

Community Engagement Steering Committee (CESC)

Annual Report 2023

Department of Pediatrics and the Child
Health Research Center

Child Health
Research Institute



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ABOUT US

ESTABLISHED IN 2022, THE CESC AIMS TO PARTNER WITH IDENTIFIED COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS TO ESTABLISH CONSISTENT AND RECOGNIZABLE DEPARTMENT OF PEDIATRICS AND CHRI ENGAGEMENT, THAT RESPONDS TO COMMUNITY-IDENTIFIED NEEDS AND IMPROVES CHILD HEALTH WHILE ALSO BUILDING TRUSTING RELATIONSHIPS THAT MEET OUR ORGANIZATIONAL AIMS, INCLUDING EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT.



2023 IMPACT

8

COMMUNITY
ENGAGEMENT
EVENTS/PROGRAMS

760

KIDS REACHED
(AND PARENTS)

65

FACULTY, STAFF &
TRAINEE
VOLUNTEERS

3

DONATION DRIVES

MARCH MADNESS DRIVE With Girls Inc. and NorthStar

MARCH 2023

FINAL
SCORE

TIE

BASKET-
BALL
SHORTS

Over ____ shorts donated

FEMININE
PRODUCTS

Over ____ feminine products
donated



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March Madness Community Partner Drive



BASKETBALL SHORTS 22-8 (15-2)



VS

FEMININE PRODUCTS 24-5 (15-4)



THESE ARE THE ITEMS THAT OUR COMMUNITY PARTNER AGENCIES NEED AND WE WILL HEED THE CALL. WHICHEVER ITEM IS DONATED MORE WINS THIS MARCH MADNESS MATCH-UP OF THESE AGE-OLD RIVALS.

As the month of March goes on, we will provide "score" updates so that you can help push your team to success in the second half. Regardless of which team ends up on top, we want to make sure that everyone wins in the important effort to meet the needs of kids. You can bring direct donations of each item to our NorthStar Collection bins at Children's (IHW5) and the south corridor reception area on UT5 on UNMC's campus. Please donate shorts that are new or like new and recently washed.

TO MONETARILY SUPPORT TEAM FEMININE PRODUCTS,
ZOOM IN AND USE THE QR CODES BELOW.



TO MONETARILY SUPPORT TEAM
BASKETBALL SHORTS, ZOOM IN
AND USE THE QR CODE BELOW.



COLLEGE AND CAREER FAIR APRIL 13, 2023 OVER 100 KIDS AND THEIR PARENTS IN ATTENDANCE



SUMMER HEALTH SCIENCE SESSIONS 2ND YEAR

- Introduce healthcare careers and healthcare sciences to participants in a fun, casual and interactive setting
- Encourage curiosity
- Spark Interest in science and healthcare careers
- 5-12 kids each week 3rd-8th grade



<i>2023 Summer Sessions</i>
Grant Aden <i>'Jumping into Medicine: medical school and the journey to becoming a doctor.'</i>
Dr. Eungenio <i>'Practical First Aid Tips in Emergent Situations'</i>
Drs. Skar and Neemann <i>'Bacterial Basics'</i> . Kids will learn what bacteria are, how they are classified and participate in an interactive simulation of microbiology laboratory techniques (no real bacteria or biohazardous agents will be used).
Asthma Affinity Group - Cardona, Burg, and Rookwood <i>"How to keep your lungs healthy"</i>
Anna Kosmach <i>'How are you feeling today? learn about our feelings and emotions'</i>
Valarie Warner <i>'So You Want to Be a Surgeon?!? Minimally Invasive Surgery (MIS) Skills development'</i>
Dr. Ling Li , <i>Pediatric Cardiology, Point of Care Ultrasound</i>

GIRLS INC. EUREKA EXTERNSHIP 2023

“I really think my time in the labs helped me understand another side of medical work,” Jasmine says. “I feel lucky to have been provided this experience.”

- Jasmine Mendez Eureka! Extern 2023

Girls Inc. Eureka Program Enrollee Gains Experience in CHRI/Pediatric Labs

Jasmine Mendez has always wanted to work in medicine. Particularly, she dreams of being a newborn delivery nurse. **Through her participation in Girls Inc., Jasmine is enrolled in Eureka!, an internal five-year college and career prep program that builds girls’ confidence in the areas of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) and introduces them to potential STEM careers.** This summer, through the Eureka! Program, Jasmine worked at UNMC, including **CHRI’s Pediatric Cancer Research lab and the labs of Gwenn Skar, Md, associate professor, Division of Infectious Diseases; Jeffrey Salomon, MD, MBA, assistant professor, Division of Critical Care; assistant professor, Department of Physiology and Ann Anderson Berry, MD, PhD, professor, Division of Neonatology.**

