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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE SADIE G. MAYS HEALTH & REHABILITATION CENTER



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## FAREWELL, MR. ROBINSON!



Staff, retirees and the board chair bid a fond farewell to Charles Robinson, Jr. at a surprise luncheon on June 25, 2021. The man who served as president and CEO for 41 years was ready to retire. "He was dedicated, and he made me dedicated," said Michelle Curry-Toliver, Environmental Services Lead. "He always got someone to teach us so we could be the best,"

said Greta Holloway, retired Unit Clerk. Board Chair, Samuel W. Bacote, III, said "You've been a stalwart for the organization, and we thank you so much on behalf of the board." Robinson's tenure with Sadie G. Mays began in 1977, when he served as Executive Director. In 1983, after six years of service, he left but then returned in 1986, eventually

attaining the position of President and CEO. Robinson thanked the staff for "getting up every day to help the least of these." Then reminded them of his favorite saying, "Do your best the first time, every time, then you won't have anything to worry about." Have a happy retirement, Mr. Robinson!



Board Chair, Sam Bacote, congratulates Charles Robinson.



WISHING YOU A  
HEALTHY & HAPPY  
AUTUMN!

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and others!

## A WORD FROM OUR NEW DIRECTOR: BETH LAXTON



Sadie G. Mays' new Executive Director, Beth Laxton, gets settled into her office.

I am most grateful for the opportunity to be the Executive Director at Sadie G. Mays. I truly appreciate everyone's warm welcome and for the chance to be a more integral part of the Sadie G. Mays family. As a member of the board of directors for 10 years, I always admired the story and determination of Mrs. Sadie Gray Mays. In 1947, she was a trail blazer for ensuring residents in this community would

receive loving, professional care with dignity, regardless of race or circumstance. What she accomplished was unheard of during that time. In my 35-year career, I have never witnessed such challenging times for nursing homes. COVID-19 really upended our lives. Like other nursing homes, Sadie G. Mays is facing many challenges. Despite these challenges, my team and I are committed to listening, responding and caring. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have suggestions or concerns at [blaxton@sgmays.org](mailto:blaxton@sgmays.org) or (678) 420-2904. Thank you for your support as we strive to provide the best possible care and facility for our deserving residents.

*Beth Laxton is a graduate of Wake Forest University. She received her Masters degree in Gerontology at North Texas University. She served as COO of the Wm. Bremen Jewish Home for 30+ years and helmed the Burnt Hickory Assisted Living for two years prior to joining the SGM staff.*

## NEWS UPDATES

**VISITATION NEWS:** Sadie G. Mays is now open for indoor visits in residents' rooms, outdoor visits and video chats. All visitors must be screened for their temperature upon check-in, have a temperature below 99 degrees, and wear masks during their entire visit. This applies to outdoor visits as well. Children under 12 years old are not allowed to visit indoors. These rules are subject to change.

**NEW ROOF:** Despite many setbacks due to rainy weather and supply chain issues, Sadie G. Mays is proud to have a brand new, energy-efficient roof!



Atlanta Roofing truck deposits materials on the roof at SGM.

## THANK YOU, JESSE PARKER WILLIAMS FOUNDATION!

Our appreciation goes out to The Jesse Parker Williams Foundation for providing a \$15,000 grant to Sadie G. Mays for general operating support.

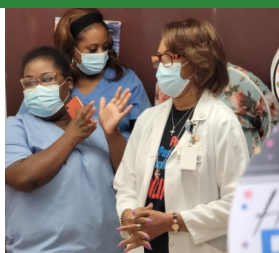
## IDA CLAYTON RETIRES AFTER 40 YEARS!



Staffers on Area B congratulate Ida Clayton, LPN, on her retirement.

**"She was an outstanding employee!"** said Teresa Brown, RN, Director of Health Services (DHS) at Sadie G. Mays. **She was speaking of Ida Clayton, LPN, who retired on Sept. 24 after 40 years of service.** "Anything we asked her to do, she did in a calm and professional manner. She was a team player for 40 years!" Brown said. Clayton's partner in Unit B, Michelle Winston, LPN, said "She cared a lot about her patients, and she had good rapport with the families. You couldn't find a better nurse!" Staff thought so highly of Clayton that they organized a surprise retirement reception on her last day of work. Beth Laxton and Teresa Brown, RN presented her with a Frabel glass sculpture in the shape of a heart. Staff gave her a card

and a cash gift. Of her time at Sadie G. Mays, Clayton said, "I'm going to miss everybody, and I'll miss my residents. It's been a long journey, and I've enjoyed it. I'm going to



Staff members applaud Ida Clayton, LPN, at surprise retirement party.

rest and spend some more time with my grand kids." She continued, "I learned a lot over the years. I'm very appreciative of the experience and being able to take care of the residents. I could have worked in other places but I chose to stay here and take care of my own." We thank you, Ms. Clayton, and wish you well!



