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February 12, 2021

Dear Partners,

We at the Greater Rochester Health Foundation share in our community's outrage at the brutal treatment of a 9-year-old child by Rochester police officers, and in the call for policy and practice changes needed to create public safety and emergency response systems that meet crises with skilled intervention and compassionate treatment free from discrimination by race or other identities.

We are dismayed as we continue to see the stark reality of systemic racism all around us. Yet we are also inspired by the collective resilience and resistance of people and communities of color leading the fight for racial justice -- and the growing number of white allies committing to interrogating and uprooting racism in themselves and their worlds.

Over the past few months, conferences of the Urban League, the Levine Center to End Hate, and Action for a Better Community have painted an extensive and exacting picture of the social injustices and public health crisis of racism, while illuminating solutions through building antiracist organizational cultures, public policies, and service systems. We extend our gratitude to these organizations and the numerous Black, Indigenous, Latino/x, Asian and other community leaders, educators, and changemakers of color who are showing the way forward in dismantling racism in our community.

We left these conferences more knowledgeable, more determined, and more equipped to do our part in this work. And we heard the message loud and clear: The time for talk (alone) is past. The time for action and accountability is now. Please visit our [website](#) to learn more about our organization's equity journey and commitments.

The public health crisis of racism is also a children's health crisis, with structural racism the root cause of health and educational inequities affecting Black and Latino/x children. Our work at the intersection of racism and health includes a grantmaking initiative called Healthy and Equitable Futures, with a *vision of racial equity in whole child health so that Black and Latino/x children ages 0-8 in Monroe County are safe, supported, and thriving.*

Healthy and Equitable Futures recognizes that achieving racial equity in whole child health—physical, cognitive, social, and emotional—will require reimagining systems, investing in community assets, upholding racial equity in our own organization, and sharing power with parents and families as leaders guiding and driving change. Learn more [here](#).

Of course, we recognize that racial inequities in both child and adult health are not confined to Rochester and Monroe County, but pervade our region. Our [Racial Health Equity](#) initiative is regional and broader in scope, and we will be sharing more on this new strategy soon.

Sincerely,

The Greater Rochester Health Foundation Team

RESOURCES

NEW: Select [City of Rochester](#) R-Centers are open weekdays for academic support, STEM and fitness opportunities, and meals. Click [here](#) for more information.

NEW: [ROC The Future](#) (RTF) proudly presents a resource to connect teachers of color with teaching positions in Rochester schools. RTF hosted a tour of the new [Teach Rochester](#) website which highlights the abundance of resources available to help prospective candidates explore pathways to earning a teaching certificate and also encourages students to pursue teaching as a profession. Watch a replay of the tour via [Facebook](#) or [YouTube](#).

[The Society of Refugee Healthcare Providers](#) has compiled information about COVID-19 for patients in multiple languages, both in print and video. Materials are gathered and updated regularly from resources around the world and available for viewing and sharing [here](#).

[Monroe County](#) is providing free, rapid COVID tests for residents who are asymptomatic. Click [here](#) to find a location and register for testing.



Vaccine Resources:

Visit the New York State Department of Health's [website](#) for the COVID-19 [vaccine roll-out distribution plan](#) and [FAQs](#). Use the [Am I Eligible app](#) to determine eligibility and to schedule an appointment through April 16 at New York State-run vaccination sites.

The [Finger Lakes COVID-19 Vaccine Hub](#) provides information about eligibility, area vaccination sites, the science behind vaccine

development and more.

A massive number of general and clinical volunteers are needed to help with vaccine distribution. Visit the [United Way of Greater Rochester's](#) website to find information as they are leading local efforts to recruit and organize the COVID-19 Vaccine Volunteer Force.

Recommended:

[Golisano Children's Hospital Strong Pediatric Practice](#) recently hosted a virtual COVID-19 Vaccine Community Forum focused on questions raised by families and community members about the virus and vaccines. Watch [here](#).

[IBERO's](#) Health Talks is a new [Spanish-language program](#) discussing topics covering the COVID-19 vaccine. Tune in Mondays at 7 p.m. live on [Ibero's Facebook page](#) or on Sundays at 7 p.m. and Thursdays at 6 a.m. on [Poder 97.1 radio](#).

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES



NEW: The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation is now accepting applications for a unique leadership program dedicated to increasing diversity in senior medical, dental, and nursing faculty. The Harold Amos Medical Faculty Development program offers four-year postdoctoral research awards to physicians, dentists, and nurses from historically marginalized backgrounds who are committed to eliminating health disparities. Scholars receive an annual stipend of up to \$75,000 each, complemented by a \$30,000 annual grant to support research activities. Learn more [here](#).

