



## *Prince Hall Shriners Foundation, Inc.* **A HELPING HAND TO OUR COMMUNITIES**

# Prince Hall Shriners participate in American Diabetes Association EXPO 2011 in San Antonio

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**SAN ANTONIO** – Strengthening a partnership which was forged by the creation of the Prince Hall Shriners Foundation’s (P.H.S.F.) National Diabetes Initiative (N.D.I.), Prince Hall Shriners of Moussa Temple No. 106 participated in the 11th Annual American Diabetes Association (A.D.A.) EXPO held at the Henry B. Gonzales Convention Center, May 21.

For 11 years, the ADA of San Antonio has hosted its Community EXPO, which brought businesses, health care providers, patients, caregivers and community members together for mutual benefit. According to Larry Hausner, Chief Executive Officer of the A.D.A., the A.D.A. EXPO is the Nation’s premiere diabetes education and awareness initiative.

The EXPO attendees came to the free admission event in search of answers. Some attended to learn about their recent diagnosis. Some seek new strategies, new tools and new solutions to better manage their diabetes. Still others came seeking ways to avoid and prevent diabetes. Still others came for the comfort of community. More than 5,000 attended the last EXPO held in June 2010; the A.D.A. prepared for 7,000 this year.

The EXPO consisted of the



*An attendee of the American Diabetes Association EXPO 2011 receives information about Prince Hall Shriners from Moussa Temple No. 106, May 21. The EXPO is San Antonio’s largest diabetes self-care management health fair.*

following areas: Screening Area: free health screenings; Family Fun Zone: variety of fun, supportive and educational activities; Healthy Eating Area: Interactive cooking demonstrations; Active Living Area: fitness demonstrations to inspirational presentations; Faces of Diabetes: information and activities designed to help determine specific risk and seek opportunities for help. EXPO attendees also enjoyed product demonstrations, interactive presentations, lectures and workshops, expert consultation and more.

Moussa Temple began planning for participation in the EXPO in January 2011 by meeting with

the San Antonio-based A.D.A. representatives, a series of meetings continued. The Temple was the first non-profit organization to commit to the EXPO. To further assist the A.D.A. with publicity of the EXPO, Nobles distributed 500 brochures to African-American audiences within the city and several posters to local businesses.

The sight of Prince Hall Shriners at the EXPO was quite a surprise for many of the exhibitors and guests.

The event presented many opportunities for Moussa Temple to network and inform the public of the P.H.S.F.’s programs. It also connected the Nobles with educators for future mentoring



*Standing: Nobles Grady Robinson, Stacy Foushee and Vernon Griffin.  
Sitting: Noble Burrell Parmer, Assistant Rabban Edward Jones, and Recorder, Past Potentate Anthony Davis.*

opportunities through the Shriners as Mentors program to include partnership with organizations in support of Moussa Temple's

1st Annual N.D.I. Walk/Rally.

According to the ADA, 14% of the people in the city live with



*Noble Jones poses with members of Sole Support Medical (Dr. Kathren McCarty, V.P. of Operations Carlos Correa, and Dr. Scott Sutter). Sole Support Medical will be giving foot exams and prescriptions for diabetic shoes at Moussa Temple's N.D.I. Walk/Rally to be held at the Eastside Branch Boys & Girls Club, June 4 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m..*

diabetes. Approximately 100 exhibitors, to included Walmart, McDonalds, Texas Diabetes Institute, Bayer Healthcare, United Healthcare, American Kidney Fund, Texas Public Radio Station, San Antonio Food Bank, and Sole Support Medical attended, to name a few.

The National Diabetes Initiative is a collaborative effort between the Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order Nobles Mystic Shrine and the A.D.A. The initiative addresses the shared concerns about the devastating impact of diabetes in the African-American population. The P.H.S.F., a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization, makes an annual donation to the A.D.A. to support the A.D.A.'s education and awareness programs and, moreover, to fund research in finding a cure.



*P.P. Davis talks with an attendee at the A.D.A EXPO 2011.*



*Noble Parmer provided attendees with information on the P.H.S.F. and Moussa Temple's N.D.I. Walk/Rally.*

