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Metro Participating with Dodgers in Stroke Assn. Fundraiser

- Half of Metro ticket sales proceeds will aid in fighting stroke

By JIMMY STROUP

(Apr. 5, 2006) It's not often that attending a baseball game can help reduce the incidence of stroke in the black community, but on Easter Sunday, Metro and the Los Angeles Dodgers are teaming up to do just that as part of the "Power to End Stroke" campaign.

Half the proceeds from Metro ticket sales for the Dodgers versus San Francisco Giants game on April 16 will go to the Metro Wellness Program in partnership with the American Stroke Association, a division of the American Heart Association.

The campaign is meant to help reduce stroke among African Americans, who suffer from a higher rate of stroke than other do other ethnic groups. The money collected will be used to provide stroke education to Metro employees as part of the Wellness Program.

Carolyn Flowers, executive officer of Operations, helped organize the event and says the first step in mitigating the damage a stroke can cause is to get immediate medical attention.

"We have a large employee population that is probably not cognizant of all of the signs of stroke," she says. "We thought it was a good fit to try to provide more information to [them] and to work in coordination with the American Heart Association."

And that's not all...

The April 16 game will also feature an Easter egg hunt on the playing field starting at 3:30 p.m., before game time at 5:05 p.m.

For every pair of tickets bought, one child may enter the hunt and has a chance to find one of eight eggs that contains a prize: the opportunity to be on the field with the Dodgers for the pre-game ceremony.

Metro's Wellness Program was developed to reduce the possibility of being injured on the job, as well as instructing employees on the benefits that proper diet, exercise and stress management can have on quality of life.

Costs for the event range from \$20 to \$30. Tickets are available online, but can only be purchased by entering an "@metro.net" e-mail address to ensure the Wellness Program receives its donation.

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