Community Health

THE UNIVERSITY CHURCH - THE HOSPITAL COUNCIL OF NORTHWEST OHIO





Community Health Workers (CHWs) are trained and certified to coordinate between people most at risk for healthcare issues and the healthcare system, to remove

social barriers, and to provide health education. They help those at risk for chronic disease with securing medical insurance and navigating the healthcare system.





The church has hosted grantsupported, CHWs working to improve health in our community.

CHWs help people meet those basic needs that impact health, including food, clothing, shelter and transportation.





Sharing Information



Fruits of Parenting



Community Health Fair



Frederick Douglass Center



Community Gathering



Relationship Building



Pathways to Health



Pathways Care Coordination Sites



Mental Health First Aid

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Walking Groups





Community Health Workers hosted at The University Church focus on community health education and engagement. CHWs have implemented Mental Health First Aid training at the church and throughout the community, have partnered with MetroParks Toledo to establish walking groups, and have engaged in work with parents.

One CHW position is supported by the Hospital Council of Northwest Ohio and focusses on connecting adults at risk for chronic disease to healthcare through a community-wide strategy. The strategy uses a web-based tracking system to reach those at greatest need while reducing duplication of services. The Northwest Ohio Pathways HUB confirms clients are connected to evidence-based care and measures the results.

CHWs are a constant presence at neighborhood health fairs, block watch meetings, and other community-wide gatherings. As with all other aspects of our work in the community, engaging individuals around issues of health requires a level of trust that only comes from building relationships.

Our work in community health has been supported financially by the University of Toledo Healthcare Access Initiative, the Hospital Council of Northwest Ohio, as well as through fundraisers, and by contributions from individuals like you.

You can help by connecting people you know who are at risk for chronic disease with CHWs so that they can help them onto pathways to better health, or by introducing people who struggle with issues of mental health in their families to CHWs so they can help them engage with mental health first aid training. Perhaps you could even join a walking group and start a your own personal journey to better health!



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Thank you for your interest in community health and we look forward to your engagement in our neighborhood and across Toledo.