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6th Community Festival to be at Watkins Park

Bethlehem Centers of Nashville, a nonprofit social service agency, is hosting its sixth annual Watkins Park Community Festival on Saturday, October 4, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Co-sponsored by Allstate Insurance and Sheats Endodontics, the family event will bring together North Nashville residents, children and families to enjoy a fun-filled day of games, food, music and fellowship. The event is free and open to the public.

"Everyone looks forward to the annual Watkins Park Community Festival because it is a fantastic event that brings together parents, children, grandparents, friends and neighbors to celebrate the special bonds of community, and help others learn about important resources and social services," said Steve Fleming, festival coordinator and youth director at BNC, the event's lead agency and a United Way Family Resource Center.

For many past and present residents of North Nashville, the Community Festival has become an annual tradition, and organizers anticipate nearly 600 attendees this year. Residents reunite with old friends, community elders and leaders. Senior community members share stories of growing up in North Nashville and attending Bethlehem Centers' nationally accredited and top-rated daycare or attending summer camp at Camp Dogwood. Younger community members compete for prizes and play in the Watkins water park area.

A variety of community agencies and health care professionals will set up informational booths to notify festival goers of services provided by the Bethlehem Centers and other valuable outreach from agencies in the area.

Organizations and people wishing to participate in the Watkins Park Community Festival may get involved by contacting Steve Fleming at 329-3386 ext.119, or: sfleming@bethlehemcenters.org.