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January 2024

HEALTH FOUNDATION NEWS



Happy New Year from the staff and board at Greater Rochester Health Foundation! We are deeply grateful for a productive year of working with our many dedicated grantee partners, engaged parent leaders, and thoughtful consultants.

With equity at the center, we look forward to continuing our efforts to pursue and invest in solutions that build a healthier region where all people can thrive. Cheers to 2024!

In case you missed it, here's what's new and what's coming up with us:

What's New:

Last month we introduced a new series designed to share more about the work of our grantee partners—from idea, to implementation, to impact. **Impact Stories** begin with the recognition that dismantling the social and systemic inequities that drive health outcomes is collective and connected work. The series explores connections across partners and efforts supported by Health Foundation grants, including common issue spaces, fields and strategies. Click [here](#) to read our first of many Impact Stories to come.

As we seek ways to support our community partners looking to develop capacity and expand impact, we've created a series of free workshops for nonprofit organizations: **Beyond the Grant Learning Series**. The first workshop, "Elevating Community Voice: From Program to Proposal," explored strategies for including community voice in program



design and implementation as well as grant proposal writing. Due to the interest in this topic, we'll be offering a repeat session in the coming months -- stay tuned!

In an effort to proactively communicate what we are doing either personally or professionally in alignment with our equity centered mission we launched a new blog, **Reflecting & Reimagining**, dedicated to sharing our experiences and what we're learning. Check out our blogsite [here](#) and look for more stories coming soon!



We've also reopened our **Community Event Fund** which supports community events that can forge meaningful connections between nonprofit organizations and the people they serve. The Community Event Fund is open to Health Foundation grantees as well as other mission-aligned nonprofit organizations in our area of service. Click [here](#) to learn more and apply for sponsorship.

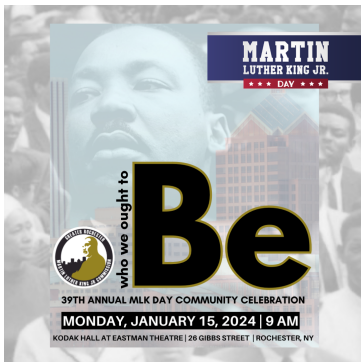


Coming Up!:

We're gearing up to open another round of our **Call for Ideas** funding opportunity in late winter or early spring.

This grant opportunity is part of our **Responsive Grantmaking** investment area, which takes an open and community-driven approach to improve health equity in our region.

COMMUNITY EVENTS



Attend the 39th Annual MLK Day Community Celebration at Kodak Hall

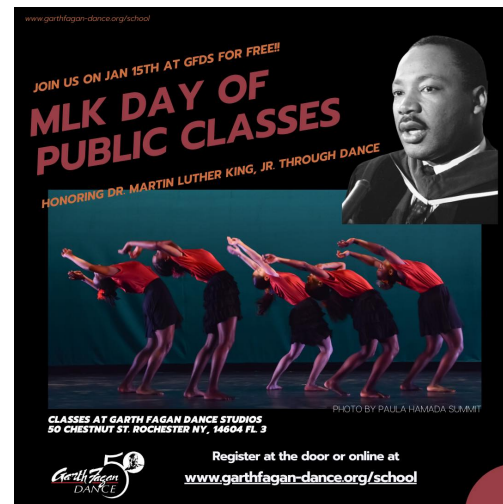
Shine a spotlight on justice and unity as the **Greater Rochester Martin Luther King Jr. Commission** presents the 39th Annual MLK Day Community Celebration, set for **9 a.m., Monday, Jan. 15** at Kodak Hall at Eastman Theatre. The theme for this year is *Be Who We Ought to Be!* This event is free and open to the public. Learn more about the Greater Rochester Martin Luther King Jr. Commission [here](#).

Celebrate MLK Day with a Free Day of Dance Classes at Garth Fagan Dance

The community is invited to celebrate the spirit of unity and movement this Martin Luther King Jr. Day with **Garth Fagan Dance**.

Its annual Free Day of Dance Classes starts at **11 a.m. on Monday, Jan. 15**. Dancers ages 5 and up are invited to learn the method that Garth Fagan, Founder and Distinguished Artistic Director Emeritus, developed with his own choreography when he started his ensemble in 1970.

Click [here](#) to register and learn more. On site registration is also available on the day of the event.



Advocacy for Language Access Lunch & Learn with Ibero



Advocacy for Language Access Event



January 23, 2024
11:30 AM - 1:30 PM

Join us for this lunch event featuring a short-film about the language and cultural struggles that new Americans face. The film highlights the stories from asylee seekers in our community.

