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January 12, 2022

## Let's help keep our communities open! Vaccinate. Boost. Wear a Mask. Get Tested.

Vaccines continue to be available and free. In addition it is recommended that anyone over 12 receive a vaccine booster.

Find out how and where you can get vaccinated or a booster at vaccination sites across the Finger Lakes Region. While some sites require appointments, many will accept walk-ins.

### [COVID-19 Vaccines for Children and Adolescents](#)

### [Learn more about getting your vaccine](#)

Contact your [state, territorial, local, or tribal health department](#) for more information.

### **Wear a Mask**

Masks continue to offer protection against variants.

- CDC continues to recommend wearing a mask in public indoor settings in areas of substantial or high [community transmission](#), regardless of vaccination status.
- CDC provides [advice about masks](#) for people who want to learn more about what [type of mask](#) is right for them depending on their circumstances.

### **Get Tested**

Click [here](#) for county-run testing sites and information for each county in the Finger Lakes Region

Click [here](#) to find a test site anywhere in New York State

## Recommended Resource: Monroe County Equity Pop-Up Vaccine Clinics

Monroe County is offering Equity "Pop-up" Vaccine Clinics for smaller, community organizations such as churches, schools, and non-profits. Clinics may also be requested for one-time events hosted by smaller organizations. Learn more and request a clinic [here](#).

## LEARNING & ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

**ACTION for a BETTER COMMUNITY**

January 13<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> 2022 **VIRTUAL**  
**SIGNATURE CONFERENCE SERIES**  
*Economic Justice for an Inclusive Recovery*

**GREENLINING:  
CLOSING THE RACIAL  
WEALTH GAP PANEL**

On January 13<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>, we will address the laws and policies needed to repair the historical injustices done by racism, redlining, and other forms of economic marginalization. Go to [www.abcfinfo.org](http://www.abcfinfo.org) for more information.



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**MATERNAL JUSTICE:  
Birthing the Health of a people  
Part I**

This panel discussion will examine the experiences of entry to care, outcomes and data, systemic barriers within the medical community, innovation and evolution of the Black Doula Collaborative, and opportunities to grow the pipeline with health professionals of color. Panelists will also highlight how they are using data to help make decisions and monitor their progress. Go to [www.abcfinfo.org](http://www.abcfinfo.org) for more information.



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Dr. Tracy Webber  
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### Economic Justice for an Inclusive Recovery

[Action for a Better Community](#) invites the community to its signature conference, "Economic Justice for an Inclusive Recovery," on **Jan. 13 and 20**. A follow-up discussion to the organization's 2021 event, "Racism is a Public Health Crisis - Attacking the Two Pandemics," the virtual conference seeks to mobilize attendees to take action to counter the detrimental social and health outcomes of poverty by focusing on the transformative changes needed in systems that create and perpetuate adverse outcomes for Black and Brown families.

The Health Foundation is proud to sponsor this event. Learn more and register [here](#).



### Human Trafficking and Social Justice Conference

The Rochester Regional Coalition Against Human Trafficking (RCAHT) will be holding its inaugural Human Trafficking and Social Justice Conference from **9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 19**.

This virtual conference, "Creating Awareness and Understanding the Intersectionality of Human Trafficking & Social Justice Issues," is free and open to the public, and participants of all backgrounds and awareness levels are encouraged to join.

Speakers include: Dr. Celia McIntosh, President of RCAHT; Melanie Blow, Executive Director, Stop Abuse Campaign; Jayne Bigelson, Vice President of Advocacy, Covenant

House New York; Jeremy McLean, staff attorney, Worker Justice Center; and Jaime Johnson, CEO and Founder, Sisters of the Street. The Health Foundation is proud to sponsor this event. Learn more and register [here](#).



## A Conversation with Award-winning Medical Writer and Editor Harriet A. Washington

Join the [University of Rochester Department of Psychiatry](#), in partnership with the URMC Office of Equity & Inclusion, The Wilmot Cancer Institute, the School of Nursing, and the Departments of Medicine, Neurology, and Pediatrics from **noon to 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 19** for a guided conversation with award-winning medical writer and editor Harriet A. Washington ranging from topics including the relevance of her work, Medical Apartheid,

and environmental racism to the overall care provided at the University of Rochester Medical Center. Learn more and register for this virtual event [here](#).



## Recommended Resource: Funding Forward: A Focus on Equity

Nonprofits are at the heart of every community, and their ability to pursue important missions depends on their ability to attract funding. In an effort to increase access to financial resources, and with a focus on equity, local funders, including the Health Foundation, participated in a virtual forum last month. View the resource [here](#).

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## GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

- **NEW:** The [North Star Coalition](#) has released its comprehensive dashboard of federal and state grant and funding opportunities for the Greater Rochester area to help ensure an inclusive recovery. Click [here](#) for funding opportunities.



- [New York State Department of Health's Office of Primary Care and Health System's Management Telehealth Capital Program](#): Governor Kathy Hochul has announced a \$3 million grant program to invest in new technologies that will improve access and adoption of telehealth in underserved communities. Applications and more information may be found [here](#).
- [Emergent Fund - Grants Advance Grassroots Organizing for Social Justice](#): The Emergent Fund supports grassroots organizing and power building in communities of color throughout the United States who are facing injustice based on racial, ethnic, religious, and other forms of discrimination. Letters of inquiry are accepted on a rolling basis. Click [here](#) to learn more.
- Funding opportunities from [Robert Wood Johnson Foundation](#):
  - [Pioneering Ideas: Exploring the Future to Build a Culture of Health](#)
  - [Evidence for Action: Innovative Research to Advance Racial Equity](#)

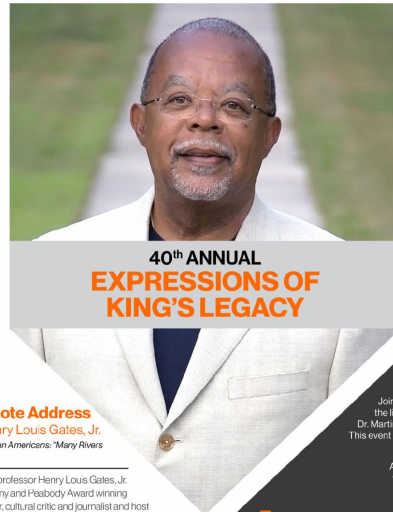
- Additional grant opportunities are posted weekly on the Greater Rochester Health Foundation [website](#).

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

Community events celebrating the life and legacy of civil rights activist Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.:



**Martin Luther King, Jr.  
Day of Compassion**



**Keynote Address**  
by Henry Louis Gates, Jr.  
*The African Americans: "Mary Rivers to Cross"*

Harvard professor Henry Louis Gates, Jr. is an Emmy and Peabody Award winning filmmaker, cultural critic and journalist and host of the popular genealogy television series "Finding Your Roots" now in its seventh season on PBS. He has created twenty-three documentary films with his newest series, *The Black Church: This Is Our Story, This Is Our Song* on PBS. Gates has authored or co-authored twenty-five books.

Join us to celebrate the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. This event is free and open to the public.  
ASL Interpreters will be provided.

Let us know you're coming!  
[rit.edu/diversity/2022expressions](http://rit.edu/diversity/2022expressions)

### Event Information

THURSDAY, JANUARY 27, 2022  
12:00-2:00 PM  
RIT Gordon Field House

### Performance by

WOMBA Africa Drumming and Dance



**Centered in equity, the mission of the Greater Rochester Health Foundation is to pursue and invest in solutions that build a healthier region where all people can thrive.**

