


Get up. Get out. Get Healthy!

Healthy Savannah

DESCRIPTION:

Mayor Otis Johnson launched **The Health Savannah 2012 Initiative** in 2007 as a public-private endeavor. Our city government is in partnership with schools, academic institutions, business, faith-based organizations, neighborhoods, and nonprofits in order to create and maintain environments to assist people in making healthier choices.

HEALTHY SAVANNAH VISION:

Savannah is a community committed to supporting healthy lifestyles.

HEALTHY SAVANNAH MISSION:

We will lead and support healthy lifestyles in Savannah by:

- Creating an environment that makes a healthy choice an easy choice,
- Building a collaborative network that identifies and shares resources,
- Collecting and disseminating information,
- Promoting best practices and implementing innovative programs, and
- Advocating for effective policies.

HIGHLIGHTED ACTIVITIES:

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Technical Assistance Grant	2007-2008
<i>One of six city-school teams in the nation to receive technical guidance from the National League of Cities and the American Association of School Administrators.</i>	
Fall Festival & Fun Walk	October 2007
<i>Health-oriented, community fair and 1-mile walk in Forsyth Park.</i>	
20 Families Health & Wellness Challenge	Winter 2007
<i>A three month wellness challenge between families from Albany, GA and Savannah, GA. Participants completed physical, biochemical, and written assessments. Savannah was proclaimed the winner.</i>	
Go4it! Program	Spring 2008
<i>With community partners, Healthy Savannah developed and implemented this grass roots health promotion program to over 500 participants.</i>	
Leadership Team and Program Development	Present
<i>Working to establish a working structure and program areas.</i>	

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LEADERSHIP TEAM MEMBERS:

Community:

All Walks of Life (A.W.O.L.)
African American Resource Center
Eastside Concerned Citizens
Overcoming by Faith
Safe Kids of Savannah
Savannah Bicycle Campaign
Savannah Christian Church
Thankful Baptist Church
YMCA
Youth Futures Authority

Business:

Carriage Trade PR
Chatham Steel
Creative Coast Alliance
Local Attorneys (3)
Melaver, Inc.
Savannah Business Group
Walking Magazine

Government:

City of Savannah
Chatham County
Metropolitan Planning Commission
UGA Extension Service, Chatham Co.

Healthcare:

Amerigroup
Chatham County Health Department
Coastal Health District
Community Cardiovascular Council
Community Health Mission
ENT Associates
Memorial Health Physicians
Savannah Cardiology
St Joseph's Candler Health Care System
WellCare of Georgia
Wound Care Clinic

Schools:

Armstrong Atlantic State University
Savannah State University
Savannah College of Art and Design
Savannah Chatham Public School System