Panel Discussion to follow.
Multi-Use Community Cultural Center
142 Atlantic Avenue
Rochester NY 14607

Registration \$5
[Purchase tickets through EventBrite](#)
ASL interpretation available if requested

Funded by:


Produced by:


Join [Ibero-American Action League](#) from **11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 23** for an exciting in-person event to discuss the importance of language access and community advocacy when engaging with New Americans in our community.

Learn about how your organization might partner with Ibero to ensure great customer service by overcoming language and cultural barriers within the Spanish speaking community.

This event includes a catered lunch, a screening of a mini documentary produced by Ibero and its radio station, [Poder 97.1](#), and a discussion with a panel of experts in the field. The Health Foundation is proud to be a sponsor of this event.

Click [here](#) for tickets.

School Without Walls to Host Annual Sickle Cell Awareness Event

Save the date -- the 2nd annual SWW ([School Without Walls](#)) Sickle Cell Awareness Event & [Red Cross](#) Blood Drive will take place from **3:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 1** at the school.



Medical professionals specializing in sickle cell disease will be on hand, sharing information about this important issue that disproportionately impacts the Black and African-American community. In addition to the blood drive, attendees can purchase handmade artwork, crafts and treats made by SWW students, as well as 2024 Sickle Cell Awareness t-shirts. The event features soul food dinner catered by BIG BOYS Eatery, LLC. Click [here](#) to learn more about the Red Cross's Sickle Cell Initiative and to schedule an appointment to donate blood.

Greater Rochester Health Foundation is proud to be a sponsor of the Sick Cell Awareness event and blood drive.

LEARNING & ENGAGEMENT

Register Now for Action for a Better Community's 2024 Signature Conference Series

[Action for a Better Community](#) (ABC) invites you to embark on a transformative journey with its exceptional lineup of conference speakers, echoing the theme "Beyond Trauma...a Journey to Wellness."

The 2024 Signature Conference takes place virtually on **Thursday, Jan. 11 and Thursday, Jan. 18**, concluding with an in-person awards breakfast on **Thursday, Jan. 25**. The conference series, now in its 4th year, marks the annual kickoff of ABC's social justice work. Greater Rochester Health Foundation is proud to be a sponsor of the conference. Learn more and register [here](#).



ACTION for a BETTER COMMUNITY

2024 SIGNATURE CONFERENCE SERIES
Beyond Trauma... A Journey to Wellness

January 11th & 18th - Virtual Sessions
January 25th - Awards Breakfast

Presented by **M&T Bank**

FEATURED SPEAKERS
Distinguished speakers presenting diverse perspectives, ready to inspire and enlighten: Meet our esteemed Signature Conference speakers!

GO TO WWW.ABCINFO.ORG FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER NOW!

Speakers include: Dr. Edwin Nicholas, Herb Alexander, Dr. Simone Edwards, Essie Calhoun-McDavid, Dr. DeAnna Burt-Nanna, Dr. Warren Hilton, Dr. Rupert Hayles, Adrian Hale, Leah Santiago, Shantara Mitchell, Madeline Funchess, Karina Hernandez, Rosalie Remarick, Carol Wheeler, Phil Baker, Tony Jackson, Anthony Hall, Vicar Saunders, Dep. Chief Keith Smith, Sen. Samira Brook.

Sponsored by:

KeyBank, CORNING, ESL, Excellus, Health Foundation, WXXI, SUNY FINGER LAKES UNIVERSITY, Common Ground Health, RIT, MOWER, flpps, and others.



Antiracist Curriculum Project & Greater Rochester PLTI Present:

THE MORE YOU KNOW, THE MORE YOU LEARN:
HOW HISTORICAL POLICIES SHAPED OUR COMMUNITIES TODAY?

An Interactive Family Workshop
Interactive Presentation & Discussions
Lunch & Childcare Provided

SATURDAY | JAN 13 2024 | 11 - 1 PM
Location: Asbury First United Methodist Church
1050 University Avenue, Rochester, NY 14607

REGISTRATION →

ANTI RACIST CURRICULUM PROJECT and **Greater Rochester PLTI**

How Have Historical Policies Shaped Our Communities Today? Attend an Interactive Family Workshop

[Greater Rochester Parent Leadership Training Institute -PLTI](#) and the [Antiracist Curriculum Project](#) are partnering to present a free, interactive family workshop.

This in-person workshop takes place from **11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 13**. Childcare and lunch will be provided. We're proud to partner with both PLTI and the Antiracist Curriculum Project.

Register [here](#).

