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RE: Celebrating "Saving Our Precious Black Babies"

On Thursday, September 20, 2007 a community-wide event to celebrate "Saving Our Precious Black Babies" will be held at the Ella Owens Activity Center, New Jerusalem Church located 1035 E. Carpenter Road, Flint, MI 48505. The purpose of this event is to celebrate the accomplishments of the REACH (Racial & Ethnic Approaches to Community Health) 2010 project over the past 7 years to reduce African American infant deaths in Genesee County.

An Expo will be held from 2:00 pm – 4:30 pm and the main program will take place from 5:00 pm – 7:30 pm. The Expo will include displays from each of the REACH 2010 activities, a brief presentation describing the project outcomes, and an Afrikan culture demonstration. The main program will feature guest speaker, Dr. Kimberlee Richards, a facilitator with the Peoples Institute for Survival and Beyond, New Orleans, LA. Dr. Richards will discuss REACH 2010 outcomes and the project's efforts to address racism. She will also explore how these efforts may be linked to the drop in African American infant deaths in Genesee County over the past 3 years. African American infant deaths reached an historic low in 2005.

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The event is hosted by the Genesee County REACH 2010 Partners:
Genesee County Health Department (the Central Coordinating Agency), Faith
Access to Community Economic Development, Flint Family Road, Flint Odyssey
House/Health Awareness Center, Genesee County Community Action Resource
Department, Genesys Regional Medical Center, Greater Flint Health Coalition,
Hurley Medical Center, Mott Children's Health Center, PRIDE (Programs to
Reduce Infant Deaths Effectively) Medical Services Committee, Priority Children,
University of Michigan-Flint, and the University of Michigan-School of Public
Health/Prevention Research Center.

The public is invited to attend the celebration. Seating is limited. To
reserve a seat or to find out more, call Tonya French-Turner, REACH 2010
Coordinator, at (810) 257-3194.

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