroots Community Health Fair**

*April 25 Event Provides Free Dental, Medical, Pharmaceutical Screenings to West Philadelphia Residents*

PHILADELPHIA – As the cost of medical care and the number of people without medical care continue to rise and preventative care declines, a critical care nurse from Penn Presbyterian Medical Center has gathered experts in health and wellness together for a free community health fair in West Philadelphia. Children, adults and seniors can visit the “Spring into Health Community Day” to receive blood pressure and diabetes screenings, HIV testing, nutritional counseling, pharmaceutical medication review, physical exercise tips and more. In addition, there will be cultural performances, face painting, light food and giveaways throughout the afternoon.

**WHERE:** Saunders Park  
Powelton Avenue at 39th Streets  
(Across from Penn Presbyterian Medical Center Emergency Department entrance)  
Philadelphia, PA 19104

Directions and parking information are available at [http://www.pennmedicine.org/presby/vi\\_files/](http://www.pennmedicine.org/presby/vi_files/)

**WHEN:** Saturday, April 25, 2009  
1PM – 5PM

**WHO:** Please call to arrange interviews with:

- Penn Presbyterian critical care nurse Shonta Collins, RN, BSN, MPA, Founder and President of **Explorers Sans Frontières (ESF)**, a grass roots organization supporting underserved

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