

# The HAP Foundation



April 2024

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

## **HAP/NORC Research Project Update**

 The HAP Foundation |  NORC at the University of Chicago

**Community-Based Study:**  
Prioritizing Dignity and Respect in  
End-of-Life Care for Black Chicagoans



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. The study is titled, "[Community-Based Study: Prioritizing Dignity and Respect in End-of-Life Care for Black Chicagoans](#)." The study is being widely distributed to health care

providers and to the community to encourage conversation and to create change for greater access to end-of-life care.

Information and feedback were gathered from participants through small focus groups and one-on-one interviews. The research team hopes the published results, which highlight participants' stories and experiences around disparities in serious illness, will reduce inequities in hospice, palliative care provision, and will promote education in communities and clinics to raise awareness about the importance of empathy, dignity, and hope for everyone.

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## **Hospice News shares HAP/NORC Dignity and Respect Research Study Findings**

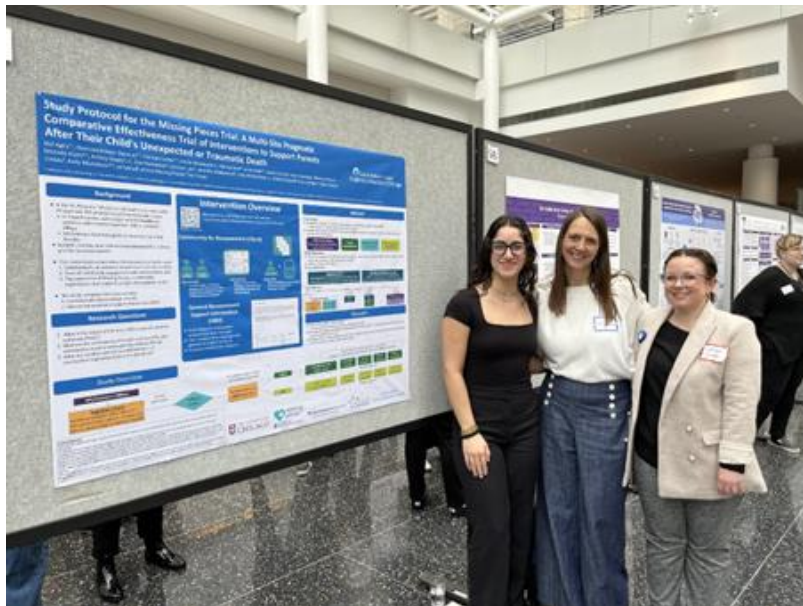
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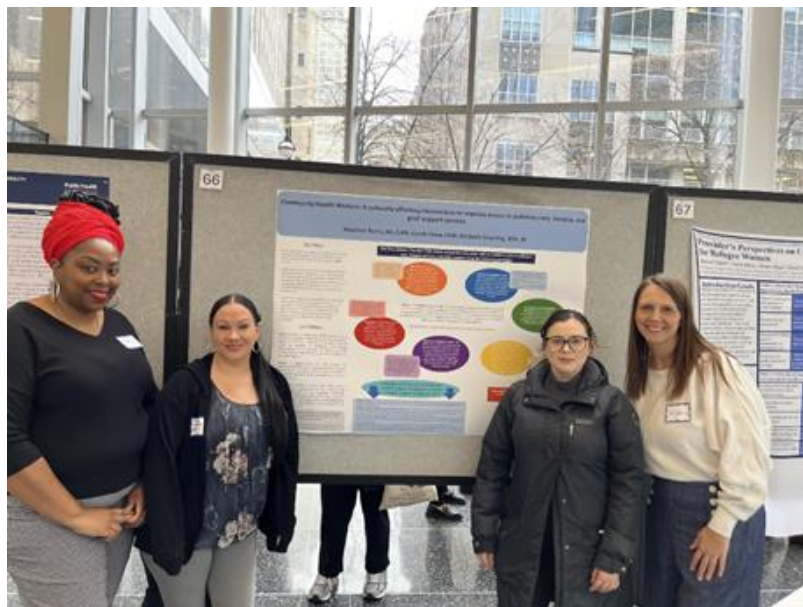
On April 11, [Hospice News](#) published the findings of the "[Community-Based Study: Prioritizing Dignity and Respect in End-of-Life Care for Black Chicagoans](#)," a joint project between The HAP Foundation, and research collaborator, NORC at the University of Chicago. Jim Parker highlights the racial divides on access to hospice services across the country. With this story, we hope to share the important findings of this research work with hospice and palliative care providers nationally to increase conversations about serious illness care that will empower everyone during end-of-life.

