



CELEBRATING 30th ANNIVERSARY

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April is National Minority Health Month

April is being observed as National Minority Health Month, a campaign that seeks to raise awareness about racial and ethnic health disparities and to implement initiatives to reduce disparities faced by communities of color and the rural and urban poor. **For information contact City of Detroit Health and Wellness Promotion Customer Service at (800) 879-7979.**

April is also National Garden Month

April is also the 4th Annual National Garden Month, sponsored by the National Gardening Association. The purpose is to show the connection between people, plants, and the environment bringing America's backyards, schools, and neighborhoods closer to nature growing healthy fruits and vegetables. For information about a local organization that encourages gardening, contact the Garden Resource Program (GRP) www.detroitagriculture.org.



The collaborative includes The Greening of Detroit, Detroit Agriculture Network, Earth-Works Urban Farm/Capuchin Soup Kitchen, and Michigan State University. In 2003, together they started providing residents with the supplies and resources to grow food in the city. Now in its seventh year, GRP provides support to more than 875 urban gardens and farms in Detroit, Highland Park, and Hamtramck. **For information call (313) 285-1249.**

View From the Bridge

*By Paul Bridgewater, DAAA
President & CEO*

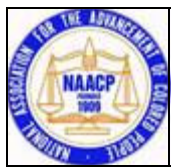


I always like to give good news, but this time the news is not all good. We are facing federal and state cuts in one of our major funding sources next year.

The Michigan Office of Services to the Aging budget cuts would be across the board, affecting senior meals, home care, volunteer programs, care management, caregiver programs, access services, etc. Although the State's meal funding was cut \$2 million this year, the cut was filled in by federal stimulus dollars which will be gone next year. Because of next year's federal cuts, we are going to have to make some changes.

At DAAA we are determined to continue to serve the same number of consumers. We are also going to do everything we can to maintain this program and reduce the waiting list, but we need your help.

Contact State Senator Hansen Clarke at (517) 373-7346 or State Senator Tupac Hunter at (517) 373-0994 and tell them how you feel about the cuts.



NAACP 55th Annual Freedom Fund Dinner will be held Sunday, May 2 at 5 p.m., in the Cobo Conference Center. This year's general chair is Conrad Mallet Jr., President of Sinai Grace Hospital and the co-chairs are Paul Bridgewater, and Karen Love, V.P. Public Relations, Detroit Rescue Mission Ministries. The theme is "National Healthcare: A Matter of Justice, Privilege or a Right?" **For information call DAAA at (313) 446-4444.**



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RADIO PROGRAM

Saturdays at 10:00AM

Hosted by DAAA President & CEO Paul Bridgewater

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Announcements...

Mature Workers Program Receives Additional Funding from Department of Labor

At a critical time when jobs and training are needed, the Title V program, known as the Mature Workers Program, is going to receive an additional \$500,000. This will allow DAAA to increase the regular training program adding an additional 50 persons eligible for this program, and extend the employment training for 22 persons added as a result of the economic stimulus funding from the American Reinvestment & Recovery Act. **To find out if you qualify, please call (313) 446-4444, ext. 5282.**

Make sure you are counted on Census Day April 1

The Census is the way the government dispenses over 400 billion in yearly federal funding for programs like DAAA's. Census Day on April 1 is an important day to get your forms in the mail. If you have questions, we can help, because DAAA is one of the Census Bureau's Questionnaire Answer Centers. **For more information call (313) 446-4444.**

For questions about the new healthcare plan, call our Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program (MMAP) at (800) 803-7174.

2010 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Volunteer week is April 18-24; to volunteer for DAAA call (313) 446-4444.

Cover the Uninsured Health Expo, sponsored by the Health and Human Service Department, on April 23 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Cobo Conference Center Ambassador Room, For information call (313) 833-3438.

Let's Celebrate! May is Older Americans Month, sponsored by Healthier Black Elders Center, on April 24 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Temple of Faith Baptist Church, 15801 W. Chicago, Detroit, MI, 48228. For information call (313) 871-0735.

DAAA Annual Golf Tournament to Benefit Holiday Meals on Wheels, June 14 7:30 a.m., Fox Hills Golf Course, for information call (313) 446-4444, ext. 5257.



DAAA 3rd Annual Summer Cruise, August 17, on board the Ovation Yacht. For information call (313) 446-4444, ext. 5213.

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