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**The HAP Foundation features Documentary on Colorism by Black Filmmaker for Black History Month**  
*Community Health Learning Collective addresses impact of racism and health equity*

[The HAP Foundation](#) celebrates Black History Month by featuring a screening of “*Who Told You Your Black Is Not Beautiful*” documentary on colorism by Karen Moore, Founder and CEO of The Color of Beautiful Media & Entertainment Group, LLC. The film screening was held during HAP’s Community Health Learning Collective, which is a monthly meeting hosted by Community Health Workers for their peers. More than 25 individuals attended the virtual watch party.

“During this year’s Black History Month, we are acknowledging colorism as a form of racism and injustice by showcasing Ms. Moore’s documentary,” said Joseph Matty, President of The HAP Foundation. “The HAP Foundation aims to improve health equity by increasing serious illness health literacy through community educational sessions such as the Community Health Learning Collective.”

As trusted, knowledgeable members of the community, the HAP Foundation’s Community Health Workers serve as liaisons between individuals and health/social service organizations aiming to improve health outcomes by providing resources to access care. Community Health Workers recognize the unique strengths and needs of the community where they work. The team offers free community education on multiple topics, including utilization disparities in hospice and palliative care, serious illness, caregiver support, grief, advance directives, and health advocacy. The HAP Foundation aims to bridge barriers of care to improve health equity throughout the state. During 2022, the Community Health Worker team provided impactful education to over 23,000 community members in Chicagoland.

The Community Health Learning Collective is a Community Health Worker founded and led monthly convening of peers, Promotores de Salud, ally’s, community members, and clinicians. It is an opportunity to discuss emerging issues in the field, share organizational announcements, and experience fellowship with like-minded individuals. Each meeting contains educational programming to encourage attendees, spread awareness, and open dialogue about critical issues that impact community organizations. For previously recorded sessions, visit the community education page at [HAP Foundation](#).

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# The HAP Foundation

Hospice and Palliative Care Research & Education

*About The HAP Foundation:*

*The HAP Foundation is an independent nonprofit that provides education, advocacy, workforce development, and research around hospice and palliative care for all ages. With four decades rooted in direct patient care, it currently focuses on educating communities and professionals on hospice and palliative care; engaging in community-based research to better understand and impact disparities in hospice, palliative care, and grief support; and advancing policies that assist individuals and families during end of life.*



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