



A BIG QUEEN'S CANCER RECOVERY

Dear Friends,

I am known to the world as Queen Reesie of the Guardians of the Flame Maroon Society. I am an educator, an artist, and the co-founder and director of the Mardi Gras Indian Hall of Fame.

On June 23, 2011, a few words changed my life forever: "Mrs. Nelson, you have cancer."

Telling my son, mother, and my Mardi Gras Indian group that I had an aggressive form of breast cancer was more daunting than facing months of treatment. I made a vow to approach my healing journey like the traditional Mardi Gras Indian chant "Shallow Water" - as something I would walk and dance through with dignity.

The support from the [New Orleans Musicians' Clinic and Assistance Foundation](#) added light to my healing journey. Their community health team regularly checked in on me while the NOMC medical staff coordinated low-cost medication and free physical therapy with a caring practitioner. While radiation and chemo knocked me out, sewing my suit and the compassionate care at the NOMC kept my spirit UP.

Cancer changed my life, supporters of the New Orleans Musicians' Clinic kept my music alive.

Please know that your support WILL make the difference in the life of a New Orleans musician and tradition bearer.

Sincerely,

Cherice Harrison-Nelson
Queen Beesie

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Healing and Release at Congo Square August 29th and 30th, 2015

In partnership with [Congo Square Preservation Society](#), [Gulf South Rising](#) and Ashe Cultural Arts Center, NOMAF sponsored the Congo Square Health Justice tent and welcomed large crowds of first responders, community members, and healers. Participants were provided health and cancer screenings, healing music, mental health talks, reiki, acupuncture, HIV testing, case management, massage therapy and nutrition coaching.

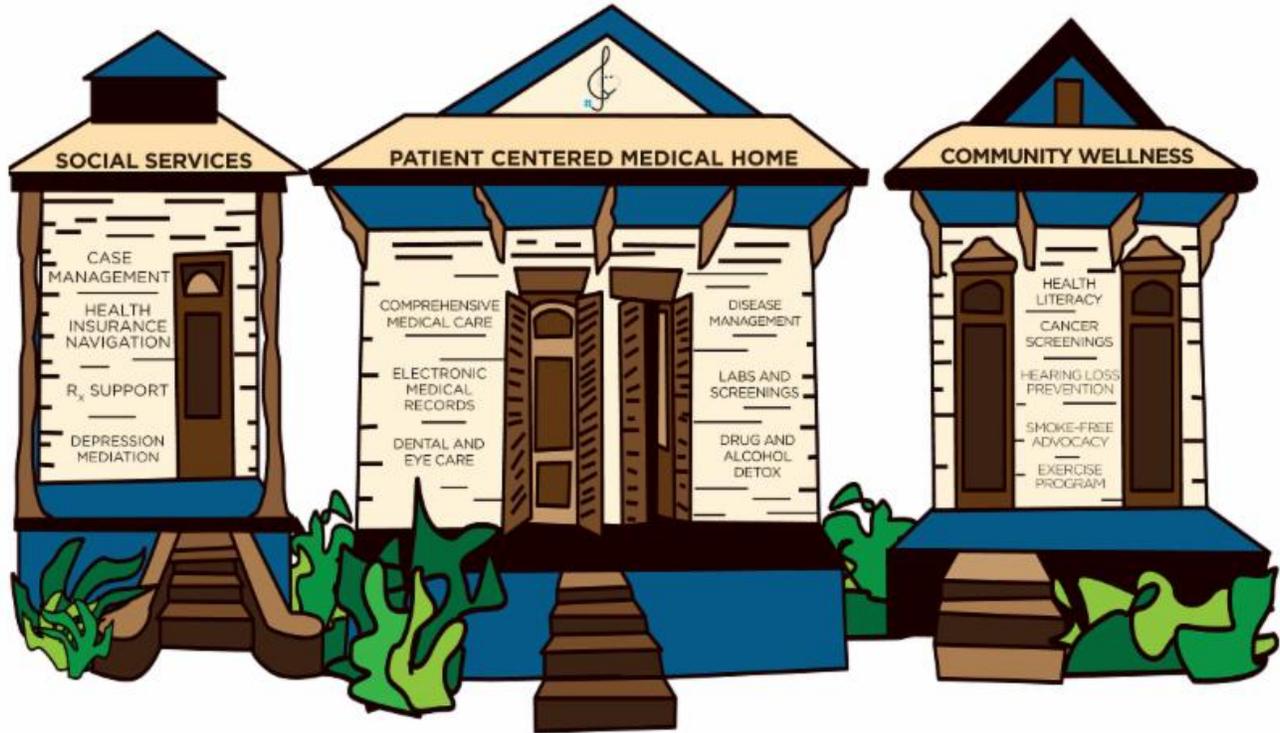
Thank you to all who supported and attended.





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