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Helen Barrett Montgomery School No. 50 2nd Annual Health and Wellness Fair

Who:

Helen Barrett Montgomery School No. 50 community, including students, families, and staff

What:

2nd Annual Health and Wellness Fair

When:

Saturday, July 20, 2024, 12 – 3 p.m.

Where:

Helen Barrett Montgomery School No. 50
301 Seneca Avenue
Rochester, NY 14621

Details:

Helen Barrett Montgomery School No. 50 is holding its second annual Health and Wellness Fair in memory of Barbara “Punkin” Love-Garay, the mother of Lakisha Taylor, Principal of School No. 50. Punkin Love was diagnosed with stage 4 cancer in June of 2022 and sadly died a month and a half later. Having lived in fear of the health system, Love did not seek preventative care; had she done that, family members say doctors could have discovered her cancer much earlier.

The health and wellness fair aims to educate the community on medical institutions, raise awareness of the necessity of health screenings and exams, and ensure spiritual, physical, and financial wellness. When Taylor was selected to lead School No. 50 in August 2022, her mother was battling cancer. Reluctant to accept the position because of her mother’s health and the desire to care for her, Taylor did take the job as it was a request from her dying mother. Love died just nine days after Taylor was named principal.

Several vendors will participate at the health and wellness fair, including Common Ground Health, Fidelis Care, the Urban League of Rochester, and many more.

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