



D-CHIPP Newsletter

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DUSON Community Health Improvement Partnership Program

Partnering with the community to advance health.



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NOTE

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Greetings! I hope this note finds you all happy and well during the COVID-19 outbreak. D-CHIPP is working hard to connect community partners with resources they need in order to keep staff and clients safe and healthy during the pandemic. Our faculty and staff are engaged in a number of standing and ad hoc committees aimed at ensuring the most vulnerable in our community stay well.

In this issue you will read how Urban Ministries of Durham, this month's Community Partner Spotlight, made drastic changes to keep shelter clients healthy. Also in this issue we showcase Bradi Granger as our affiliate spotlight and remember MaryAnn Black. Hoping you all stay safe and healthy!

COMMUNITY PARTNER SPOTLIGHT: Urban Ministries of Durham

In the early 1980s, civic leaders founded Urban Ministries of Durham (UMD) to aid a growing number of homeless and hungry people downtown. UMD ends homelessness and fights poverty by offering food, shelter and a future to the homeless, hungry, and poor in Durham. While emergency meals and shelter at UMD are always available when clients decide that they are in need of assistance, their goal is to ultimately help them end their homelessness. Durham's homeless can stay in the UMD emergency shelter, enroll in personal and transformative case management aimed at helping them cope with and overcome their homelessness, and get help with job hunting, job training, and affordable housing options for a sustainable, hopeful future. In addition, shelter clients and all who are hungry are welcome to three free meals a day year round through the UMD Community Café. Neighbors in poverty who are not homeless are also (cont'd...)

eligible to receive assistance through the UMD Food Pantry and Clothing Closet.

UMD has a long-standing partnership with DUSON. The ABSN students in clinical placement have held regular pop-up health screenings on the UMD campus around the breakfast meal service for community clients and residents for a number of years. In addition, DUSON has provided teach-in sessions on issues ranging from hand hygiene and heart health.

The COVID-19 outbreak has presented a new set of challenges to UMD. The Food Pantry and Clothing Closet has been temporarily suspended to comply with social distancing requirements. The Shelter was reconfigured to create greater distance among residents. The most vulnerable in the population were moved first to a local hotel, and all residents have been temporarily relocated in hotel rooms. UMD has shifted their typical dine-in meal service to a “to-go” service. This has added a substantial increase to kitchen costs at a time when feeding neighbors who are low-resource, have lost jobs, or are working essential jobs on the front-lines of the pandemic (warehouse employees, delivery drivers, janitors etc.) are of utmost importance. With the sudden rise in unemployment, UMD has served an additional 50 meals a day and will soon be providing all meals to Families Moving Forward, Durham’s primary homeless shelter for families. Overall this is an increase in 100 additional meals at each meal service, with that number expected to rise.

However, UMD is accustomed to serving a fluid population which makes their staff well-versed in needing to make changes and adjustments on the fly. They have a strong team where everyone is committed to doing whatever is necessary to help the clients. There is no shyness in needing to “step up” or hubris in needing to take on a different task whether that is sanitizing a room or cooking a batch of oatmeal!

UMD also has very supportive community. While volunteer activities have been limited due to social distancing and the statewide Stay-at-Home order, their community has stepped up to help provide what is needed to keep their clients safe and healthy. A steady chain of needed supplies arrive to UMD from donors through UMD’s [Amazon Wishlist](#), and individual donors and funding partners have maintained or increased their giving to UMD’s [general operations budget](#). To donate to UMD, go to their [website](#).



Conley wins Distinguished Dissertation Award

Congratulations to Cherie Conley, PhD and D-CHIPP Affiliate, for being recognized with the 2019/2020 PhD Distinguished Dissertation Award!

This was a competitive award in which Dr. Conley was selected among a field of seven nominations of her peers. Congrats, Dr. Conley!!

D-CHIPP affiliates are scholars, leaders, researchers, & educators. See the publications, grant submissions, & much more by D-CHIPP affiliates during March.