Her experience this summer included contributing to research by learning how to use a variety of equipment. **“I really think my time in the labs helped me understand another side of medical work,” Jasmine says. “I feel lucky to have been provided this experience.”** **Gracey Alexander, research technologist II** in the Pediatric Cancer Research Group lab, enjoys the challenge of connecting the scientific world in which she works with young learners. **“It was great to work with Jasmine and to find the best ways to present concepts and practices to her without having her get bogged down in difficult scientific terms,” she says. It’s great to feel like I’m helping the next generation of kids make a connection with science.”**



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INAUGURAL COMMUNITY PARTNER DAY JULY 13, 2023

- 15 students from each organization spent the day on UNMC's campus rotating through three stations
- **Interprofessional Simulation** led by Dr. Kelly Kadlec and iEXCEL
- **Pediatric Cancer Research Lab** led by Erin McIntyre and Gracey Alexander
- **Career Pathways** moderated by Amy Rezac-Elgohary



WEEKEND FOOD
PROGRAM
AUGUST 22, 2023



PEDS/CHRI volunteers assisted Completely Kids staff with preparing and packing bags of food for kids and families enrolled in the Weekend Food Program

**UMOHON
NATION PUBLIC
SCHOOL
SEPT 13, 2023**

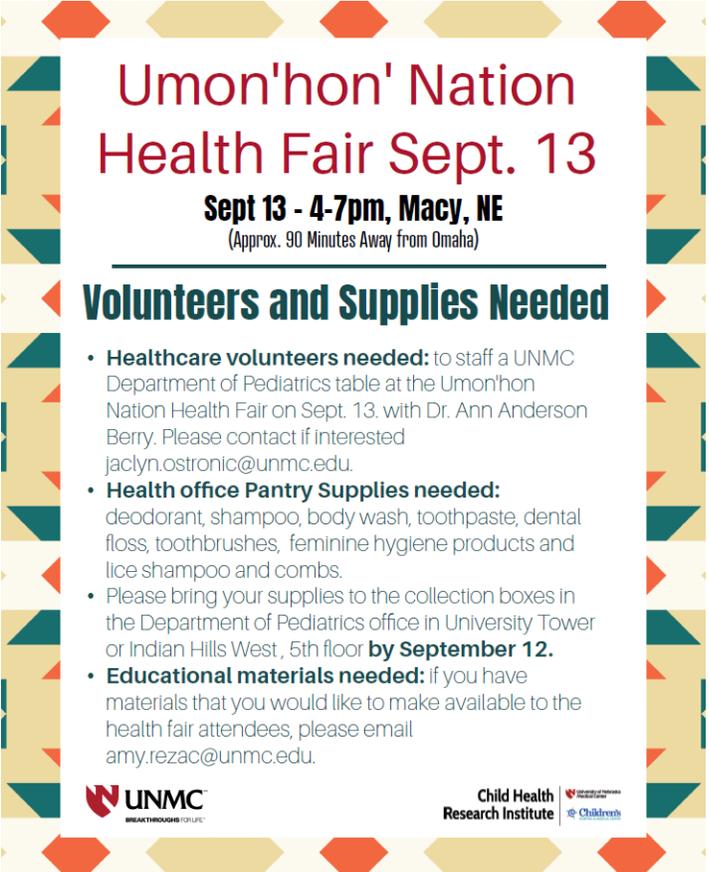
**Health Fair and
Health Office Pantry Drive
400 kids and parents in attendance**

“The Nebraska Health, Education, Advocacy and Leadership across Indigenous and Native Generations Project (NE-HEALING) in the College of Public Health at the University of Nebraska Medical Center supports both tribal and urban American Indian and Alaska Native communities by promoting ways of knowing, being and doing that align with indigenous knowledge, practices and approaches to health and wellness.”

<https://www.unmc.edu/publichealth/departments/healthpromotion/ne-healing-project.html>

UNMC Pediatric tables included –

- Nebraska Perinatal Quality Improvement Collaborative (NPQIC) - Dr. Anderson Berry, Kara Foster, & Sydnie Carraher
- PEDS/CHRI – Health Care Careers, Vaccine Information & Medicaid Enrollment Materials (from DHHS) -- Dr. Anderson Berry, Hunter Meyers, Pediatric Resident
- Project Adam - Kim McClintick



**Umon'hon' Nation
Health Fair Sept. 13**
Sept 13 - 4-7pm, Macy, NE
(Approx. 90 Minutes Away from Omaha)

Volunteers and Supplies Needed

- **Healthcare volunteers needed:** to staff a UNMC Department of Pediatrics table at the Umon'hon Nation Health Fair on Sept. 13. with Dr. Ann Anderson Berry. Please contact if interested jaclyn.ostronic@unmc.edu.
- **Health office Pantry Supplies needed:** deodorant, shampoo, body wash, toothpaste, dental floss, toothbrushes, feminine hygiene products and lice shampoo and combs.
- Please bring your supplies to the collection boxes in the Department of Pediatrics office in University Tower or Indian Hills West, 5th floor **by September 12**.
- **Educational materials needed:** if you have materials that you would like to make available to the health fair attendees, please email amy.rezac@unmc.edu.

