Women's History Month Grantee Spotlight: Flower City Noire Collective

We're celebrating Women's History Month by uplifting the work of Health Foundation grantee partner Flower City Noire Collective.

The 2022 Women's History Month theme, “Providing Healing, Promoting Hope,” is both a tribute to the tireless work of caregivers and frontline workers during this ongoing pandemic and also a recognition of the thousands of ways that women of all cultures have provided both healing and hope throughout history.

In this Grantee Spotlight, Communications Officer Tiana Flynn and Program Officer Chiara Smith speak with founders Tonya Noel and Kristen Walker about how they fulfill the mission of Flower City Noire Collective “to elevate women of color in their communities using a holistic approach” through youth mentorship, supportive housing, community gardens and more.
COVID RESOURCES

COVID Recommendations From New York State Department of Health

- All New Yorkers 5 and older should get fully vaccinated
- All eligible New Yorkers should get their booster dose
- Get tested after traveling and before seeing family
- Travelers, domestic and international, should continue to follow all CDC travel requirements

Resources by County

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LEARNING & ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Women’s History Month
Wellness Brunch: Conquering the Mind, Body and Soul

WOMEN’S HISTORY MONTH WELLNESS BRUNCH
Saturday March 26th, 2022
11am-1pm EST

Dr. Tara Jahbar-Gyambrsh

“Conquering the Mind, Body and Soul”

BIPOC PEEEEEEEK Elevating Voices invites local women to a free brunch celebrating Women’s History Month from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, March 26.
The Wellness Brunch features Dr. Tara Jabbaar-Gyambrah -- award-winning author, change maker, and committed servant leader with over 17 years of experience in higher education, along with change-makers Jackie Dozier, Ebony Burgess, and Deb Hanmer.

Learn more and register [here](#).

¡Soy Unica! ¡Soy Latina! Rally Returns

Latinas Unidas is proud to announce that the next ¡Soy Unica! ¡Soy Latina! Rally will be held in person at the Rochester Institute of Technology from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 30.

The mission of Latinas Unidas is to foster opportunities that will promote unity, cultural identity and the presence of the Latina woman in the community; to encourage and motivate women to be self-confident to assume leadership roles to positively impact society.

The ¡Soy Unica! ¡Soy Latina! Rally empowers Latinas ages from 7 to 18, encouraging them to feel good about themselves and be proud to be Latinas. It is an opportunity for young girls to celebrate who they are, with other girls just like them, and learn about ¡Soy Unica! ¡Soy Latina! information and resources.

Register [here](#).

Women of Color Summit - Call for Workshop Presenters

Eleversity has issued a call for submissions for the 2022 Women of Color Summit: "Authenticity in Action: Restoration in Practice."

Volunteer presenters who are experienced workshop facilitators with the ability to engage a diverse audience through innovation, creativity and authenticity are encouraged to apply [here](#).

Save the date! The summit takes place on **July 21, 28 and Aug. 4**. Organizations who are champions for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion are encouraged to join this virtual event to intentionally advance opportunities for Women and Young Women of Color.

Recommended Resource:
Racism is a Public Health Crisis

Rochester Mayor Malik Evans joined the [Black Agenda Group](#) on Feb. 22 to remind members of the community to sign the [Racism is a Public Health Crisis pledge](#).
and to introduce the organization’s new implementation tool.

Watch the press conference here.

WAYS TO HELP

Donation Drive for Women's History Month

The Small Business Council, a Greater Rochester Chamber of Commerce affiliate, is celebrating Women's History month with a donation drive to benefit local shelters.

From Monday, March 28 through Wednesday, March 30 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., the Council is collecting the following items: gently used purses; toothbrushes/toothpaste; lip balm; Band-aids; deodorant; combs/brushes; bar soap & travel-sized lotion; nail clippers; and feminine hygiene products (individually packaged). Click here for a list of drop-off locations and for more information.

GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

NEW: Senator Chuck Schumer’s office is accepting applications from local non-profits for a new federal grant opportunity for Fiscal Year 2023. The deadline to submit requests is Sunday, April 10. Learn more and apply here.

NEW: Rapid Response Fund grant requests for 2022 are now being accepted by The Groundswell Fund. Grants may range from $5,000 to $20,000. The Groundswell Fund supports a stronger, more effective U.S. movement for reproductive justice by mobilizing new funding and capacity building resources to grassroots organizing and policy change efforts led by low-income women, women of color, and trans people. Groundswell's Rapid Response Fund seeks to meet unforeseen needs and opportunities in the struggle to advance and defend social and reproductive justice organizing by women of color and trans people of color. Learn more and apply here.

NEW: From Rochester Area community Foundation - Applications are now open for one-time grants of $5,000 for arts projects by nonprofits and public organizations in the Community Foundation's eight-county Rochester-Finger Lakes region. This funding opportunity, administered by the Foundation, is made possible by the New York State Council on the Arts and is intended to increase audience reach, organizational capacity, and equitable access to program support. Recent NYSCA grant recipients (2018 or later) are not eligible. Click here for more information and to apply. Applications will be accepted through April 29.
Health-related grant opportunities are posted weekly on the Greater Rochester Health Foundation website.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

My Sister’s Keeper
TEA PARTY BRUNCH

WOMEN’S HISTORY MONTH
CELEBRATING WOMEN OF COLOR THROUGHOUT HISTORY
SATURDAY, MARCH 26, 2022
FROM 11AM TO 2PM
TIX $45

INCLUDES BOTTOMLESS Mimosas
BRUNCH BY TASTE OF KAY
TEA PARTY FOCUSING AT ATTIRE
OPPORTUNITIES TO WIN PRIZES

75 STUTSON ST
ROCHESTER, NY 14612

Grand Opening
Sweet Food & Meal Pantry

RIBBON CUTTING @ 1PM
APRIL 4, 2022 @ 1274 DEWEY AVE - ROCHESTER NY
ALL DONATIONS WELCOMED
LIVE PERFORMANCES - BBQ FUNDRAISER
BRING THE FAMILY!!!

HOSTED BY BROTHER AND SISTER UNISEX SALON

You are Cordially Invited to Attend
Roc the Peace

COMING OF AGE
FUNDRAISER/DINNER

April 2, 2022 @ 4pm
StarDust Ballroom
41 Backus Street
Rochester NY 14608
$40 DONATION - Tickets Available
Cashapp - $SirenaRTP
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