

The HAP Foundation



December 2023

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

Year in Review

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2023: Year in Review

As we reflect on the past year, we are proud of what we have accomplished with the support of our donors, partners, and friends. Our meaningful work has made an impact in our communities. We look forward to the future as The HAP Foundation continues to grow and evolve, providing more education, research, advocacy, and workforce development opportunities. Thank you for your continuous support. We wish you a wonderful holiday and a very happy New Year.

HAP/NORC Research Findings Published

HAP partnered with NORC at the University of Chicago and Arreola Research on a research project to better understand the knowledge attitudes and behaviors of Black communities in Chicago regarding serious illness care. Information and feedback were gathered from participants through small focus groups and one-on-one interviews. The research team hopes that the published results, which highlight participants' stories and experiences around disparities in serious illness, will reduce inequities in hospice, palliative care, and service provision and will promote education in communities and clinics to raise awareness about the importance of empathy, dignity, and hope for everyone. Click [here](#) to read the complete findings.

Community Health Worker Summit

On January 24, 2024, The HAP Foundation will host its inaugural Community Health Worker (CHW) Summit, entitled ***CHWs: Innovators in Social Justice, Public Health, and Health Disparities***. Please join us at the South Shore Cultural Center (7059 S South Shore Dr., Chicago, IL 60649) for a day of celebrating CHWs, learning about their work in serious illness care, and discussing their role in impacting health disparities. We are honored to welcome Rev. Dr. Otis Moss III as our keynote speaker for the day. [View the schedule](#) of presentations. We look forward to seeing CHWs, CHW allies, and those who are committed to impacting health disparities in our region and beyond at this exciting event. [Register today before it is too late!](#)

AmeriCorps Seniors (Ages 55+) Recruitment in Peoria

The HAP Foundation received a federal grant from AmeriCorps Seniors to develop a Seniors Demonstration Project (Ages 55+) Workforce Development Program in Illinois. In January, we will be hosting two informational sessions for people interested in learning about the new program in Peoria. Rachael Telleen, Executive Director of Workforce Development and Community Education, will be available on:

- January 17, 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Peoria Public Library Main Branch located at 107 N.E. Monroe, 1st Floor meeting room.
- January 18, 10 a.m. to Noon at the Peoria Public Library Lincoln Branch located at 1312 W. Lincoln Ave., Hot Air Balloon room.

To learn more and view the requirements of HAP's AmeriCorps Seniors program, visit our [website](#).

Tax-Free Gifts

If you're looking for a way to support a charitable organization that matters to you, consider making a gift from your IRA. If you're 70 ½ or older, you can use the IRA charitable rollover to make a tax-free gift. You may transfer up to \$100,000 directly to a qualified charitable organization without paying income tax on the distribution. When you use the IRA charitable rollover to make a gift to The HAP Foundation, you help provide access to grief services and care for those facing serious illness.

If you would like to discuss making a gift from your IRA, please contact Christine Post-Duncan, Senior Executive Director of Finance and Estate Planning at cpost-duncan@thchapfoundation.org or 312-741-1280.

HAP Presents at the Illinois Minority Health Conference

On December 4th and 5th, HAP employees presented HAP and NORC's research findings at the Illinois Health Minority Conference. Kandis Draw, Community Education Associate and Research Liaison, and Kim Downing, Executive Director of Program Evaluation and Research, shared a poster entitled, *"Community Health Worker Leadership in Community-Engaged Research through a Lens of Equity and Access: Understanding Knowledge, Attitudes, and Behaviors Around Hospice and Palliative Care within Black Communities in Chicago."*



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HAP Event Videos

Check out videos from HAP's 2023 [events and programs](#). See the highlights from our Butterfly Run, to honor children who have died, a recap of HAP's first Symposium of Serious Illness Care, and videos that feature the Comfort and Support program, which provides financial assistance to alleviate financial challenges facing families as they care for a person with serious illness or have recently experienced their death.

Join the Conversation

The Community Health Learning Collaborative (CHLC) is a monthly convening of Community Health Workers (CHWs), Promotores de Salud, Community Health Representatives, 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 learn more, please contact Maureen Burns at MBurns@thehapfoundation.org.

Please join the CHLC on Wednesday, January 17, 2024, from 1 – 2:30 pm CST for our January session, featuring Turquoise Devereaux, MSW, Lead Consultant of IndigenousCC and the founder of Indigenous Sky LLC. Turquoise facilitates trainings and implements programming on trauma-informed approaches to support indigenous identity revitalization in rural and urban settings. This workshop will present a timeline of history from an indigenous perspective, and research to help alleviate barriers and support healing. Participants will gain knowledge on creating culturally safe spaces and the activation of resiliency skills for future

success while highlighting the complexity of identity. Please email mburns@thehapfoundation.org to receive your invitation and link to join this virtual session.

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