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Calvary Hospital steps in with free foot screenings for diabetics

Diabetes can certainly be a killer, disproportionately striking Caribbean, African-American and Latino communities hard. But Calvary Hospital is helping others fight back through early detection.

As a preview of a full-time initiative coming this fall, the Bronx medical facility will host three free foot screenings to detect problems in adult diabetics. The first screening will be held Friday, the next will take place on Aug. 15, and the third on Aug. 25. All the sessions will be held at the hospital's Center for Curative and Palliative Wound Care, 1740 Eastchester Road in the Bronx, from 9a.m. to noon. Participants must register for the screenings by calling (718) 518-2577 by tomorrow.

Pan-African festival

Under the theme "Crossing New Frontiers to Conquer Today's Challenges," people from the African diaspora will travel to the Caribbean for the 2008 Emancipation Festival in Trinidad and Tobago.

The 12-year-old festival - which this year will commemorate the 170th anniversary of the abolition of chattel slavery - runs from Tuesday through next Sunday and will feature a "Trans-Atlantic Trade and Investment Symposium," children's workshops, a steel-band concert, the "Kambule" Emancipation Day Street Procession, an international food fair, and the Trans-Atlantic Expo 2008 trade exposition.

For information about the Emancipation celebration, visit www.panafricanfestival.org or call (718) 623-8514.

Judah Tribe headlines

The reggae band Judah Tribe, which created an original musical tribute to police shooting victim Sean Bell and has the young man's father-in-law Les Pautre as a band member, will be a main attraction at the next Target First Saturdays event at the Brooklyn Museum this coming Saturday from 5 p.m. to 11 p.m.

"Caribbean Carnival - Wave Your Flags" is the theme of the Target First Saturday's 2008 August edition, which highlights Caribbean culture. Events include West Indian American Day Carnival Association-presented steel pan music, stilt walkers, and Caribbean carnival costumes, Amma Mcken and her Orisha drum and voice ensemble, an arts workshop and a dance party starring Reggae Retrospective's and Judah Tribe takes place from 9 p.m. to 11p.m.

Free tickets are required for some of the evening's activities. For a detailed list of events, visit www.brooklynmuseum.org or call (718) 930-1316.

Scholarship benefit

A Haiti-based organization that provides college scholarships for graduating high school students will be the recipient of the Citizen Aid organization's latest benefit taking place Wednesday in Manhattan.

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