[Urban League has partnered with ESL Federal Credit Union](#) to provide \$300,000 in small business stabilization grants.

[Brave of Heart Fund](#) continues to accept applications for grants to support eligible family members of frontline healthcare workers and volunteers who lost their lives to COVID-19 while caring for others. Click [here](#) for more information.

[Federal, State, and Local Financial Assistance](#) compiled by the Greater Rochester Chamber of Commerce

[COVID-19 Related Funding Compiled by GrantStation](#)

[Council on Foundations' list of Global Response Funds](#)

COMMUNITY EVENTS



FIGHT TODAY FOR A BETTER TOMORROW

United Youth Voices!

Virtual Town Hall

Friday, February 12, 2021
5:30 - 7:00pm
[Register here](#)

ROC THE FUTURE | The Children's Agenda

Join [Roc The Future](#) for "United Youth Voices" Virtual Town Hall on **Friday, February 12, from 5:30 to 7 p.m.** Youth will lead a discussion on education in the time of COVID-19 and the return of in-person learning for the Rochester City School District. Register [here](#).



#PLAYROCSATHOME SNOW MUCH FUN CHALLENGE

DURING THE WINTER BREAK (FEBRUARY 15-19), WE CHALLENGE YOU TO POST A PHOTO OR VIDEO OF HOW YOU AND YOUR FAMILY ARE PLAYING AT HOME AND TAG @HEALTHIKIDS OR #SNOWMUCHFUN. JOIN THE CHALLENGE FOR A CHANCE TO WIN PRIZES!

GET YOUR WINTER GEAR ON AND HEAD OUTSIDE TO BUILD SNOWMEN, MAKE SLIME OR DO A WINTER SCAVENGER HUNT!

FOR MORE ACTIVITY IDEAS, VISIT WWW.HEALTHIKIDS.ORG

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[Healthi Kids](#) and community partners are excited to kick off the winter version of [#PLAYROCSATHOME - Snow Much Fun!](#) Post a photo or video of how you and your family are playing at home during winter break, **February 15-19**, tag Healthi Kids and use [#snowmuchfun](#) on social media. Find fun winter activity ideas [here](#).

Child Poverty: Rochester, a City in Crisis

Child poverty is a serious problem in Rochester, with approximately 50% of children in living below the poverty line. Current research points to poverty itself as the cause of negative outcomes for poor children, not associated problems such as poor nutrition, low levels of parental education, poor schools, or crime-ridden neighborhoods. Systemic racism in the form of wage, education, and housing inequities contributes directly to poverty and a direct assault on systemic racism needs to redress poverty as well as the causes of poverty. Join the University of Rochester Susan B. Anthony Center for a panel discussion on poverty as the cause of debilitating outcomes in cognition, emotional stability, and health for poor children. Directly addressing poverty through interventions such as an unconditional cash allowance or direct money transfers for poor households can promote positive changes in parenting, home environment, and maternal depression, as well as children's cognitive ability, engagement in school, and behavior and anxiety.

Date: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 | Time: 4:00-5:00 PM EST

Webinar: [Register Here](#)

Accommodations information on registration page



Shaun Nelms, EdD Jody Todd Manly, Ph.D. Larry Marx Aqua Porter (Moderator)

Hosted by the Susan B. Anthony Center

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The Color of Rochester: "CELEBRATING BLACKNESS"

CELEBRATE ROCHESTER'S RICH BLACK HISTORY!
A CITY THAT UNDERSTANDS ITS PAST CAN WORK TO CREATE A BETTER FUTURE!
HEAR FROM BLACK-OWNED BUSINESSES, STUDENTS & SPECIAL GUESTS!

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LANDMARK SOCIETY OF WESTERN NEW YORK

PROJECT READY
WATCH OUR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS PRESENT THEIR ROCHESTER MAPPING PROJECT!

JOIN US FOR THIS FREE VIRTUAL EVENT
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RESERVE YOUR SEAT BEFORE THEY'RE GONE!
[HTTP://BIT.LY/COLOROFROC](http://bit.ly/colorofroc)

For any questions or concerns please give us a call 585-481-5232

[Urban League of Rochester](#) invites the community to attend "The Color of Rochester," a free, virtual event on **Wednesday, February 17, from 1 to 4:30 p.m.** celebrating #BlackHistory and #BlackExcellence. Click [here](#) to register.

PUBLIC HEALTH MESSAGES TO SHARE



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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.

