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MUCH TO CELEBRATE IN APRIL!

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Healthy and Equitable Futures

HELPING CHILDREN THRIVE IN ROCHESTER: Healthy and Equitable Futures (HEF) is a long-term initiative of the Greater Rochester Health Foundation (GRHF). HEF is bringing together nonprofit organizations, parent leaders, and other community partners to work toward racial equity in health and wellbeing for Black and Latino children ages 0 to 8 years in Monroe County.

RAND, a nonprofit organization dedicated to objective research and analysis, is supporting GRHF's implementation and evaluation of the HEF initiative.

PARENT LEADERS are the full partners at the heart of this effort. Here's what they are doing:

- Designing the HEF strategy
- Serving as facilitators in a Learning Collaborative
- Working with organizational staff to implement practice changes
- Making decisions on grants to nonprofit partners

PROGRESS BY THE NUMBERS

- 50** Parent Leaders involved in steering HEF and collaborating on organizational change
- 18** Grants awarded by Parent Leaders totaling \$400,000
- 40+** Organizational changes to advance family leadership and racial equity
- 5,000** Children, family members, and providers reached annually by HEF partners

HEALTHY AND EQUITABLE FUTURES PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS

• Center for Youth	• Player 1 Academy
• Children's Institute	• ROC the Future
• Church of Life Ministries	• Society for the Protection and Care of Children
• Common Ground Health	• Sustainable Living
• Fatherhood Connection	• The Children's Agenda
• Healthy Baby Network	• University of Rochester Medical Center
• Ibero-American Action League	• Pediatric Behavioral Health & Wellness
• National Parent Leadership Institute	• Villa of Hope
• NEO Philanthropy	• YMCA Center for Equity at Lewis Street
• Parent Leadership Training Institute	

Uplifting Parent Power During Month of the Young Child

April is Month of the Young Child and we are celebrating all that can be achieved when nonprofits and funders work in authentic partnership with parents to make lasting change in organizations and systems!

We're excited to share this RAND report, available in [English](#) and [Spanish](#), highlighting progress in Healthy and Equitable Futures -- a strategy to advance racial health equity for Black and Latinx children, co-created with parent leaders every step of the way.

Learn more about Healthy and Equitable Futures [here](#).

RELATED: Become a Parent/Family Partner with ROC the Future Alliance

Are you a parent who likes to make a difference? Join [ROC the Future](#) from 6 to 8 p.m. on **Thursday, April 18** at 205 St. Paul St. for an in-person orientation to become a Parent/Family Partner consultant.

Transformational change happens when Parent/Family Partners and Systems Partners come together for student success. ROC the Future centers parent voices and share power with parents. For that reason, every table in the Alliance has parent representation for shared decision-making and co-development of solutions.

Join in this work and have a chance to earn \$40 per hour. Register for the upcoming orientation to learn more [here](#).



April is National Minority Health Month

April is [National Minority Health Month](#)! This annual observance builds awareness about the health disparities that persist among diverse populations and encourages everyone to take action to end these inequities.

This year's theme, Be the Source for Better Health: Improving Health Outcomes Through Our Cultures, Communities, and Connections, is about understanding how the unique environments, cultures, histories, and circumstances (known as social determinants of health, or SDOH) of racial and ethnic minority and AI/AN populations impact their overall health.

Health Symposium to Focus on Brain Health and the Mind-Body Connection

Join The Alzheimer's Association from **9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Thursday, April 18** for the 13th Annual Dr. Lemuel and Gloria Rogers Health Symposium, which will focus on Brain Health, the Mind-Body Connection, and how important it is to live a healthy lifestyle to age in place! The theme of this years event is "Healthy Life, Healthy Mind".

This event features presentations by Dr. Carl V. Hill, Chief Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Office of the Alzheimer's Association and Dr. Michael Mendoza, former Monroe County Public Health Commissioner.

Learn more about the legacy of Dr. Lemuel and Gloria Rogers and register [here](#).

