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The Center for Community Health (CCH) and Center for Food Allergy and Asthma Research (CFAAR) at Northwestern University’s Feinberg School of Medicine awards additional COVID-19 Response and Recovery Grants to 4 more local organizations.

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to disproportionately harm marginalized communities, the goal of the Response and Recovery Fund is to provide financial support to community organizations at the center of the response. The 4 organizations include:

1) **The Boulevard of Chicago** will continue sheltering chronically homeless individuals over the age of 60 and helping them recover physically, mentally and emotionally.
2) **La Casa Norte** will provide a food pantry, community meals, emergency shelter, transitional supportive housing, permanent supportive housing, case management and supportive services for youth and families on the West and South sides of Chicago.
3) **Chicago Torture Justice Center** will address the traumas of police violence and institutionalized racism through access to healing and wellness services, trauma-informed resources, and community connection.
4) **Youth Guidance** will provide emergency discretionary assistance to students and their families experiencing food, technology, and other basic non-food household goods insecurity as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

To date, 28 organizations have been funded through the Response and Recovery Fund. CCH and CFAAR collaborated with the Northwestern University Clinical and Translational Sciences Institute (NUCATS), the Division of General Internal Medicine and Geriatrics (GIM), and Northwestern Memorial Hospital (NMH) to support 28 grantees that are providing critical services in many low- and moderate-income areas of Chicagoland that have been severely impacted by COVID-19. CCH and CFAAR are a part of Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine’s Institute for Public Health and Medicine (IPHAM) and CFAAR is also a part of Lurie Children’s Hospital.

Click here for a list of the 28 organizations and work supported by the CCH and CFAAR Response and Recovery Fund. If you are interested in contributing support for future awardees of COVID-19 Response and Recovery Grants please consider making a donation to the IPHAM general fund. All contributions will support additional awards to community-based organizations.

ARCC Thanks Rebecca Johnson & Our Dedicated Steering Committee Members

In her role as the Faculty-Community Research Liaison for the Alliance for Research in Chicagoland Communities (ARCC), Dr. Rebecca Johnson has embodied the principles of engagement in both her heart and her work. We’ve learned so much from her listening skills, her storytelling prompts, and her quiet but strong advocacy for and with communities. Rebecca played a strong leadership role in ARCC’s anti-racism work supported by our 2019 Linzer Grant for Innovation in Diversity and Equity and she will continue to serve as a consultant on the Chicago Community Media & Research Partnership, our PCORI-funded collaboration with Public Narrative. Before joining the ARCC staff, she was also academic lead on an ARCC Seed Grant with Pastors 4 PCOR and their partnership was the 2017 ARCC Partnership Award Winner. Please join us in celebrating her contributions to ARCC and health equity in Chicagoland!
ARCC's work and mission is driven by an incredible Steering Committee of dedicated community- and faith-based organizations, public agencies and Northwestern faculty and staff. ARCC is thankful to the leadership and contributions of three academic members who have recently completed their terms: Inger Burnett-Zeigler (Psychiatry), Rebecca Carl (Pediatrics), and J.D. Smith (Psychiatry). We will introduce you to our new academic members later this month. You can see the full list of Steering Committee members here. Contact ARCC if you're interested in learning more about opportunities to get involved.

**NP3 2020 Seed Grant Recipient to Explore Gun Violence Screening in Adolescents**

The Northwestern Primary Care Practice-Based Research Program (NP3) is excited to announce funding for a new practice-based research project, "Screening for Gun Violence in the Primary Care Setting." The project is a collaboration between Dr. Bruce Rowell at Lawndale Christian Health Center and Dr. Audrey Brewer at Lurie Children's Hospital that will explore opportunities for screening and referral among adolescents at risk of exposure to gun violence. The project abstract is available here.

The NP3 seed grant program supports research partnership development and collaboration between community-based primary care practices and academic researchers. Lawndale Christian Health Center is a longstanding member of the Pediatric Practice Research Group, a regional Practice-Based Research Network dedicated to practice-based research in pediatric primary care settings and one of the NP3 networks.

This project is one of four 2020 practice-based research seed grants, totaling $85,000, generously supported by the Northwestern University Clinical and Translational Sciences Institute (NUCATS), the Center for Community Health, and the Division of General Internal Medicine and Geriatrics. We thank these groups for their continued dedication to practice-based research. See all project abstracts and a recent NUCATS news article for additional information about the 2020 seed grant recipients.

Contact us at NP3@northwestern.edu to learn more about practice-based research. Contact PPRG Director, Adolfo Ariza, at aariza@luriechildrens.org to learn more about the Pediatric Practice Research Group.

**CCH Open Position: Consultation and Evaluation Program Administrator**

The Center for Community Health (CCH) is currently hiring a Consultation and Evaluation Program Administrator. This position is relationship oriented, and has a primary objective to develop, build, and support community and academic partners to conduct clinical and translational research. Along with NUCATS and CCH leadership, this position will supervise and provide individual and group consultation services to community and academic partners to increase community engagement in all aspects of research.

To apply, please visit https://www.northwestern.edu/hr/careers/ and search for job ID 39254 for full job description and to apply with cover letter and CV.
Join Healthy Chicago 2025 Launch on Sept 17

Join us and the Chicago Department of Public Health for the virtual launch of Healthy Chicago 2025 on Thursday, September 17th from 2:30 - 4 pm. Register here.

What does a healthy Chicago look to you? Share on social media with #OneHealthyChi.

ARCC Steering Committee member Melvin Thompson (Endeleo Institute) will speak on the event’s panel about their ARCC Seed Grant-funded collaboration with Darby Morhardt and Northwestern's Mesulam Center for Cognitive Neurology and Alzheimer’s Disease that contributed to developing the Woodson Regional Library as Chicago’s first dementia-friendly library.

Reflections on White Allyship from ARCC Director

Chicago Beyond is an impact investor in organizations and community leaders that are positioned to change the lives of young people in Chicago. ARCC and Chicago Beyond have connected in our shared interest in supporting equitable research opportunities and we have learned a lot from their resource, "Why Am I Always Being Researched?" a guidebook for community organizations, researchers, and funders to help us get from insufficient understanding to more authentic truth. Recently Chicago Beyond invited Jen Brown, ARCC Director & Co-Founder, to contribute a piece about reflections on White allyship. Click here to access.

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