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 **Child Health
Research Institute**

 **Children's**

NORTHSTAR FAMILY NIGHT OCTOBER 25, 2023

- 3rd year of collaboration
- Health Care Education and Careers table
- Fun Halloween themed science games for the kids
- New this year – Parents only session
- Est 100 kids attending, 23 registered parents

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Parents' Session:
A Conversation with
Developmental and
Behavioral Health Experts

Please join us for a parent session occurring during the upcoming family night at NorthStar. This sign-up sheet is for the parent session only. A light dinner will be served.

Wednesday, Oct. 25
5:30 - 6:30 p.m.
NorthStar Family Night 5 - 7 p.m.

Organized by the UNMC Department of Pediatrics and the Child Health Research Institute

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"Minute to Win It" games, prizes and fun activities available for kids and teens



GIRLS INC. HEALTH SCIENCE CAREERS TWO-NIGHT EVENT NOV 8 & 13, 2023

- 7th year for this collaboration, started in 2017 under the direction of Dr. Anderson Berry
- 40 participants each night
- Topics were chosen to encourage curiosity, spark interest in science and health care careers and introduce health care careers and health sciences to participants in a fun, casual and interactive setting

Plan on Attending Nov. 8 & 13



**Girls Inc.
Health Sciences Career Day**

Two Nights to Bring Together Girls with Health Sciences Professionals
If you are unable to attend both nights, join us for one!

Wednesday, November 8, 4-7pm
Monday, November 13, 4-7pm

Dinner Served

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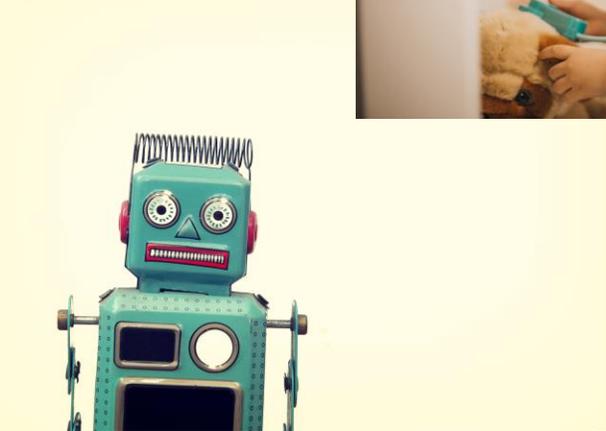


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**TOY DRIVE
IN PROGRESS**

Currently collecting toys through DEC 13, 2023



MEET THE CESC TEAM



DR. KARI SIMONSEN

Chair, Department of
Pediatrics



**DR. ANN ANDERSON
BERRY**

Executive Director, Child
Health Research Institute



**DR. SHARON
STOOLMAN**

Vice Chair for Diversity,
Equity and Inclusion



DR. RUBEN QUIROS

Vice Chair, Culture

MEET THE CESC TEAM



LISA RUNCO

Administrative Director



JACKIE OSTRONIC

Operations/Programs
Manager



**AMY REZAC-
ELGOHARY**

Outreach & Education
Program Manager



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Content Strategist



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Educational Programs
Administrator



ANALISA PEYTON

Administrative Projects
Associate

THANK YOU

*Cindy Heider and the Heider
Family Foundation*

THANK YOU

CESC committee members and faculty, staff and trainee volunteers!

**CESC committee members
(not pictured):**

Kelly Erickson
Erin Oeltjen
Becky Dravland
Tamara Thevarajah
Songita Choudhury
Lauren Ridgway
Sophia Schneider
Stacie Skaff
Brittini Herrera
Kelsey Anderson
Haleigh Tanaka
Catherine Napolitano
(visiting)

2023 Volunteers:

Alice Sato
Amy Cobbs
Amy Rezac-Elgohary
Analisa Peyton
Ann Anderson Berry
Anna Kosmach
Anna Scribner
Anum Akbar
Ashley Servais
Beatrice Egboh
Brittany Adams
Catherine Napolitano
Chuck Koster
Cindy Colpitts
Courtney McLean

Dani Wilson Baxter
Don Coulter
Emmanuel Eugenio
Erin McIntyre
Gabrielle Brumfield
Grace Murray
Gracey Alexander
Grant Aden
Greta Carlson
Gwenn Skar
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2024 Planning