13th Annual
Dr. Lemuel & Gloria Rogers
African American Health Symposium

HEALTHY LIFE, HEALTHY MIND:
How to live a healthy lifestyle, age in place and reduce the risk of dementia

GUEST SPEAKERS

Dr. Carl V. Hill
Chief Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Officer,
Alzheimer's Association

Dr. Michael Mendoza
Medical Director,
Highland Family Medicine

Register online at
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or scan QR code

APRIL 18
9 AM - 2 PM
ROCHESTER EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY CENTER

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HEALTH FOUNDATION NEWS



Thank you for Submitting Proposals Under Our Call for Ideas Grant Opportunity!

Thank you to the many organizations that submitted proposals under our Call for Ideas funding opportunity. We received a total of 139 submissions -- a new record for us!

The Call for Ideas grant opportunity is part of our [Responsive Grantmaking](#). Driven by community voice, Responsive Grants are open, nimble, and responsive to emerging health issues and needs.

Through this opportunity, we seek ideas/solutions from a broad array of organizations and populations, focused on health equity, and developed *with* rather than *for* communities.

If your organization submitted a proposal, expect to hear back from us at the end of the month. Click [here](#) for additional dates regarding this funding opportunity.

GRANTEE SPOTLIGHT



Bivona Child Advocacy Center Marks Child Abuse Prevention Month With Major Announcement!

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month and [Bivona Child Advocacy Center](#) has announced a second location and expanded services for the community! The new location in Irondequoit is set to open this fall. Services will include community education for school districts and will grow to include new mental health services for survivors and families

along with trainings specifically for parents at high risk of abuse and neglect.

The Health Foundation is proud to partner with Bivona and other funders in support of this expansion designed to improve equity and access to services -- ensuring children are supported and positioned for long-term success.

Browse resources and information about Child Abuse Prevention Month on Bivona's [website](#).

United Way Celebrates 60th Anniversary in Orleans County

Thank you to the [United Way of Orleans County](#) for inviting Program Officers Hannah Castelli and Rachel Betts to attend the recent Friendraising Event at the historic Bent's Opera House in celebration of 60 years of service!

Since 2021, the Health Foundation has supported the United Way of Orleans following the merger with five other rural United Ways completed to strengthen their ability to respond to additional hardships that the COVID pandemic had created for them and for their community partners. This collaboration seeks the resources and expertise to support community collaborations, collaborative grant seeking and development of community

wide fund-raising events within the United Way and local community-based organizations to increase resources within the region.

Read more in this Orleans Hub news article [here](#).



LEARNING & ENGAGEMENT

2024 Health and Equity in Action Climate Solutions Summit

Register soon for the 2024 Climate Solutions Summit and join the Climate Solutions Accelerator on **Earth Day weekend, April 19-20** to discover how climate solutions aren't just a necessity but an opportunity to create a healthier, more equitable future for the Genesee-Finger Lakes region.

The Climate Solutions Accelerator is an inclusive, nonpartisan 501(c)(3) nonprofit dedicated to inspiring and facilitating a large-scale climate mobilization in the nine-county [Genesee-Finger Lakes Region](#).

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

REGISTER NOW

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2024 Speak Life! Health Equity Conference

Register now for the 2024 Speak Life! Health Equity Conference. This event, organized by the Latino and African American Health Coalitions convened by [Common Ground Health](#), aims to build upon the successes of previous Faith and Medicine - Working Together to Eliminate Health Disparities conferences. These conferences have been instrumental in fostering community action and focusing efforts to promote health equity.

Scheduled for **8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Thursday, April 25**, at the Asbury First United Methodist Church, the conference will focus on the theme of "The Environmental Impact on Health." Specifically, we will address how racism and discrimination shape our

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

The Health Coalitions present the 11th
SPEAK LIFE! 2024 HEALTH EQUITY CONFERENCE
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ON HEALTH

How racism and discrimination shape our region's environment to create health inequity

KEYNOTE SPEAKER
Dr. Jennifer D. Roberts
Associate Professor, School of Public Health at the University of Maryland College Park (UMCP)
President and Director of the Public Health Collaborative and Effects of the Built Environment Laboratory as well as the Co-Founder of [Infectious@UMCP](#)

MORNING SPEAKER
Vic Bennett
As a Fellow with the Alliance for Climate Education, Vic traveled to Paris to attend and speak at the COP21 UN Conference on Climate Change, and is a plaintiff in the lawsuit brought by our children's trust against the US government for failing to act to protect our climate for future generations.

