

# The HAP Foundation



*Sharing stories on what's happening at HAP*

June 2023



Please take a moment to watch this video featuring Cathy McCann, a dedicated member of the HAP Board and a long-time advocate for pediatric palliative care and hospice.

We hope you enjoy this month's HAPpenings at HAP.

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## **We Remember Dr. Bruce Carlson, HAP Board of Trustee Member and Community Leader**

It is with great sadness that we share that Dr. Bruce Carlson, one of HAP's founding Board members, died last week. He was a friend to many and fierce advocate for hospice and palliative care. As a physician, Dr. Carlson provided medical care with love to thousands of people. Through his volunteerism with HAP and legacy organization, JourneyCare Foundation, he advanced this field to ensure compassionate care was attainable for all. Visitation and funeral service information can be found [here](#). Our sincere condolences are with his family.

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## **HAP & IL-HPCO Collaboration**

[Illinois Hospice and Palliative Care Organization \(IL-HPCO\)](#) has signed a three-year agreement with The HAP Foundation to provide counsel, partnership, assistance, and operational support through a customary association management contract. HAP uniquely provides professional leadership experience within the hospice and palliative care field, which strongly aligns with IL-HPCO's notable history and present work. IL-HPCO is committed to promoting and enhancing palliative and end-of-life care in the state of Illinois through education, advocacy, technical and supportive services. This partnership advances both organizations' mutual goals of creating a better continuum of care for individuals with serious illness.

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## **Stronger Together: Driving Meaningful Change with the Generosity of our Donors**

We are immensely grateful to our generous donors for their support during our Spring Appeal. It is through your collective support that we make a difference in the lives of those in need of our services. Together, we stand at the forefront of driving meaningful change within the hospice and palliative care industry, just as our pioneer philanthropists did years ago in the Chicagoland area. To donate, click [here](#).

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## **AmeriCorps Seniors Grant**

We have been selected to receive an AmeriCorps Senior grant to develop a Community Health Worker (CHW) education program that will support individuals age 55+ in returning to

the workforce in five central and western Illinois counties: Knox, Macon, Peoria, Rock Island, and Sangamon. A CHW is a frontline public health worker who is a trusted member of and has a close understanding of the community they serve. The HAP Foundation will develop a serious illness education program and will work with health care organizations to develop a program that will help seniors learn new skills, while demonstrating to employers the positive impact of CHWs. We look forward to sharing more as this project develops.

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## **Our Evening of Cocktails & Conversations**

Cocktails and Conversations was held on June 15<sup>th</sup> at the Barrington White House. The complimentary event was hosted by Lynda Bollman, Melissa Buckley, and Kim Duchossois so that attendees could learn more about The HAP Foundation. Joseph Matty, President of The HAP Foundation, spoke to the crowd about HAP's mission and our four pillars: education, workforce development, pediatrics, and advocacy. As we continue to grow, we are grateful to have a community of advocates and supporters in the Barrington area. Please stay tuned for future events where you can learn more about our work.

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## **Butterfly Run Registration is Open**

Registration is now open for the 2023 Butterfly Run 5k hosted by The HAP Foundation, Missing Pieces, and Greater Illinois Palliative Care Coalition on October 15, 2023 at 10 a.m. at Busse Woods in Elk Grove Village, IL. Participants may run, walk, or flutter to help support families and communities that have been impacted by childhood death. Click [here](#) to register or to donate to this event.

Every donation brings us one step closer to achieving our goal. By joining us, you are helping ensure that access to quality hospice and palliative care is available to all who need it. Together, we are stronger, and all our communities benefit from the important work that we do. Please consider [donating](#) today.

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## **Must Haves in Planning Your Future**

It is in your power to prepare for a time when you may not be able to communicate your health care wishes. Let the person you trust to follow your wishes know what care you would choose for yourself and name this person in your health care power of attorney document. Financial power of attorney documents, wills, trusts, and other documents can also be created to capture your financial and estate planning wishes, and to name the person who will manage your finances if you are unable to do so. To learn more about these documents and tips for creating them, please click [here](#).

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## **Community Health Worker Summit**

On January 24, 2024, HAP will host an inaugural Community Health Worker (CHW) Summit, "CHWs: Innovators in Social Justice, Public Health and Health Disparities." The keynote speaker for this event will be Rev. Dr. Otis Moss III, senior pastor of Trinity United Church of Christ in Chicago. The Summit will highlight the work and celebrate the

achievements of CHWs across the region and will provide an environment for learning and networking. Additional information and registration details will be shared soon.

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## Every Dollar Counts

The HAP Foundation relies on philanthropy to make a difference in the lives of people, many of whom we will never meet. Please know, we are grateful for every gift we receive. Whether you routinely make a \$1 gift anonymously or you've made our most recent transformational gift, every dollar matters. Thank you!

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## Join the Conversation

### The HAP Foundation's Community Health Learning Collective (CHLC)

The CHLC is a monthly convening of CHWs, Promotores de Salud, CHRs, CHW Allies, community members and clinicians. It is an opportunity to discuss emerging issues in community health care, share organizational announcements and experience fellowship with like-minded individuals! Each CHLC convening contains education programming to encourage us, inform our work, and open dialogue about critical issues that impact our organizations. Not able to attend? Check our [community education page](#) for recordings of previous sessions. To register for future CHLC programs or to learn more, please contact Maureen Burns at [MBurns@thehapfoundation.org](mailto:MBurns@thehapfoundation.org).

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### Upcoming Community Presentations

- June 28: "Advance Care Planning with The Five Wishes" virtual meeting. [Register](#)
- July 12: "Birthing Justice: Every Woman Deserves a Beautiful Birth Story" in-person film screening. [Register](#).

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