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JOY SOUP KITCHEN SITE TO HOST FREE FOOT-CARE CLINIC SATURDAY

HealthAssist among several local community partners providing services/assistance

Greenville, N.C. – The Joy Community Building, home to the Joy Soup Kitchen, will host a free foot-care clinic from 9 a.m.-noon Saturday, June 24. Several participating community partners, including HealthAssist, will be providing a variety of services and assistance toward improving foot health, and overall health.

Stephanie A. Slayton, an ECU Health Medical Center physical therapist and wound-care specialist, along with podiatrist Dr. Rick C. Chen and a couple of medical assistants from Greenville podiatry practice Family Foot and Ankle Care, and volunteering medical students from ECU's Brody School of Medicine, will provide such foot-care services as:

- Diabetic foot-care screenings
- Wound-care assessments, plus outpatient treatments, as available
- Nail inspection and trimming



JOY Community Building
700 Albemarle Ave.
"A Meal and More"
561-7519 

Appointments are strongly encouraged, though walk-ins will also be welcome; patients with appointments will be seen first. To schedule an appointment, call (252) 847-2821, or visit a member of the HealthAssist team at the Joy Community Building between 10:30-noon on the Thursday or Friday prior to Saturday's clinic.

Other clinic features:

- The clinic will provide patients with a small complimentary lunch.
- Patients will receive a free take-home bag of hygiene and cleaning supplies, including such items as a mirror, cleaning wipes, hand sanitizer, medicated foot creams, etc.
- Representatives from the American Liver Association will provide liver screenings to patients with scheduled appointments. (Patients must be fasting to participate, and can get details when scheduling.)
- Limited mental health services will be available, including referrals for treatment.

Patients who qualify for HealthAssist services will be encouraged to apply that day, or possibly referred to one of HealthAssist's free Pitt County medical clinics for additional care, or to a partnering specialist offering reduced-cost care.

HealthAssist, part of the Access East Uninsured Programs, helps meet the medical needs of qualifying uninsured residents of Beaufort, Greene, Edgecombe, Hertford, Martin and Pitt counties, through programs like medication assistance, diabetes-supply assistance, free health clinics and referrals to regional low-cost specialty medical care.

The Joy Community Building is at 700 Albemarle Ave. in west Greenville, across the street from the old Roxy Theatre.