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HEALTH FOUNDATION NEWS

Celebrating Our Grantee Partners, Focused on an Equitable Future



insights and ideas.

Corresponding with our recent annual meeting, we are excited to share our [2022 Annual Highlights - Focused on an Equitable Future](#).

We began 2022 with a renewed urgency to do our part to help **ensure an equitable recovery** following the COVID-19 public health emergency -- working to dismantle racial and other health inequities across our region.

We funded projects spanning urban and rural communities, supporting diverse populations and addressing a range of health priorities while deepening our efforts to be a thought partner and resource to our grantees, beyond dollars. We also sought to further **center community voice in our work**, co-creating initiatives with parents and other community leaders, and convened more partners to exchange

We are delighted to present these annual highlights, and especially proud to uplift the stories of grantees who are working diligently to **create a healthier region where all people can thrive**.

2022 ANNUAL HIGHLIGHTS - FOCUSED ON AN EQUITABLE FUTURE

Board of Directors Updates

Please join us in welcoming **Chenoa Maye, Esq.** to the Greater Rochester Health Foundation Board of Directors!

Maye is a legal practitioner with expertise in municipal compliance, policy formulation and civil litigation. She is also a mediator and founder of the only Black-owned alternative dispute resolution firm in Rochester, [Maye Mediation, LLC](#).

Maye is a graduate of Howard University and the University at Buffalo School of Law. She is immediate past president of the Rochester Black Bar Association and serves on the board at the Center for Dispute Settlement.



This year marks the completion of **Dr. Bridgette Wiefling's** tenure on the Greater Rochester Health Foundation Board of Directors. Dr. Wiefling served nine years on the board, most recently as treasurer.

Her contributions to improving the health of the Rochester region have been profound, and continue to have an impact across our community. During her service on the board, she has strengthened our governance and program practices in meaningful ways that will continue as a reminder of her influence.

We share our utmost gratitude to Dr. Wiefling for all she has done and will continue to do in her work to improve the health of our region.

LEARNING & ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Colors of Success: DEI Pitfalls & Landmines - What Prevents Organizations From Making DEI Initiatives Successful?

Join the [Greater Rochester Chamber's](#) Colors of Success event series, presenting an insightful workshop on overcoming obstacles to achieving successful DEI initiatives set for **1 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 22**.

In this engaging session, participants will delve into the common challenges that organizations face while implementing Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) initiatives. Through interactive discussions and real-life scenarios, you will gain profound insights into the factors that may impede DEI progress. But it doesn't end there – you will also walk away with practical strategies and tools to skillfully navigate these pitfalls, foster a more inclusive workplace, and drive sustainable change.



Click [here](#) for more information and to register.

Interrupt Racism With the Urban League of Rochester



The [Urban League of Rochester](#) invites the community to attend its 4th annual [Interrupt Racism Summit](#), **September 19-20**, featuring keynote speaker, Rev. Nontombi Naomi Tutu, the daughter of the late Bishop Desmond Tutu.

The Summit is an immersive learning experience for youth and adults, thoughtfully curated for attendees to identify, interrupt, and dismantle processes of systemic racism. This year's theme is *Legacy: What Will Yours Be?* Each day will include speaker presentations in the morning and workshops in the afternoon. Learn more and register [here](#).

Save the Date: Community Wellness Summit Set for October 19



We're proud to support the Community Wellness Summit with [Common Ground Health](#), [Coordinated Care Services, Inc. - CCSI](#), and [Wilson Foundation](#) on **Thursday, Oct. 19!** Join providers of youth services and supports, educators, parents and young people in a daylong event to promote mental health and wellness. Let's work together to promote recovery and healing with youth and families through connection and community! Stay tuned for registration info.

A call for workshop proposals has been issued for presenters covering the follow topics: System-Level Change; Culturally and Linguistically Responsive Practices; School-Based Socio-Emotional Health; and Youth Voice and Choice. Learn more and submit proposals by **Monday, Aug. 21** [here](#).

PUBLIC HEALTH RESOURCES

New Report: Latino Voices Have Gone Unheard, Harming Health Equity

From [Common Ground Health](#) and representatives of the [Latino Health Coalition](#): Members of the area's fast-growing Latino community have been ignored, silenced and marginalized, leading to glaring health inequities.

That is the message of a new report in English and Spanish released today by Common Ground Health and representatives of the Latino Health Coalition. The report is titled [Unheard: How Silencing Latino Voices Harms Latino Health Equity / Ignorado: Cómo el silenciamiento de las voces latinas perjudica la equidad en la salud de los latinos](#).



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Common Ground
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The report, recently [featured on WXXI News](#), outlines how Latinos' needs have been ignored due to a lack of bilingual health care workers and culturally responsive health care and lists calls to action developed to drive improvement. Click [here](#) to learn more and view the report in English or Spanish.

Browse the latest news and resources from [New York State Department of Health](#)

GRANT OPPORTUNITIES



NEW: The application process for the [Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Foundation Arts & Culture Initiative](#) opens Monday, Aug. 14 and closes Friday, Sept. 15.

In 2023, \$500,000 in funding will be awarded primarily to support small to mid-sized 501(c)(3) arts and cultural organizations that are physically located in and/or operate from the eight counties of Western New York (Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Erie, Genesee, Niagara, Orleans and Wyoming) plus Monroe County. Organizations with a budget of no more than \$2 million

in their fiscal year 2022 are encouraged to apply.

[Robert Wood Johnson Foundation](#) is on a mission to build a Culture of Health, offering funds for a wide array of research and initiatives focused on achieving health equity. RWJF's Health Data for Action (HD4A) program is designed to leverage health data for actionable insights and will support innovative research that uses the available data to answer important research questions and inform health policy. Proposals for HD4A are due on **Friday, Aug. 18**. Learn more [here](#). Additional active and upcoming funding opportunities may be found [here](#).

Health-related grant opportunities -- both local and nation-wide -- are posted weekly on the Greater Rochester Health Foundation [website](#).

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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.



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