THURSDAY, APRIL 25th
8:30am-2:00pm at Asbury First United Methodist Church and online
For more info and to register visit www.commongroundhealth.org/speaklife2024

Common Ground Health

region's environment to create health inequity. The Health Foundation is proud to sponsor this event and work in partnership with the Health Coalitions.

To ensure inclusivity, the event will be offered in both Spanish and American Sign Language (ASL) upon request. Click [here](#) to learn more and register.

Recommended Resource: My Health Story 2022 Data Available to the Community

Common Ground Health's [My Health Story 2022 Survey](#) data was designed to be widely shared. Agencies, nonprofit organizations, and community members often use data to evaluate and/or improve issues of health equity, and the survey data collected from a 12-county region can help them do that in creative ways.



"We're open and available to meet with people who might want to consider using the My Health Story 2022 data for their own explorations," Sarah Farash, senior research associate for Common Ground Health, says.

To inquire about the My Health Story 2022 Survey, or to request a copy, email Dr. Farash at sarah.farash@commongroundhealth.org.

GRANT OPPORTUNITIES & RESOURCES



FREE Help Applying for Grants!

Attention small and mid-sized nonprofits in our region! Did you know that Causewave Community Partners is available to help organizations secure the funding to increase community impact? Learn more about the Grants Capacity Building Initiative offering free grant-writing support [here](#). We're proud to support this important initiative along with our friends at Rochester Area Community Foundation!

Applications Opening Soon for Immersive Grant Writing Program

The [Women's Foundation of Genesee Valley](#) recently celebrated graduates of its first Immersive Grant writing course with [Grants4Good LLC](#), supported by [ESL Charitable Foundation](#). We're excited and proud to sponsor the next cohort! Stay tuned -- applications will open soon.



Visit the Women's Foundation [website](#) to learn more about this important effort to increase equity in philanthropy for women of color leading local nonprofits.

[Health Foundation Curated Grants Database](#)

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

NEW: [Mother Cabrini Health Foundation's](#) 2024 application process is now **open through April 25, welcoming Letters of Inquiry (LOI) for funding consideration across its five impactful program areas: Access to Healthcare; Basic Needs; Healthcare Workforce; Mental and Behavioral Health; and General Fund. Learn more about the process and apply [here](#).**

NEW: The [Max and Marian Farash Charitable Foundation](#) is pleased to invite organizations to apply for funding to expand the number of seats available for youth in current out-of-school time programs and/or create new OST program sites. **Applications are due June 3. For more information, the full RFP, and important dates, click [here](#).**



NEW: The [Health Foundation for Western & Central New York](#) is proud to announce *Imagine Nonviolence: Close the Gap*, a new effort to support community-based organizations that are working toward safer, healthier communities through programs to raise awareness of firearm safety, reduce gun

violence, and equip community members with needed skills. **The request for applications is open until June 5**. Learn more [here](#).

[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.

COMMUNITY BOARD

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SATURDAY, APRIL 13TH, 2024
BLACK MATERNAL HEALTH WEEK
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Healthy Baby Network
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GENESEE VALLEY PARK
ROUNDHOUSE SHELTER
Pre-Registration is required
REGISTRATION OPEN 9 AM
WALK BEGINS 10 AM
Online Registration link
FIDELIS CARE
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ROC AGAINST GUN VIOLENCE COALITION
2023 BRADY GUN TRACE DATA REPORT
COMMUNITY REVIEW
THE TRUTH ABOUT CRIME GUNS IN ROCHESTER

- APRIL 16**
6 P.M.
PRAYER HOUSE CHURCH OF GOD BY FAITH
270 CUMBERLAND ST.
- APRIL 23**
6 P.M.
ARK OF THE COVENANT CHURCH OF GOD BY FAITH
60 LORIMER ST.
- MAY 7**
6 P.M.
GREATER ADAMS STREET CHURCH OF GOD BY FAITH
230 ADAMS STREET

- HOSTED BY CITY COUNCILMEMBER WILLIE J. LIGHTFOOT AND GUN TRAFFICKING EXPERTS FROM BRADY
- EDUCATION ON THE GUN VIOLENCE EPIDEMIC IN ROCHESTER, AND THE WORK NEEDED TO STOP IT
- UPDATES ON THE ROC AGAINST GUN VIOLENCE SOLUTIONS ACTION PLAN

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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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