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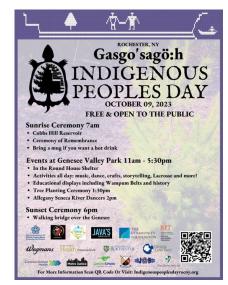
# Uplifting Indigenous Peoples Day, Breast Cancer Awareness, and Domestic Violence Awareness Month

### Celebrate Indigenous Peoples Day!

The Indigenous Peoples' Day Committee invites the community to join in a free celebration of <u>Indigenous Peoples Day</u> on **October 9** at Cobbs Hill Reservoir and at Genesee Valley Park.

The Committee is "a group of multicultural individuals and organizations who strategize and organize to recognize the second Monday of October as Indigenous Peoples Day in the City of Rochester, New York."

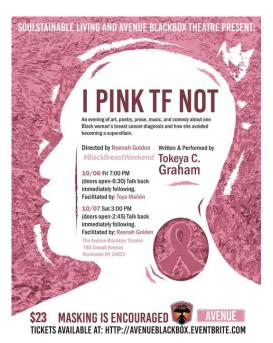
In addition, the Committee has curated a list of resources with an emphasis on history and culture of the Haudenosaunee, general books on Indigenous Peoples, and websites that will lead learners to many



more resources to explore. Click here for Resources for Further Learning.

### Soulstainable Living & Avenue Blackbox Theatre Present: *I PINK TF NOT*

Enjoy an evening of poetry, prose, music, and comedy about one Black woman's breast cancer diagnosis: I PINK TF NOT is a one-woman show written and performed by Tokeya



C. Graham and directed by Reenah Golden, founder of **The Avenue Blackbox Theatre**.

"Tokeya C. Graham offers an unvarnished narrative that ranges from devastation to fear to acceptance. This personal testimony reveals her journey from diagnosis to healing and how we grow even in our darkest moments. Graham is a word-wrangling warrior woman who talks to trees and walks among the stars. She is a universal educator who sees the planet as her classroom. Her purpose in this life is to make the world better, all ways and in all ways."

We're proud to work with Tokeya as a consultant to the Health Foundation! Learn more about her work here.

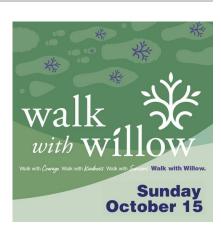
### Walk With Willow for Domestic Violence Awareness Month

From Willow Domestic Violence Center: On Sunday, Oct. 15, over 500 people will take steps to end domestic violence in our community.

The in-person walk will start and end at the Stories of Strength mural on the Times Square Building, downtown. Learn more and register <a href="here">here</a>.

If you are being abused, or know someone in need of help, you can visit <a href="https://www.willowcenter.org">www.willowcenter.org</a> or call

Willow's 24-hour hotline at (585) 222-SAFE or the 24-hour text hotline at (585) 348-SAFE.



### **HEALTH FOUNDATION NEWS**



### **Welcoming New Grantee Partners**

In late September the Health Foundation hosted an orientation for more than a dozen new grantees who were awarded Responsive Grants in our Call For Ideas opportunity.

Special thanks to Kim Hunt-Uzelac of <u>Family Promise of Greater Rochester</u> for sharing with us that she and her colleague "left feeling energized and inspired, which to be honest, are emotions that become increasingly difficult to tap into these days."

Responsive Grants are one way we partner with and support a broad array of communities and organizations as they are best suited to understand their priority needs and to create solutions that improve health. Driven by community voice, Responsive Grants are open, nimble, and responsive to emerging health issues and needs. These grants allow flexibility to test innovative ideas and different approaches to challenges and share what we and our partners are learning from the projects supported.

We are grateful for all of the partners who were able to attend! Click <u>here</u> to learn more about our Responsive grantmaking and for a list of current partners.

### Congratulations Dr. Linda Clark, New President & CEO of Jordan Health and Health Foundation Board Member

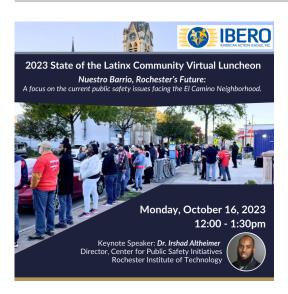
Last week, Jordan Health Board of Directors announced Dr. Linda Clark as its new President and Chief Executive Officer following a nationwide search.

Dr. Clark was named as Jordan's Chief Medical Officer last August where she managed the center's physicians, providers, and overall medical operations at each site. Dr. Clark also helped to innovate new services and opportunities for patients and the overall community.

Dr. Clark will assume her new role in November succeeding Dr. Janice Harbin, who announced her retirement last year after more than 10 years in the role and over 40 years of service in community health. Find the full news release here.



