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800 Attend 7th Annual Free Anaheim Health Fair

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Participants in the Seventh Annual Free Anaheim Health Fair.

ANAHEIM, Calif., United States

Braving a summer heat wave with daytime temperatures soaring into the range of 95 degrees, more than 800 patients attended the seventh annual free Anaheim Health Fair hosted June 30 by the City of Anaheim, Anekant Community Center, and GBS Linens, Inc., at Magnolia High School here.

Over 50 doctors and health care professionals donated their time at the free one-day event, assisted by more than 400 volunteers.

A partial list of the services offered included physical exams, heart checks, cholesterol, diabetes, and anemia tests, bone strength measurement, women's services, eye exams, chiropractic and acupuncture services, and voluntary bone marrow donor program sign-ups.

And, for the first time, the annual event was able to provide actual dental services onsite at the health fair for more than 100 patients.

The Lestonnac Free Clinic arranged for dental chairs and equipment for use by the dentists and dental assistants who voluntarily provided their services. For those who could not be treated onsite during the event, Dr. Piyush Karia offered to provide "free" services at his dental office.



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The idea of bringing a free health fair to Anaheim was first proposed in 2007 by Pravin Mody of the Anaheim-based GBS Linens, Inc., and Dr. Nitin Shah in association with Anekant Community Center, as well as former Anaheim mayor pro tem Harry Sidhu, which formed the groundwork for what has now become an important annual event in the City of Anaheim.

Co-chairs for this year's health fair were Anaheim mayor pro tem Gail Eastman and Anaheim city council member Jordan Brandman.

During a special recognition program, key partners and sponsors were acknowledged and thanked.


Main volunteer coordinators and team leaders included founding partners Dr. Nitin Shah and Pravin Mody, Dipak Patel, Siva Subramaniam, Deepak (DJ) Jhaveri, Arun Arya, Niranjan Bhatt, Dr. Narendra and Trupti Trivedi, Bala Palanisamy, Karen Dennis, Jon Gilwee, Subbu Shanmugham, Purnima Karia, and Deepak and Harsha Shah.

Among the special guests attending this year's event were Anaheim Mayor Tom Tait, Anaheim city council member Kris Murray and interim Anaheim city manager Marcie Edwards as well as representatives from the offices of Congresswoman Loretta Sanchez, State Senator Bob Huff; Assemblywoman Sharon Quirk-Silva and Assemblyman Tom Daly.



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