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## VNA of Boston Celebrates 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at Grove Hall Library



A reception was held at Grove Hall on Thursday, May 26<sup>th</sup> to celebrate the VNAB's anniversary and the Dorchester community. L-R: Keren Diamond, Senior Vice President of Operations VNAB, Sade Tassy, nursing student at Roxbury CC, Rey Spadoni, President & CEO VNAB, Medjine Beljean, nursing student at UMASS Boston, Carol Bourne, Patient Services Manager VNAB, Paul Edwards, Grove Hall, Adele Pike, Director of Education VNAB

**BOSTON** –To commemorate the agency's 125th anniversary as the first and oldest visiting nurse organization in the nation, the VNA of Boston (VNAB) is exhibiting a traveling display at a number of sites located in the heart of the communities it serves. We are proud to announce the exhibit will be at many of Boston's local public library branches, including Grove Hall, Hyde Park, Codman Square, Brighton and Mattapan.

The traveling exhibit includes a timeline illustrating the VNA of Boston & Affiliates' (VNABA) compelling history and how its clinicians provided health care services during some of the most difficult crises the community has ever faced. It shows how nurses were on the front lines during the Spanish flu epidemic of 1918, the care given to veterans returning home from

war, the education provided to families on proper nutrition during the Great Depression and how VNABA nurses and therapists were vital caregivers during public health crises such as polio epidemics and the emergence of HIV/AIDS. The exhibit also displays how the VNABA is relevant today and how its current services and programs are aimed at keeping people of all ages healthy and at home.

For a complete list of where the exhibit will be displayed throughout the summer visit [www.bostonvna.org](http://www.bostonvna.org).

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*Celebrating our 125<sup>th</sup> year, the Visiting Nurse Association of Boston & Affiliates provides home healthcare through the VNA of Boston, end-of-life support through VNA Hospice Care and private pay services through VNA Private Care. We coordinate superior care across the continuum – for all ages, health care needs, and income levels – so that our patients and their families throughout Greater Boston have peace of mind and, most importantly, can live independently at home.*