



**Richmond Fibromyalgia and
Chronic Pain Association**

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Southside Community Acupuncture

Dear Mr. Honea:

Thank you for being a vendor at our inaugural Health and Wellness Fair for Chronic Pain. While the attendance wasn't what we hoped, it's important to remember that this was a first-time event. Our 2018 budget didn't allow for advertising, so we were completely dependent on word-of-mouth, social media, and the networks of our vendors. In 2019, we will be seeking sponsors specifically for advertising. If you have contacts in the Richmond media community, either print or broadcast, that would be immensely helpful to getting the word out. We are available for interviews if we have contacts to facilitate that. We'll be contacting you in early 2019 to see if you're able to assist us with suggestions for sponsors or contacts.

The mission of the **Richmond Fibromyalgia and Chronic Pain Association ("RFCPA")** is to improve the quality of life for people with fibromyalgia and other forms of chronic pain by providing free support groups and education, and facilitating increased awareness of fibromyalgia and chronic pain disorders among the public, media, government, and medical community. The Health and Wellness Fair for Chronic Pain is a new part of our public outreach, helping to educate fibromyalgia and chronic pain patients about complementary and alternative options, including non-pharmaceutical options, for treatment of their pain.

RFCPA was chartered as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization in 2009, however the Richmond Fibromyalgia and Chronic Pain Support Groups have been working to meet the needs of Richmond-area people with fibromyalgia and chronic pain since 2003, and we continue to expand our services as our budget permits. We were very excited to add our health fair to our offerings in the Richmond community, and hope to be able to continue this as an annual event.

September is National Pain Month, and we hope to choose a date in September 2019 for our next event, to take advantage of other communication and information opportunities during the month. If you have suggestions for a venue for our next event, we hope you will let us know as soon as possible. Obviously budget is an issue, but our first concerns are a central location, ample parking, and accessibility by those who use mobility devices, or have mobility issues.

On behalf of all people with fibromyalgia/chronic pain, our volunteers, and support group members, we thank again for your participation in the Health and Wellness Fair for Chronic Pain, and hope you will join us again in 2019.

Please feel free to contact us at any time with questions or for more information about **RFCPA** and our services.

Sincerely,

Hilary Greek, Event Chair

Sincerely,

H. Sue Walker, President
