



# University of Illinois Health Sciences System

## Office of Community Engagement And Neighborhood Health Partnerships

# Annual Community Benefit Report

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We are pleased to provide the Annual Community Benefit Report for the UI Hospital & Health Sciences System Office of Community Engagement And Neighborhood Health Partnerships (OCEAN-HP). Our definition of community benefit is adapted from widely accepted definitions which describe programs or activities that provide treatment, promote health and improve human conditions in response to community needs. Community benefit work generates low or negative financial returns. Our programs respond to the needs of special populations including persons living in poverty and those with limited access to healthcare. We provide services that would not exist without the philosophical and financial commitment of the institution and the people who are involved in education or research designed to improve overall community health. Our approach engages community partners in such a way that strengthens existing assets and begins a process that embeds solutions into a community agenda.

### OCEAN-HP REACHED OVER 861, 686 CHICAGO RESIDENTS

This report provides a conservative estimate of the scope of OCEAN-HP education, service and research activities.

## WHO WE REACHED...

• Health Education and Youth Development	843, 815
• Faith Partnerships' Activities	3,152
• Direct Medical Services	14,473
• Community Capacity Enhancement	246

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**TOTAL 861, 686**

## WHERE WE WORK...

**We Promote Community Engagement to Improve Community Health...**

In this context, community engagement describes collaboration between those who speak from traditional sources of knowledge (academic) and others who bring the wisdom of lived experiences (community) to the context of a mutually helpful partnership. Our programs are community based, community engaged and grounded by principles of partnership and collaboration.

Our **Community School Health** program sustained partnerships with 12 public and charter schools to provide



Physical exam at Hope Health and Wellness Center

health services to students and their families through on-site health centers. OCEAN-HP's 5 school-based health centers are part of the University of Illinois Health Sciences System, Mile Square Health

Center enterprise of federally qualified health centers governed by a community board. In 2014, OCEAN-HP opened a new health center and is providing services to 6 schools in the Auburn Gresham community through a well-established relationship with the Greater Auburn Gresham Development Corporation.



Chop Challenge at Lorca Elem.

Our **Chicago Partnership for Health Promotion (CPHP), Community Nutrition Education Program**, provides high quality, culturally appropriate, community based nutrition education through a network of

external partners. CPHP provided services to over 300 sites including schools, community-based organizations, churches, health facilities and park districts. A major goal of the CPHP is to bring healthy lifestyle messages to low-income communities where Chicagoans live, work, eat and play. CPHP staff encourages families to make healthier food choices, learn to prepare and consume healthier foods and be more physically active.

Our **Office of Faith Community Health Promotion (OFCHP)** mobilizes the unique strengths of faith communities to



address the social conditions that impact people's health. Services are provided through our **Center for Faith and Community Health Transformation (The Center)**, a partnership between OCEAN-HP and

Advocate Health System's Congregational Health Partnerships. Our services include health education, leadership development, support for community needs and asset assessment, and activities to connect faith communities with UIC.

- The Center committed 350 hours to the service of more than 3000 community residents, national and local partners.
- 32 leaders from 7 congregations participated in our health ministry development workshop. Six of the congregations are actively involved in health promotion activities within their congregations and community.
- The Center participated in the American Heart Association's EmPowered to Serve Kick-off, an effort to educate, develop strategies for addressing cardiovascular disease and addressing disparities in communities of color. More than 120 religious leaders and pastors participated in the kick-off.

The **Healthy City Collaborative (HCC)** is a multidisciplinary workgroup that engages university researchers, external partners and community leadership in conversations and research to benefit the health of Chicago. Through HCC, the OCEAN-HP team mentored faculty and students engaged in community research and practice.

Community Engagement Activities:

- Promoted the research of 6 UIC Faculty members engaged in community research
- Conducted 7 community focus groups

- Hosted quarterly meetings with faculty, students and community stakeholders
- Conducted citywide Bystander CPR training in partnership with the Illinois Heart Rescue Program of the UIHSS Department of Emergency Medicine
- Hosted 3 Community Research Dialogues for faculty and students interested in Community Based Participatory Research

## OUR SUPPORTERS...

We wish to acknowledge all current and past supporters and partners.

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