

## THE FAMILY VAN IN THE PRESS

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### Health Van in New Neighborhoods, Boston NPO Expands

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The Family Van, a non-profit organization in Boston, has expanded its health care outreach program to Jamaica Plain and Hyde Park.

"We looked at health disparities in neighborhoods that our program could address," Family Van executive director Jennifer Bennet said. "We did pre-work ahead of time, to make sure we were welcome and needed."

Hyde Park has a high rate of obesity, 59 percent, Bennet said. Family Van brings the neighborhood a dietitian, nutritionist and counseling.

#### City resources

The Family Van, located on Tremont Street, was established 15 years ago and caters to inner-city communities. Find more information at [familyvan.org](http://familyvan.org)



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### The Family Van Comes to HP Every Tuesday

Hyde Park Tribune Staff

The Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the Family Van was held on Tuesday, July 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am.

Founded 15 years ago by Nancy Oriol, The Family Van provides free health screening, testing and counseling for diabetes, HIV, pregnancy, oral health, glaucoma and heart disease. The Van will be at the corner of Hyde Park Avenue and River Street every Tuesday from 9:00am – Noon.



No Appointment is needed and no medical insurance or identification necessary.

After speaking with residents, for over one year, the determination was made that there was a great need in the community for this type of service. The Family Van sees 7000 people per year in its various locations around the city.

As if to demonstrate how important and effective, a medical emergency took place while waiting for the ceremony to begin. The Van's founder, Nancy Oriol, was able to dispatch the appropriate medical attention, which arrived in minutes, to assist the grateful patient.

Many people took advantage of the opportunity to visit The Van, partake of the delicious refreshments, as well as to have a screening. The Family Van will be a welcome addition to the community.