



**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
**8 May 2015**

Press contact: Lizbeth Dison  
Shiny Inc.  
ldison@shinycomm.com  
678.872.8164

**MEDIA ALERT**

### **Clarkston Development Foundation to Host First Community Health Fair**

- WHO:** [Clarkston Development Foundation: A Collective Action Initiative \(CDF\)](#)
- WHAT:** First Annual Clarkston Community Health Fair
- WHEN:** Saturday, 16 May 2015, 10.00 a.m. to 2.00 p.m.
- WHERE:** [Clarkston International Bible Church](#)  
3895 Church Street  
Clarkston, Georgia 30021
- WHY:** Led by The Clarkston Development Foundation, [World Relief](#) and [New American Pathways](#), Clarkston's First Community Health Fair is designed to encourage Clarkston's diverse residents to take ownership of their own health.

Located in DeKalb county just outside Atlanta, Clarkston has been called the most diverse square mile in the United States. Over sixty languages are spoken; 52% of residents are non-native English speakers, with the majority of refugees from civil conflict zones in Ethiopia, Vietnam, Sudan, Burma and Iraq. The Clarkston community suffers from disparities in health outcomes and access to care, compounded by low health literacy and issues of language, culture and gender.

Attendees will receive access to:

- Free on-site preventive care health screenings, including blood pressure, cholesterol, skin cancer and diabetes
- Information on child safety, nutrition, HIV/AIDS, early development, mental health and domestic violence prevention
- Many basic services, including dental and eye care

<<MORE>>

- Representatives from CDF's community health department and from local health centers will be present to offer recommendations and referrals.

Event attendees will also receive a wide array of services and products:

- Free basic reproductive health items, including sanitary pads and safe sex supplies
- Free home health and hygiene items, including first aid supplies, matches and personal care items

All materials will be available in a variety of languages, including Burmese, Somali, Nepalese, Swahili, Farsi, Spanish and Arabic.

[Fulton-DeKalb Hospital Authority](#) is a headline sponsor of the event. Other sponsors include [Amerigroup](#), [AID Gwinnett](#), [Bella Dental Services](#), [Care and Counseling Center of Georgia](#), Global Pharmacy, [Clarkston Community Center](#), [DeKalb County Fire and Rescue](#), [Great Start Georgia](#), [Piedmont Healthcare](#), [United States Environmental Protection Agency](#), [Sagal Radio Services](#), [Oakhurst Medical Centers](#), [Tapestri](#), [United Way of Greater Atlanta](#) and [United States Department of Housing and Urban Development](#).

Sponsorships are still available; for more information contact Lorrie L. King, community health director for CDF, at [lorrie@cdfaction.org](mailto:lorrie@cdfaction.org), or 404.736.6602.

Full details on the CDF Community Health Fair can be found at [www.cdfaction.org/healthfair](http://www.cdfaction.org/healthfair).

# # #

### **About Clarkston Development Foundation**

Clarkston Development Foundation ([CDF: A Collective Action Initiative](#)) is a community impact organization in Clarkston, Georgia, engaging residents through holistic programs of safety, education, economic development, and community health.

# # #