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## **HAP Community Health Workers and Missing Pieces Team Present Posters at Population Health Conference**



*Elaf Agha, HAP Missing Pieces Project Manager, Kim Downing, HAP VP of Population Health, and Carolyn Sutter, Luries Research Coordinator for the PCORI project, present their research findings at the conference.*



*Kandis Draw, HAP Senior CHW, Maureen Burns, HAP Director of Community Health, Melissa Gomez, HAP Community Education Associate & Research Liaison, and Kim Downing, HAP VP of Population Health present a CHW poster.*

On April 4, The HAP Foundation share some of our recent research at the Population Health Forum at Northwestern Medicine in Chicago. Members of the Missing Pieces team presented a poster on their project that focused on grief support interventions for parents who suffer the sudden or traumatic death of a child. The Community Health Worker team presented a poster that details how CHWs can improve access to palliative care, hospice care, and grief support services.

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## **HAP Partners with CLHPN**

### **🌀 Hospice News**



*Hospice News* and *Hospice and Palliative Care Today* featured The HAP Foundation's partnership with the Child Life Hospice and Palliative Network (CLHPN) to improve awareness of and access to child life services among seriously ill children and their families. Child life specialists can help address a range of unmet psychosocial, emotional, and spiritual needs of families with seriously ill children. These professionals help families navigate difficult conversations and health care decisions through a developmentally age-appropriate approach.

Some goals of the partnership are to support research and education in child life specialist services, and to educate the community on the child life specialist role and its benefits. HAP will help CLHPN develop continuing education programs for child life specialists working end-of-life care while also raising awareness of their work among other specialty clinicians in the field. To read the full article, click [here](#).

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## **Psychological Tools to Support Complex Patient Care Conference**



The HAP Foundation and The Coleman Palliative Medicine Training program will co-host a conference, Psychological Tools to Support Complex Patient Care, on April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024, from 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at Malcolm X Conference Center, 1900 West Jackson, Chicago, Illinois. **Registration closes on April 17.**

Recent events, most notably the global pandemic, have highlighted the tremendous need for providers to provide care for the mental and emotional challenges of seriously ill patients. This conference will teach and incorporate the elements of trauma-informed care, resiliency, and communication practices to meet the unique needs of seriously ill patients. Register [here](#) for this event.

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## HAP Foundation Golf Tournament

**THE HAP FOUNDATION  
GOLF TOURNAMENT**  
*hosted by  
Maggie Lapcewich, Board of Trustee*

Monday, June 17, 2024  
Riverside Golf Club | 2520 S Des Plaines Ave | North Riverside, IL

10:30 a.m. | Registration begins  
11:00 a.m. | Lunch  
12:00 p.m. | Shotgun start  
Post-golf awards reception immediately following

Foursome: **\$1,750**  
Twosome: **\$900**  
Individual: **\$500**  
Post-golf dinner reception: **\$150**

Two "Beat the Pro" opportunities and various other contests!

Register by June 5, 2024 or make a donation

**Register Now >**

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For more information, contact  
Robel French at [rfrench@thehapfoundation.org](mailto:rfrench@thehapfoundation.org)

Enjoy a game of golf on Monday, June 17, 2024, at Riverside Golf Club. Hosted by Maggie Lapcewich, HAP Trustee, this event will bring supporters together for friendly competition and to learn about more about The HAP Foundation. To register for the event, click [here](#).

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## HAP Heritage Event: May 30<sup>th</sup>

Join us for  
*the* **HAP HERITAGE** *event*  
luncheon on May 30, 2024 honoring profound leaders in  
hospice and palliative care.

