

A DAY TO 'CHILL'



Jeff "Brutha Mac" McMillan, Jose Holloway, Carl McKellar, Darius Blanton and Statewide Talent Show chairman Jansen Goodwin Sr.



Gale Davis with Little Rock Mayor Frank Scott Jr.



Belinda and Theo Jackson

And all that jazz

Lupus Jazz Brunch benefits foundation

The Jose Holloway Xperience was the featured band at the Lupus Jazz Brunch, a benefit hosted by the Lupus Foundation of Arkansas Inc. Statewide Talent Show (a stand-alone committee that handles the foundation's entertainment activities). The event took place midday July 8 at the Presidential Legacy of Life Center in Little Rock.

Remarks came from Gale Davis, co-chair of the organization's Statewide Talent Show, along with chairman Jansen Goodwin Sr. Little Rock Mayor Frank Scott Jr. made a brief appearance. Among the guests were Jamesetta Smith of Hot Springs, foundation founder, and other "lupus warriors."

Along with the music provided by trumpeter Holloway; Goodwin on keyboard; vocalists Jeff "Brutha Mac" McMillan; Carl McKellar on bass and Darius Blanton on drums, attendees enjoyed an eclectic brunch buffet by Flava by Gwen along with libations. They were encouraged via special appeal to donate to the foundation and were also given information about its seventh Statewide Talent Show, scheduled for Nov. 11 with auditions taking place Sept. 30 and Oct. 1. (See lupusarktalentshow.com).

The Lupus Foundation of Arkansas Inc. provides a number of services and programs for those living with lupus.

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Leroy and Jamesetta Smith, Joy Winfrey, Lenny Robinson and Mae Robinson, all of Hot Springs



Adell Rodgers and Mable House, both of Bryant



Evie Rodgers and Dottie Johnson



Anita Douglas and Joyce Quarles, both of Bryant



David Ashley sings.

PHOTOS ONLINE

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Patricia Simpson, Garren McKinney, Gwen Vernon and Berletta Robinson



Elnora Stephens, Vivian Ross, Ruby Scott, Stevie Smith and Vertina Banks



Sharon McClelland and Edritzel Beavers



Mary Jordan, Kandice Bell of White Hall,
and Kathy Moore



Christine Franklin; Christine Jones of Alexander;
and Elizabeth Dumas