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***Dayton Unit NAACP to Host
Town Hall and Strategic Planning Session
With Premier Executives***

DAYTON, OHIO - FEBRUARY 7, 2018 - The Dayton Unit of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) in divine unification with Faith Leaders, will host a Town Hall and Strategic Planning Session titled, ***“You Have a Voice! Good Samaritan Closing in Dayton.”*** The event will be held on Saturday, February 10, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. at Zion Baptist Church located at 1684 Earlham Dr. This will be an open community conversation with Mary Boosalis, President & CEO of Premier, Anita Moore, Chair of Premier Board of Trustees, Concerned Citizens, Administrators, Employees, Nurses, Patients, Healthcare Providers and all that will be impacted by the closure. The moderator will be Derrick L. Foward, President of the Dayton Unit NAACP.

This forum will provide an opportunity for Premier Executives to have an open and honest discussion with the community at-large as to why they decided to announce the closing of Good Samaritan Hospital and will also allow the community at-large to be civically engaged by asking questioning, sharing concerns and developing a collective response as a body of people on why the hospital should not close, but continue to serve the Citizens of Northwest Dayton.

“The hospital closure will have a devastating economic impact on the City of Dayton as a whole, but especially for the residents of Dayton who are employed by the hospital and everyday Citizens who use Good Samaritan Hospital as their primary destination place for health care services,” said Foward.

“As one of the NAACP 21st Game Changers, health equality for all Americans including a healthy life and high-quality health care is essential to being able to live the American dream. Everyone deserves the right to have equal access to affordable, high-quality health care which will ultimately end racially disparate health outcomes. Let’s continue to pray that there will light at the end of the tunnel,” said Foward.



Founded in 1915, the Dayton Unit of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) is the city's oldest and largest nonpartisan civil rights organization. Its members throughout the Dayton Region and Montgomery County are the premier advocates for civil rights in their communities. Their core goals are to **Inform**, **Educate** and **Empower** the Citizenry as they pursue justice and equality for all Americans.

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