



December 16, 2020

## Letter from the Interim Executive Director

Greetings!

While many residents are celebrating the arrival of the COVID-19 vaccine, many marginalized communities have expressed concern and distrust of the vaccine's safety. Indeed, the lack of trust has a long history in the medical field with past ethically and morally corrupt experimentation in research that has harmed generations of African American and Latinx communities. And today, misinformation about the vaccine, including potential consequences of deportation for immigrants, is elevating concerns for many residents. These issues are creating potential barriers for communities who have been severely affected by COVID-19. Providing safety data will be a focus of the outreach done locally and SCY encourages partners to stay abreast of the facts and resources available to move us forward.

Sincerely,  
Leslie Helmcamp  
Interim Executive Director  
Strengthening Chicago's Youth  
Patrick M. Magoon Institute for Healthy Communities  
Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago

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## BLOG HIGHLIGHT: TIS THE SEASON

### Tips for Holiday Giving

*This blog is written by SCY's Manager of Finance and Grants, David Arzola.*

Tis the season for giving! Recently, many of us opened our hearts, and wallets, and gave to nonprofit organizations for Giving Tuesday. If you're not familiar with Giving Tuesday, it is an organization that was created in 2021. They had a great idea, to create "a day that encourages people to do good." Eight years later this has turned into a global giving day.



As we continue through the holiday season, many of us will continue to offer donations to nonprofits that align with our goals and values. But how do you determine which nonprofit to give your dollars to?

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## RACE AND EDUCATION WEBINAR SERIES

### The Marginalization of Black Girls and Women in Education

America's education system has served as fertile ground for the devaluing and marginalization of young women of color. As we seek to achieve true equity in our society we must protect and support young women of color throughout their educational journey. In this panel, attendees will hear from national policy and education experts on the academic, emotional, and professional challenges facing women of color in the education system and beyond.

Thursday, December 17, 2020  
1:00 pm  
Online (via Zoom)



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## ENGAGING UNDERREPRESENTED COMMUNITIES

### Research Partnerships in Action

This webinar will focus on engaging underrepresented communities, such as Marshallese and Hispanic faith communities and African immigrants, in research which remains a critical step in efforts to improve health outcomes and reduce health care disparities. A select group of PCORI Engagement Awardees will present their work and share challenges and successful strategies that have been utilized in engaging individuals from these communities in research.

Thursday, December 17, 2020  
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm  
Online (via GoToWebinar)



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## YOUTH MINDFULNESS WORKSHOP

### Online Training for Students with Stress

Midwest Asian Health Association (MAHA)'s professional mental health counselor team will be providing an online training of the mindfulness workshop to youth. The workshop will focus on a mindfulness practice in the form of a lecture/discussion and teach them how to practice it, how mindfulness plays a role in daily life, and how it helps to cope with

stress and have some relaxing moments during this strange year.

Friday, December 18, 2020  
4:00 pm – 5:00 pm  
Online



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## THE SCIENCE OF SUICIDE PREVENTION

### Call for Poser Abstracts

The [University of Michigan Injury Prevention Center](#) has organized a unique event to share the latest evidence-based suicide prevention research. They are accepting poster abstracts that fall within the full spectrum of suicide prevention research. These could include: epidemiology, public policy, innovative strategies to expand and enhance suicide prevention research, and more.

### Abstract Deadline

Friday, January 15, 2021  
11:59 pm (EST)  
Online

### Virtual Event

Tuesday, March 16, 2021  
11:00 am – 4:00 pm (CST)  
Online



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Children's Hospital of Chicago