#### **LEARNING & ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES**



## 2023 State of the Latinx Community Virtual Luncheon

<u>Ibero-American Action League</u> is convening community members, officials, and organizations as they facilitate an informed and collaborative discussion about how we can work together to enhance public safety within our communities.

The 2023 Annual Virtual Luncheon - Nuestro Barrio, Rochester's Future: A focus on the current public safety issues facing the El Camino Neighborhood is set for **Monday, Oct. 16 from noon to 1:30 p.m.** Ibero will address public safety issues and concerns at

El Camino neighborhood, where many of our programs and development efforts are focused on, sharing some of the Latinx Agenda roundtable findings and civic engagement recommendations.

To register for the luncheon, click here.

### **Community Wellness Summit Set for October 19**

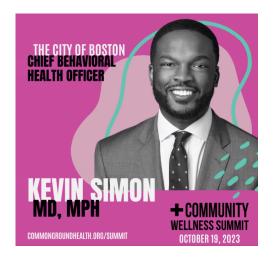
The Health Foundation is proud to support the Community Wellness Summit with Common Ground Health, Coordinated Care Services, Inc. - CCSI, and Wilson Foundation on Thursday, Oct. 19!

Join providers of youth services and supports, educators, parents and young people in a daylong event to promote mental health and wellness.

The keynote speaker for the Summit is Dr. Kevin M. Simon, the City of Boston's first Chief Behavioral Health Officer. Simon is a physician-scientist, a healthcare policy expert, an

inspirational teacher, and a noted writer.

Let's work together to promote recovery and healing with youth and families through connection and community! Learn more and register <a href="here">here</a>.



#### **Recommended Resources:**

### New Report Highlights Growing Older Adult Needs and Calls for Renewed Collaboration to Address Them

Across the Finger Lakes region, the area's fast-growing older adult population is facing concerning health challenges that are leading to glaring health inequities and reduced life expectancy. After a hiatus driven by the COVID-19 pandemic, the Sage II Commission was convened by Common Ground Health in 2022 to



produce the newly released <u>SAGE II Report: Planning for the older adult population in the Finger Lakes region, 2023</u>.

The report projects that the 65+ population in the region will grow by 44 percent by 2040. It projects a decrease in the population of all other age groups. To meet the needs of this growing population, the Sage II Commission analyzed regional trends and discussed the numerous challenges facing adults 65 years and older in the Finger Lakes region.



### Student Mental Health Matters: A Toolkit for Educators

Check out NYS PBS stations' newest Toolkit for Educators: Student Mental Health Matters!

The toolkit is designed to equip educators, school staff, and school mental health professionals with critical knowledge and strategies needed to support the mental well-being of their students. Visit the resource <a href="here">here</a>.

### **Our 2022 Annual Highlights**

We're continuing to share our <u>2022 Annual Highlights - Focused on an Equitable</u> <u>Future</u> and especially proud to uplift the work of grantees who are working diligently to **create a healthier region where all people can thrive**. Click on the report to browse their stories.



### **PUBLIC HEALTH**



**Recommended Resource:** This month we're featuring the (combined) <u>Genesee and Orleans Health Departments</u> and the many ways they focus on protecting the health and safety of our community. Browse the links below to find out more about each of the services the Department provides:

Children with Special Needs Program

**Community Health Services** 

<u>Lead Poisoning/ Healthy</u> <u>Neighborhoods</u>

**Emergency Preparedness** 

**Environmental Health** 

**Public Health Education** 

**Weights & Measures** 

Browse the latest news and resources from New York State Department of Health

The New York State Department of Health continues to share the latest updates and information related to the State's COVID-19 response and is encouraging everyone to get vaccinated and stay up to date with all recommended doses.

Learn more and find resources here.



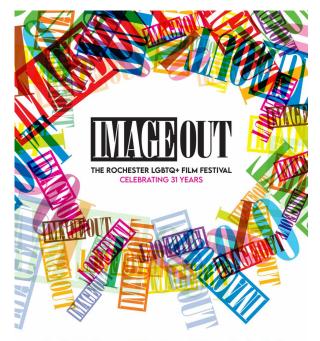
#### **GRANT OPPORTUNITIES**



**NEW:** The <u>Community Health Improvement Workgroup of Monroe County</u> has minigrant opportunities available for up to \$15,000 for work being done in the two priority areas: (1) Addressing Disparities in Maternal and Child Health and (2) Promoting Mental Health and Well-Being. Applications are due **Friday, Oct. 13.** Learn more <u>here</u>.

Local, statewide, and national health-related grant opportunities are posted weekly on the Greater Rochester Health Foundation website.

### **COMMUNITY BOARD**



### **OCTOBER 5-15, 2023**

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Saturday October 7th 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Register by emailing angelsofmercyny@aol.com





REGISTER TODAY alz.org/RFLWalk

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