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Support Healthcare 360 Project Access

Banding Together For Health - A new battle of the bands event to raise funds for Lincoln's Healthcare 360 Project Access, which provides an avenue to medical care for uninsured individuals.

Saturday, August 21, 2010
Seacrest Field, Lincoln, NE
Gates open at 9:30 am
Bands perform from 10 am - 10 pm

For more info go to www.lcmaonline.org or contact laura.winjum@lcmaonline.org or 402.730.6141.

Community Voices - Making a Difference

Todd Fitzgerald participated in the inaugural Project A.L.L. class in 2008. Since graduating, his participation in the community has grown. In 2009, Todd was appointed by Mayor Chris Beutler to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and he recently became a member of the Board of Directors of Teach a Kid to Fish. Todd is also serving on a search committee for KZUM Public Radio. Todd says Project A.L.L. contributed to understanding and identifying that "the 'why' you serve is most important and being passionate about that reason."

Deidra Riggs, a five-year resident of Lincoln, just completed Project A.L.L. as a part of Class III. At the graduation celebration Deidra praised the program and her fellow graduates, stating "Being a part of this class has led me to be able to finally call Lincoln my home."

Annual Meeting full of "Passion & Purpose"

2010 CHE Annual Meeting with the Community

This year's Annual Meeting with the Community took place on June 16, 2010 at BryanLGH East with nearly 200 in attendance. A highlight of the meeting was a presentation by Haley Rushing, Co-Founder/Chief Purposologist of the Purpose Institute. Through her work, Rushing helps organizations discover and bring to life their core purpose. Ms. Rushing has personally worked with some of the most purpose-driven organizations in the world: The American Red Cross, Wal-Mart, Southwest Airlines, Whole Foods Market, Univision, American Council on Education, Texas A&M, Norwegian Cruise Line, and the State of Louisiana.



The Annual Meeting celebration also included a morning workshop for nonprofits conducted by Ms. Rushing in which she led participants through exercises to help them discover their core purpose and values. The workshop was followed by a lunch presentation to community leaders.

Additional highlights of the day included presentation of the 2009-2010 Annual Report and the awarding of the 2010 Horizon and Closing the Gap Awards (see articles below).

Project A.L.L. Celebrates Class III

Fourteen Individuals Graduate in June

On June 9, 2010 a celebration and graduation ceremony was held to recognize the 14 participants in Class III of Project A.L.L. - Academy for Local Leadership. Project A.L.L. was launched in 2008 by CHE, Leadership Lincoln, Inc., and Mayor Chris Beutler's Office. The project aims to recruit and encourage minority leaders to serve their communities through board participation.

Over five months, the participants attended educational sessions, discovered their individual passions, learned about the needs of their community, networked, and were matched with experienced board members for ongoing guidance and support. The project also focused on educating community organizations about the benefits of diverse leadership.

Ed Wimes, a member of the Project A.L.L. Advisory Committee, provided a keynote address and said of the class, "*The expressed dedication and desire to serve by this group of graduating individuals indicates a true passion for improving the cultural health and wealth for all of the citizens of Lincoln.*"

With the conclusion of the third class, 39 individuals have now participated in the program: 12 are currently serving on non-profit boards, three serve on a governmental task force, and five are highly involved through committee or volunteer work. Ongoing matches continue as board vacancies occur.

The next class will begin in February 2011. To find out more about the project, its graduates, or to request an application, contact [Leadership Lincoln](#) or email [Stephanie](#) at CHE.

CHE Announces Funding Awards

Over \$1.5 Million Awarded in 2009-10

Following an extensive review of 60 applications, the Board of Trustees of CHE announced the funding of 20 projects, representing \$1,001,458 in funding for FY2009-2010. With this announcement, CHE has provided \$1.5 million in grant awards during the current fiscal year.

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Ed Wimes, Chair of the CHE Board of Trustees, says of this year's funding awards, "Viewed as a package, this funding is a unique convergence of priorities and interests in improving the health of our community. Targeted projects reflect CHE's focus on prevention and systematic change as a means to address issues such as obesity and health care access."

[Read on](#) to view a complete listing of grant awards.

Clinic with a Heart (CWAH) Recognized

Closing the Gap Awarded to CWAH

Volunteers and staff with Clinic with a Heart truly "have a heart to serve others" and were recognized with this year's Closing the Gap Award at the CHE Annual Meeting. This was the fifth year that CHE has selected a deserving individual or group who has demonstrated leadership and vision in addressing health disparities in Lincoln and Lancaster County.

CWAH was selected for this award in recognition of the important healthcare provided to uninsured and underinsured individuals in our community. Many individuals, including immigrants, refugees, and other ethnic/minority individuals, have greater access to healthcare services as well as improved health outcomes. To learn more about Clinic with a Heart, contact CWAH's Executive Director, [Teresa Harms](#).



Clinic with a Heart, Recipient of the 2010 Closing the Gap Award

Horizon Award Given to LOSS Team

LOSS Team Recognized with Award

Members of the Local Outreach to Suicide Survivors (LOSS) Team were on hand at the CHE Annual Meeting to accept this year's Horizon Award. The Horizon Award is given



The LOSS Team, Recipients of the 2010 Horizon Award to a deserving individual or group who is making a difference in achieving our vision of making Lincoln the "healthiest community in the nation."

The LOSS Team was selected for their deep commitment to community service and their creativity, expertise, and leadership in providing an important and compassionate service to vulnerable individuals and families. To learn more about the LOSS Team, contact [Travis Parker](#), Deputy Director for the Community Mental Health Center.

About Community Health Endowment of Lincoln

The [Community Health Endowment](#) (CHE) of Lincoln is a municipal endowment of the City of Lincoln, created in 1998 as a result of the sale of Lincoln General Hospital. The vision of CHE is "to make Lincoln the healthiest community in the nation." To further this vision, CHE has invested more than \$12 million in grant funding to Lincoln area non-profits working to improve the health and well-being of the community. CHE places an emphasis on building on Lincoln's strengths, serving those at highest risk for the poorest health outcomes, and pursuing effective community collaborations.

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