Publications: (6) Oermann and **Edie** Publish Article in Journal of Advanced Nursing; **Walton** Publishes Article in Pharmacy Purchasing & Products; PhD Alumni; Cicero and Faculty (**Silva**) Publish Article in Two Journals; Faculty (**Padilla, Felsman**) and DNP Alumni Publish Articles in Multiple Journals; Kayle and **Tanabe** Publish Article in Pediatric Blood & Cancer; **Trotter** Publishes Article in Journal of the Advanced Practitioner in Oncology

Grant submissions: (2) **Noonan** Submits Betty Moore Foundation Grant Proposal; **Randolph** Submits Betty Moore Foundation Grant Proposal

Grant awards: (1) **Padilla** and Affronti Receive IPEC Grant

Conference Presentations: (6) **Padilla** Helps Educate Congregants of the St. Mark AME Zion; **Padilla** Presents For School of Medicine on Immigrant Health; **Hendrix** and **McConnell** Present at Duke Women's Weekend in Durham; **Edie** Presents at USC School of Medicine Greenville; **Stevenson** Gives Talk at Symposium in Florida; Faculty (**Derouin, Stevenson, Trotter, Relf**) Present at Research Conference in Ireland

Professional awards: (1) PhD Student **Scott** Receives Fellowship Award

NEWS FROM THE CENTER FOR NURSING RESEARCH

Community Research Program—A new program is starting soon that will build capacity for community partners to engage in research with DUSON faculty. This program will provide additional research training for leaders of community organizations to help them navigate researchers and research organizations. The program will also train community health workers and other lay community members embedded within these organizations in research skills and create a pipeline of future trained staff for research projects.

Also, the Community Engaged Research Initiative of the CTSI is helping to get the word out on three COVID-19 related research projects at Duke.

CovIdentify: Using Commercial Wearable Devices to Detect COVID-19, <https://coventify.org>

CovidWatch: This 28-day symptom-monitoring program aims to both improve our understanding of COVID-19 and ensure that community members have their symptoms monitored and managed.

<https://covidwatch.dukehealth.org/> HERO

Registry: This study invites healthcare workers across America to share clinical and life experiences to understand the perspectives and problems they face on the COVID-19 pandemic front lines.

<https://heroesresearch.org/>

REMEMBERING MARYANN BLACK

State Rep. MaryAnn Black, a former Durham County commissioner and a Duke University Health System leader died March 25. Black served as associate vice president for community relations for the health system. In that role, she worked to establish partnerships with the city, the county and other agencies and organizations to benefit every citizen regardless of race, background or financial status.

At Duke, she initiated numerous efforts that enhanced the health system's relationship with local government, community leaders, the faith communities and other groups.

Black was first elected to the Durham County Commissioners in 1990 and served until 2002. She chaired the board for six years during her tenure. She was appointed by Gov. Cooper to the state House in 2017. As a legislator, both at the county and state level, Black had a solid reputation for her strong work ethic and ability to reach out to community leaders across political lines. She was 76. Excerpt from Duke Today <https://bit.ly/2RjfXCN>

D-CHIPP AFFILIATE SPOTLIGHT:

Bradi Granger,
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FAAN



Hometown:

Charleston, WV

Favorite food: All, but if I have to choose..apples, cauliflower and broccoli tied for 1st place!

Favorite thing:

riding horses & family vacation

Favorite vacation spot: Cuttyhunk Island, MA

Current research or other projects: research to close the gap on SDOH through community interventions to reduce hypertension; care transitions in heart failure and complex chronic illness, and medication adherence interventions to improve access across SES group

Courses teaching this or next semester / our taught recently: N971 QI Methods – Health System Quality

Community partners: Lincoln, CAARE, DCoHD, Meals on Wheels, PharmAssist and others at the Food Bank

What Dr. Granger likes best about working in community health: The people!

Dr. Granger adds: thanks for the support and collegiality of D-CHIPP

COVID-19 RESOURCES

[Emergency Relief](#) for Community-based Organizations—grants available via the Duke Office of Durham and Community Affairs.

[Covering the Triangle](#)— non-profit providing fabric face masks for vulnerable populations at no cost.

Please let D-CHIPP know if you need anything; we will try to connect you to the appropriate resource.