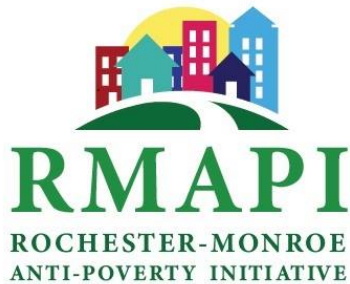
Roc The Future's State of Our Children Report Card to Be Released

Join [Roc The Future](#) for the 11th Annual State of Our Children Address and Report Card Release, where program staff will dive into the latest updates on Rochester's kids. ROC the Future Alliance is a league of dozens of leading institutions and community



partnerships in the Rochester area that promotes the alignment of community resources to improve the academic achievement of Rochester's children. Greater Rochester Health Foundation is proud to be a partner in these efforts.

The in-person event takes place from **11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 19** at ARTISANworks, 565 Blossom Rd. in Rochester. Find out more and register for the event [here](#).



January is National Poverty in America Awareness Month

January is National Poverty in America Awareness Month, and the [Rochester-Monroe Anti-Poverty Initiative](#) -- RMAPI -- is highlighting the work they are doing to address poverty and increase upward mobility to our community.

In addition, RMAPI is pleased to present "Poverty, by Rochester: A Conversation with Pulitzer-Prize winning author Matthew Desmond" from **4 to 6 p.m. on Wednesday, March 6**. Tickets may be purchased [here](#).

RMAPI is a multi-sector community collaborative with a goal to improve quality of life by reducing poverty and increasing self-sufficiency. Greater Rochester Health Foundation is proud to be part of the RMAPI Community Collaborative.

PUBLIC HEALTH SPOTLIGHT



This month we're featuring the [Wyoming County Health Department](#) in our Public Health Spotlight.

Click on the links below to browse the Department's programs and resources promoting physical health, mental well-being, and healthy lifestyle choices.

[Cancer Services](#)
[Child Safety Seat Program](#)
[Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs](#)
[Communicable Disease](#)
[COVID Vaccinations](#)

[Health Insurance Enrollment](#)
[HIV and Hepatitis C testing](#)
[Immunizations](#)
[Lead Screening](#)
[Maternal Child Health](#)
[Naloxone Program](#)

Recommended Resource: Free Opioid Overdose Prevention Training

Do you know how to use the life-saving medication [naloxone](#)?

On the first Wednesday of every month, join [Monroe County Health Department's Improving Addiction Coordination Team](#) for a free, 1-hour opioid overdose prevention training course. Learn how the epidemic is impacting your community, the addiction cycle,

and the physiological changes substance use has in a person's body. Participants receive a naloxone kit at the end of the training and are taught how to use it.

Click [here](#) to learn more and register for an in-person class; click [here](#) to access an online training resource.



GRANT OPPORTUNITIES



NEW: [ESL Federal Credit Union](#), through its Community Impact Grant Program, invites school districts and 501(c)3 community education partners in Genesee, Livingston, Ontario, Orleans, and Wayne counties to submit a proposal for funding consideration focused on its "Expanding Individual Opportunity" priority area, which specifically supports equitable access to high-quality, affordable summer programs for economically disadvantaged school-aged youth. Click [here](#) to learn more and apply. The application deadline is **Jan. 26**.

[Rural Health Network Development Planning Program](#)

Grants to promote the planning and development of integrated rural healthcare networks in order to achieve efficiencies; expand access to, coordinate, and improve the quality of essential healthcare services; and strengthen the rural healthcare system as a whole.

Geographic coverage: Nationwide and U.S. territories

Application deadline: **Jan. 26**

Sponsors: Federal Office of Rural Health Policy, Health Resources and Services Administration, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

[FreshConnect CSA for SNAP Program](#)

The New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets is seeking applicants for the FreshConnect CSA for SNAP grant program. The FreshConnect CSA for SNAP program will provide funding to eligible organizations to partially subsidize the cost of CSA shares to Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program participants. New York producers are eligible to receive up to 50% of the cost of a weekly share purchased by a SNAP recipient with their SNAP benefits through an awarded third-party applicant. A total of \$250,000 in funding is available through this Request for Applications. Applications may request a minimum of \$10,000 and a maximum of \$50,000.

[Center for Sharing Public Health Services Technical Assistance](#)

Technical assistance for public health departments to help with cross-jurisdictional/resource sharing to improve the effectiveness, efficiency, and equity of access of public health services.

Geographic coverage: Nationwide

Applications accepted on an ongoing basis

Sponsor: Center for Sharing Public Health Services

[Tribal Health Program Support](#)

Technical assistance and training for tribes that provides public health information, advocacy tools, policy analysis, and health promotion and disease prevention programming with the goal of elevating the health status of tribal citizens.

Geographic coverage: Nationwide

Applications accepted on an ongoing basis

Sponsor: United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.

Health Foundation Curated Grants Database

Reminder: Local, statewide, and national health-related grant opportunities are posted weekly on the Greater Rochester Health Foundation [website](#).

COMMUNITY BOARD



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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