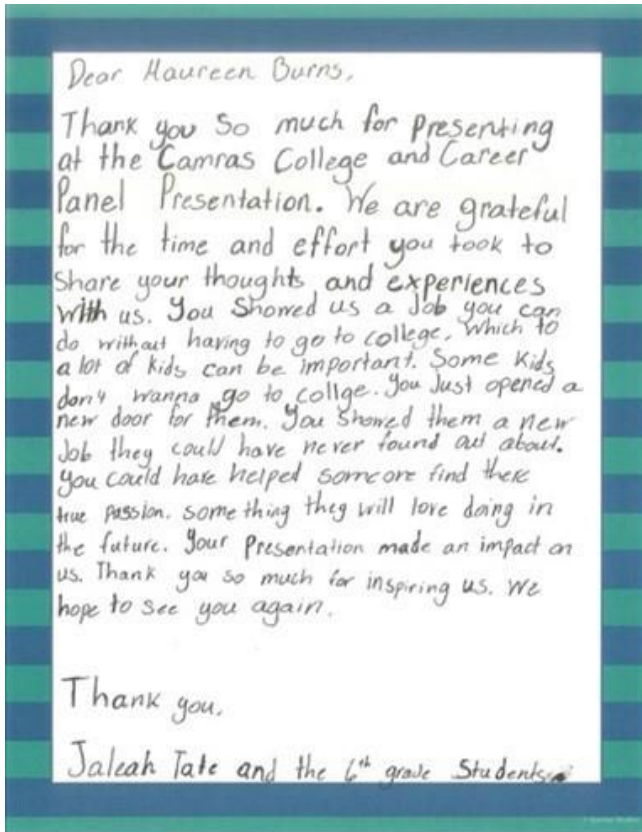
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<b>Eleanor (Ellie) Clarke</b> <i>Ada F. Addington Lifetime Trustee Award</i>	<b>Dee Beaubien</b> <i>HAP Lifetime Trustee Diane and Mike Beemer Philanthropic Award</i>	<b>Dr. Jeffery S. Vender</b> <i>The Dr. Bruce Carlson Clinical Impact Award</i>
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Join us as we celebrate today and honor the past at the 2024 HAP Heritage Event for a lunch reception on May 30<sup>th</sup> at The Glen Club, 2901 W. Lake Avenue, Glenview, IL 60026. We are delighted to honor **Eleanor (Ellie) Clarke** with the Ada F. Addington Lifetime Trustee Award, **Dee Beaubien**, HAP Lifetime Trustee, with the Diane and Mike Beemer Philanthropic Award, and **Dr. Jeffery S. Vender** with the Dr. Bruce Carlson Clinical Impact Award. [RSVP today](#). Please consider dedicating a gift in honor of HAP Awardees, Board of Trustees, or Lifetime Board of Trustees at [www.thehapfoundation.org/donate](http://www.thehapfoundation.org/donate).

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## Encouraging others to be a Community Health Worker at Career Day



Maureen Burns, HAP Director of Community Health, visited Camras Elementary School for their Career Day. Burns explained her role as a Community Health Worker and why this job is important. Below is a thank you note Maureen received from a 6<sup>th</sup> grader after her presentation.

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## **The HAP CHW Team is Hiring**



*Two HAP Community Health Workers welcome guests to the 2024 CHW Summit in Serious Illness Care.*

The HAP Foundation Community Health Worker team provides culturally affirming health education on a wide range of serious illness-focused topics and provides resources and care linkage for community members in need. We are currently hiring for two positions: one in Lake County, Illinois and the other in Chicago's south suburbs. Visit our careers page for more information about the positions <https://thehapfoundation.org/careers/>.

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## **Volunteer with us!**



Now is the perfect time to volunteer with The HAP Foundation. We have many exciting opportunities and events including the 2024 HAP Golf Tournament coming up and would love for you to join us! [Register](#) today to volunteer. Stay tuned for other ways you can volunteer throughout the year to support HAP's mission.

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## **Gifts of Life Insurance**

May 2 is National Life Insurance Day—a great opportunity to review your policy to make sure it still meets your needs. You might also consider donating insurance as a gift to a charitable organization, such as The HAP Foundation, in a couple of ways.

One option is to name your chosen charitable organization as the owner and beneficiary of a paid-up policy that you no longer need, and you can receive a tax deduction for a portion of the premium you paid. Another option is to use a new policy or a policy that you are still making payments on. The HAP Foundation could be named as the owner and beneficiary, and you can receive an income tax deduction for a portion of the premiums you have paid as well as future premium payments.

If you would like to learn more about making a gift of life insurance, contact Christine Post-Duncan at [cpost-duncan@thehapfoundation.org](mailto:cpost-duncan@thehapfoundation.org), 312-741-1280.



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## **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](mailto:mburns@thehapfoundation.org).

Please join the CHLC for our virtual session on April 25, 2024, from 12:00-1:30 p.m. CST. Zoya Sirota, Learning and Development Manager for Trilogy Inc., will provide Mental Health Awareness Training (MHAT). The objective of MHAT is to increase awareness of sensitivity to the needs of individuals with or who are at risk for mental illness. MHAT provides an overview of the signs and symptoms of various mental illnesses, tools to recognize when someone needs help, education on how to respond. Zoya's presentation will also explore the impact of stigma and other barriers to accessing care and will address ways we can increase access to mental health services. Click [here](#) to register for the virtual event.

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