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Community Wellness Fair Attracts More Than 830 for Health Screenings, Education

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On November 4, the Illinois Prevention Research Center (IPRC), in partnership with the Latino Organization of the Southwest (LOS), held the sixth annual Community Wellness Fair in Chicago's Marquette Park. Free health screenings and services were provided at the fair by more than 50 community-based health providers and social service agencies for more than 830 community residents.

Held annually in November in recognition of National Diabetes Awareness Month, the fair focused on the prevention of diabetes, a primary concern of the IPRC's "Making the Connection" program. The fair included screenings for diabetes and a popular education session in Spanish on lowering risk factors associated with this condition.

Almost 700 health screenings were performed, including those for cholesterol, bone density and blood pressure. The Chicago Department of Public Health and the American Lung Association teamed to provide more than 300 flu shots. In addition, the health department provided immunizations to children.

New to the fair this year, the Illinois Office of the Secretary of State renewed state ID cards and driver's licenses and offered two "Rules of the Road" classes.

The IPRC deeply appreciates the time, medical supplies and raffle prizes donated by local businesses, healthcare providers and exhibitors, which directly contributed to the fair's success.

The IPRC's core research project is "Making the Connection," a community-based implementation study focused on promoting healthy lifestyles in the Chicago neighborhoods of West Lawn, Chicago Lawn, and Gage Park. Funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the IPRC conducts research, translates research into practice and measures the real-world effectiveness and dissemination of health promotion and disease prevention interventions.

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