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CHRISTUS St. Frances Cabrini hospital joins efforts to increase community awareness of plight of uninsured

CHRISTUS St. Frances Cabrini Hospital has pledged to support and promote Cover the Uninsured Week, a nonpartisan, nationwide effort to urge U.S. leaders to make health coverage for Americans their top priority, scheduled to be held March 22-28, according to a news release.

Now in its seventh year, Cover the Uninsured Week is a national effort to highlight the fact that too many Americans are living without health insurance and to demand solutions from our nation's leaders.

Forty-seven million Americans are uninsured. Nearly nine million of them are children. More than eight out of 10 are in working families. They are our friends, neighbors and colleagues--forced to gamble every day that they won't get sick or injured. Living without health insurance is a risk no one should have to take.

CHRISTUS St. Frances Cabrini Hospital has an ongoing commitment to continue educating its patients and the community about the availability of public health coverage assistance programs, and how to get enrolled into these programs as well as providing information about local resources.

Monday, March 23, elected officials, community leaders, and guests will gather at 10 a.m. in the Outpatient Center of CHRISTUS Saint Frances Cabrini Hospital to launch Cover the Uninsured Week. Alan Levine, Secretary Louisiana State Department of Health and Hospitals, will discuss the state's efforts to meet the needs of the uninsured.

Events are planned throughout the week in the community. These events include a health fair at Carter C. Raymond Middle School on Monday, March 23, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.; an outreach by the Medicaid Office in the main hallway of the CHRISTUS Cabrini Hospital on Tuesday, March 24 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; a health fair at Buckeye High School in Deville on Wednesday, March 25, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.; an outreach from the Sonic on Jackson Street on Thursday, March 26, from 2 to 4 p.m.; and an outreach from the CVS Pharmacy on Jackson on Friday, March 27, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For more information on community events, visit CHRISTUS St. Frances Cabrini Hospital website at www.cabrini.org.
