Happy Holidays!
Dear community:
Last week, our team came together and built a gratitude tree as part of our end-of-year celebration. We shared gratitude for medical personnel and scientists who work on COVID treatments and vaccines, for community partners who help people meet basic needs, for family and friends, for good health, for really great streaming shows, and everything in between.
While our festivities looked quite different from our last in-person celebration in 2019 (masks, physical distancing, squirts of hand sanitizer at every turn!), it was nice to be together again. Talking in-person instead of conversing out of our little Zoom rectangles and slack channels just felt so much more… normal. While we should be vigilant about the Omicron variant, it is also important to remember a few things: we know how the virus spreads and we have masks, we now have tests, we have vaccines (and boosters!), and we have treatments. Let’s stay the course with personal mitigation measures and help get vaccines to people who need them locally and globally. The only way for us to move out of this pandemic is by continuing to take care of each other. Wishing you a happy, healthy, and safe holiday season.

Wei-ting Chen, Associate Director of Community Partnerships

For current information regarding COVID-19, please visit: HealthAlerts.Stanford.Edu

WELCOME

WELCOME JESSICA HERNANDEZ & YESSICA MARTINEZ MULET

Join us in welcoming Research Coordinators, Jessica Hernandez, former fellow with the Stanford Population Health Summer Research Program Advancing Health Equity and Diversity (AHEaD) program and Yessica Martinez Mulet, MS, former Community Health & Prevention Research (CHPR) intern to our team!
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

COVID-19 COMMUNITY TOWN HALLS
Special thanks to ALL our town hall speakers, especially to Spanish language interpreters, Claudia Schalesky and Esperanza Outeirino-Feijoo, this past year. Your service to our community is immeasurable!


COMMUNITY PARTNER HIGHLIGHT

ROOTS COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS
Known for their primary care services aimed at improving the health and well-being of African-Americans. Roots has played a significant role in vaccinating the community and providing weekly updates throughout the pandemic with, "The People's Health Briefing Your Trusted Voice for COVID-19 Updates in Oakland!" by Dr. Noha and her amazing team. We have been fortunate to work closely with both the East and South Bay locations through various projects, please consider donating to their extraordinary organization this holiday season here.

EDUCATION

VALLEY FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM
Congratulations to our Valley Fellows and their Community Partners, Melissa Eidman & Indian Health Center of Santa Clara Valley, Grace Li & Peninsula Family Advocacy Program, and Sidney Owen & Roots Community Health Center-San Jose, on completing their fellowship projects. Thank you for your invaluable work and contribution to the community. Save the Date for the upcoming 20th Annual Community Health Symposium on Wednesday, March 23, 2022, where they will present their work!

Fall Quarter 2021 kicked-off new Valley Fellows and their projects: Jude Alawa, Samaritan House-San Mateo, Nadine Jawad, Santa Clara County Public Health, and Abu Rogers, Roots Community Health Center-San Jose. If you are a CBO, located in Santa Clara or San Mateo counties, interested in working with Stanford medical students, please submit your proposal or click here for more info.

CARDINAL COURSE

The Science of Community Engagement in Health Research course will focus on how the science of community engagement can be applied to diverse health-related research topics across the
translational spectrum with the ultimate goal of high quality research that transforms human health and addresses health disparities. The course will provide historical context, theoretical frameworks, foundational skills in diverse community engagement methodologies, and tools for examining the effectiveness of various engagement strategies aimed.

**RESEARCH**

**WIPE OUT MELANOMA-CALIFORNIA**

We continue our efforts addressing inequities in melanoma detection in rural and diverse communities. In January 2022 we will be launching a pilot intervention partnering with Community Health Workers and Federally Qualified Health Centers across California. Stay tuned for updates!

For the latest newsletter on Wipe Out Melanoma-California click [here](#).

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**COVID-19 COMMUNITY TOWN HALL**

Addressing Long COVID: Research, Treatment, & Recovery

Thursday, January 27, 2022, 3:30-5 PM PST

[REGISTER](#) & [SUBMIT QUESTIONS](#)

**FEATURED SPEAKERS:**
- **Hector Fabio Bonilla**, MD: Co-Director of the Post-Acute COVID-19 Syndrome (PACS) Clinic, Clinical Associate Professor of Medicine, Infectious Diseases, Stanford Medicine
- **Upinder Singh**, MD: Professor of Medicine, Infectious Diseases & Geographic Medicine and of Microbiology & Immunology, Stanford Medicine

Moderator: **Lisa Goldman Rosas**, PhD, MPH

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**20TH ANNUAL COMMUNITY HEALTH SYMPOSIUM**

Co-Hosted by Stanford Medicine’s [Office of Community Engagement](#) & [Office of Faculty Development HEAL Network](#)

Wednesday, March 23, 2022, 4-6:30 PM PDT
SUBMIT ABSTRACTS TODAY!

Please stay tuned for registration and more information by visiting our websites and/or following us on social media!

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