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Men's Health Symposium in Darlington

November 11, 2019- On Saturday, November 23, 2019 from 10am-12pm, Darlington County First Steps and Macedonia Life Skills Center will host a free Men's Health Symposium to address health disparities in men of color and encourage men to prioritize their health.

According to the Department of Health and Environmental Control's South Carolina Central Registry (SCCR), the five leading causes of cancer deaths in African American men were cancers of the lung, prostate, colorectum, pancreas, and stomach between 2012-2016. SCCR also reported lung cancer was the leading cause of cancer death in African American men, causing 51% more deaths than the second leading cause of cancer death, prostate cancer.

Studies have shown social factors such as poverty, access to healthcare, lack of health insurance, doctor distrust, behavioral factors, psychological stress and genetic/biological factors contribute to health disparities. The Symposium is intended to leave attendees with knowledge of available and local resources and an action plan to take charge of their health.

"If we don't educate ourselves, we lose. The more information people receive the more people benefit" said T.C. Sawyer, Board Chairman of Genesis Health Care, Inc.

The Men's Health Symposium will occur at Macedonia Life Skills Center in Darlington, SC on 115 Exchange Street. The panel discussion will be facilitated by Tre Gammage of Gammage Enterprise. Panelist will be comprised of cancer survivors and representatives from Man2Man Fatherhood Initiative, Genesis Health Care, and other community leaders. Light refreshments will be available.

Darlington County First Steps welcomes all to participate in this important discussion. The first 25 people to register for the event, will receive a gift card. To RSVP, contact Patricia Sullivan, Darlington County First Steps, at 843.339.0819 or email psullivan@darlingtoncountyfirststeps.org.

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