DHS, T. Brown, RN and Exec. Director., B. Laxton present gift to Ida Clayton, LPN.

## TRUE LIGHT HAVEN'S GRAND OPENING



SGM Exec. Dir., B. Laxton congratulates Amil Marchena (l), Sojourner Grimm (green dress) and Rev. Darrell Elligan (r) on the Grand Opening of True Light Haven.

The 124-unit, senior apartment building, True Light Haven, held its Grand Opening on August 31st. Located directly across

the street from Sadie G. Mays, it was built through a partnership between the True Light Baptist Church and National Church Residences. Featuring one and two-bedroom units, the building is already more than half full. In fact, two Sadie G. Mays former residents have been lucky enough to get apartments in the attractive, new building. For those 55+ years old who are interested in inquiring about an apartment, call the Property Manager, Sherrie Stinson, at (888) 749-3791 or email her at [0662@nationalchurchresidences.org](mailto:0662@nationalchurchresidences.org).

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## STAFF SCENES



Sadie G. Mays' nurses enthusiastically celebrated National Nurses Week, May 6-12, 2021.



CNA's demonstrated their heart for service during National CNA Week, June 17-24, 2021.



Linda Walker, Social Service Director (l) and social worker, Jasmine Ellis-Carless (r), pause to recognize National Social Work month.



Staffers from Environmental Services stand in line for a special lunch during Environmental Services Week, Sept. 12-18, 2021.

# SCENES FROM SADIE G. MAYS



Resident, Clyde Hudson, enjoys the first monthly birthday party since the re-opening after COVID-19.



Sabrina Tyer-Mbye, RN, and Teresa Brown, DHS, RN and Michelle Winston, LPN welcome first attendees at our Job Fair on Sept. 15, 2021.



Activity Director, Sybil Jennings, displays a delicious cake for CNA Week.



Staffers give departing resident, Josie Pegeese, a fond farewell as she moves into a new apartment at True Light Haven.



Resident, Darrell Glover, shows off his skills at pool, using a portable pool table donated by the Second Wind Dreams Community Alliance with Georgia State University.



CNAs Vanita McGee (l) and Vivia Ogletree, provide restorative therapy to resident, Oscar Johnson.



Residents enjoy a game tossing balls in a parachute.



Food Service Director, Joyce Umana-Yates, welcomes resident, Darrell Glover, back to the Dining Room.



Residents enjoy their first day back in the dining room after COVID-19 restrictions were lifted.

**WE WELCOME NEW PATIENTS! CALL KARLA @ (404) 402-6985.**



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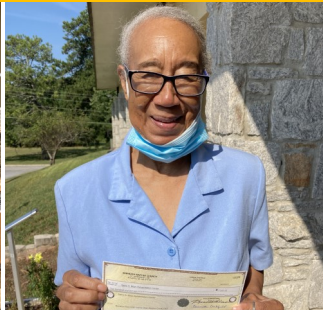
**THANKS, NEIGHBORS!**



Leland Hardy brought donated medical supplies by board member, Valerie Goldston.



Terry Collier of the MLK Jr. Drive Merchants Assoc. donated medical supplies to SGM.



Rose Howell of Ebenezer Baptist's Carrie Dean Boston Circle brought a check to donate.



Barbara Adams of Ebenezer Baptist Church's October Club presents a supply of Tide Detergent to Activity Dir., S. Jennings.



Chef Aaron Branch and dietary staff, accept a load of watermelons from LaVerne Wyche of Radcliffe Presbyterian Women.



Angela Mattox, a Mary Kay Sales Director, donated foot cream for all our residents.



Baba Atu and Nantambu Mwanga of Brothers in Service to the Community with Random Acts of Kindness presented the first of monthly donations to S. Coleman of SGM.

Founded in 1947, the Sadie G. Mays Health & Rehabilitation Center is a 206-bed, non-profit, skilled nursing facility providing comprehensive nursing and rehabilitative services.

**Listed in U.S. News & World Report "Best Nursing Homes" 2015, 2012 & 2011**

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**Beth Laxton, MS**

Medical Director  
**T. Andrew Frinks, M.D.**

Director of Health Services  
**Teresa Brown, RN**