



## Letter from the Interim Executive Director

Greetings!

Since its inception, SCY and many of our partners have always looked at violence prevention as a public health issue. And now for the first time in many decades, the director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is calling out the scope of the problem and the need to address it. We hope that the work of the violence prevention community as well as safety research will be prioritized further at the federal, state and local levels.

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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## FEATURED ARTICLE: VOICES OF CHILD HEALTH IN CHICAGO REPORT Firearm Safety, Gun Violence and Chicago Families

Chicago has seen continuing firearm violence, with over 2,000 shooting victims so far in 2021. The epidemic of firearm violence impacts children across the state, as it remains the number one cause of death in children and youth across Illinois. In the most recent Voices of Child Health in Chicago Report, they focus on the importance of firearm safety and parents' concerns about gun violence in the city.



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in Chicago

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DIVERSIFY YOUR REVENUE WITH FUNDRAISING AND PHILANTHROPIC  
SUPPORT

Webinar

The COVID-19 pandemic has had a negative financial impact on the entire economy and nonprofits are examining new funding streams as resources for non-reimbursable services and expenses. Fundraising and philanthropic support can be a critical part of your fiscal strategy – but it takes time, strategic planning and relationship-building to seek out new opportunities.

Wednesday, September 8, 2021  
11:00 am  
Online (via Zoom)

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## UNEQUAL CITIES

### Structural Racism and the Death Gap in America's Largest Cities

Chicago has a worsening black-white mortality rate ratio in the past 10 years. We can definitely do better, we must do better and there are signs in other parts of the United States where things actually are moving in the right direction. The first book to specifically examine racial health inequities within and across US cities, *Unequal Cities* offers a social justice framework for addressing the newly identified inequities, as well as specific case studies to help public health advocates, civic leaders, and other stakeholders envision the steps needed to improve their cities' current health outcomes and achieve racial equity.

Friday, September 10, 2021  
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm  
Online

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## WE RISE TOGETHER

### Spurring Transformative Neighborhood Investment

A recent study found Chicago-area lenders invested more money in a single majority-white neighborhood on the North Side than they did in all of Chicago's majority-Black neighborhoods combined. Join this panel discussion to explore how creating the conditions to attract capital to the region's disinvested Black and Latinx communities is essential to rebuilding and recovery.

Monday, September 13, 2021  
9:00 am – 10:00 am  
Online

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## THE FUNDAMENTALS OF EMAIL MARKETING FOR NONPROFITS WITH KEELA

Tech Soup Online Events and Webinars

Email marketing is an important communication channel for nonprofits. Whether you're sending newsletters or fundraising appeals, you can personalize your messages and connect with donors via emails better than you can with traditional advertising. But how can you get the most out of your email marketing campaigns? Join Samantha Lego and Elsie Coffey as they dive into the wonderful world of email marketing for nonprofits.

Monday, September 13, 2021

12:00 pm

Online

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## BUILDING A GRANT STRATEGY FOR 2021–2022

Tech Soup Online Events and Webinars

Thinking critically and creatively about securing grant support for your organization takes time. It also requires understanding the steps involved when developing a strategic approach to securing the funds needed to do your good work. This training will help you compartmentalize your thinking so you are comfortable that you've developed a strong approach to raise the funds needed.

Thursday, September 16, 2021

12:00 pm

Online

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## FROM ROADMAP TO REALITY

Implementation Strategies for Upstream Investments in Community Health

Where people live – and the access their communities provide to safe homes, healthy food, quality education, efficient transportation, and good jobs – has a major impact on their health and well-being. In the wake of the COVID-19 crisis, which is disproportionately affecting low-income people and communities of color, physically and economically, it will be more important than ever to strengthen these social determinants of health.

Wednesday, September 22, 2021  
11:00 am – 4:00 pm AND  
Thursday, September 23, 2021  
11:00 am – 3:00 pm  
Online



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## RACE AGAINST GUN VIOLENCE

### Going Virtual

When Strides for Peace launched this year's Race Against Gun Violence, they were confident participants would be able to gather in Grant Park to celebrate community organizations and run along the beautiful downtown lakefront, together. Even more so, after these past grueling months, they know how much people craved the opportunity to be together – to lift our collective spirits and bring out the best in our city.



Moving the RAGV to an all-virtual format was the last thing they wanted to do. But after consulting with communities, race and health partners, they believe it is the right this to do. With COVID-19 cases and concerns about the Delta variant on the rise, schools reopening, and so many attendees living in and serving in communities with the lowest vaccination rates, they do not want to put people at risk. You still have several options for the race this year:

- 8K
- 5K
- 2 Mile Walk
- Tots for Peace Sprint (Ages 2-10)

When registering, be sure to click "Join this team" in the link below to sign up for Team Strengthening Chicago's Youth. Participants are encouraged to run anytime, anywhere, the week of September 18-25.

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## YOUR RECIPE FOR GRANT SUCCESS

### Online Training

Take the mystery out of securing state grant funding with an online ICJIA course. This course will ease the application process for organizations seeking state grant funding. Participants will receive an overview of the ICJIA grant process, how to set up a budget

and complete a program narrative, and what it means to comply with the Grant Accountability and Transparency Act (GATA).



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### DONATE

Supporting the work of SCY helps to grow the capacity of our team, resources and effort. To make a contribution, visit our [donation page](#).

### NEWSLETTER CONTENT

To have an event or article included in SCY's bi-monthly update, email Operations Coordinator [Kirstin Grabski](#).

 Ann & Robert H. Lurie  
Children's Hospital of Chicago

