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Rev. Rickey A. Smith, Sr., Pastor

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Greetings,

Zion Baptist Church of Hagerstown, Maryland led by Pastor Rickey A. Smith, Sr. is sponsoring a Community Health Summit on <u>Saturday</u>, <u>May 6</u>, <u>2023</u>, from 11:00 am - 3:00 pm. The Health Summit is hosted by ZBC Health and Fitness Ministry, President Linda Brooks. This event will be held in the parking lot of Johnathan Street adjacent to the church. In the event of inclement weather, the event will be held on Saturday, May 20, 2023.

Our theme for the event is "Hope in Healing ... Experiencing the Journey, Dealing with the Struggles of Addiction & Mental Health"

We are inviting health agencies, city and state officials, recovery houses, rehab centers, churches, and people with personal experiences. Job training and recruiting will also be offered by local businesses.

The goal of the Health Summit is to improve the lives of individuals living with mental health challenges and substance use disorders. Experts say that early intervention strategies can reduce the impact of substance use and mental disorders in our unserved communities. We are looking for resources to assist people in our Washington County Maryland communities that are struggling with these issues. We hope to provide resources for in house treatment, outpatient programs, and valuable education about places to go for help. "We Care"

Our mission is to reduce substance abuse and related mental health disorders by strengthening our children, families, and our communities through training, education, and services. We are excited about this opportunity to offer an event that people of all ages can participate in. The overdose epidemic has shattered the lives of loved ones and friends in every community, including our own. Help us make a difference by getting involved to save someone's life from the agony of drug addiction and mental health.

We hope that you'll consider joining us for this fun day of music, food, entertainment as well as making a positive difference in someone's life. This free event will be heavily promoted throughout our city, and we are expecting to have a large turnout of participants needing help and valuable education for someone that they love.

For more information, please call Zion Baptist Church at (301) 739-5616 and leave a message for Linda or send an email to jehovahonhigh@aol.com if you are interested in participating.

Additional details will be available in February 2023.

Sincerely,

Linda Brooks

Zion Baptist Church, Health & Fitness Ministry Leader

Rev. Rickey A. Smith, Sr., Pastor

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