



D-CHIPP Newsletter

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DUSON Community Health Improvement Partnership Program

Partnering with the community to advance health.



DIRECTOR'S NOTE

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Dear Colleagues and Friends,

The rapid spread of COVID-19 has drastically changed the way we work, learn, and play. As Duke University has made changes in how we conduct classes, research, and our work, many community partners have changed how programs are delivered to guests, residents, or clients to increase social distancing and prevent the spread of the virus.

During this time of uncertainty, we hope you all are staying safe and healthy by practicing the recommended guidelines of regularly washing hands, avoiding touching your face, avoiding crowds or meetings of 50 or more people, and practicing social distancing when in public. On page two of this newsletter, you will find a couple of resources that will help you stay current on the virus developments. Until we see you in person, stay well.

COMMUNITY PARTNER SPOTLIGHT: Charles House

When her father struggled with sleep apnea complications, Charles House founder Bettie Bradford looked for a care center that would provide assistance during the day, and at the same time, offer a socially stimulating environment. Mr. Charlie Jones, a Presbyterian minister and civil rights advocate, needed around-the-clock care. Bettie and her husband still needed to work, and Bettie's mother could not provide 24-hour care. After trying a couple of respite day programs, Bettie and her mother decided to create Charles House. At the time of its opening in 1990, there were four team members who cared for four participants.

Charles House provides quality, personalized care to elders and respite for their caregiving families. They also help families with care planning and accessing resources in the community. The purpose of Charles House was to provide a safe, engaging environment

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Below: friends of the Daytime Eldercare Program at Charles House



for those who are living with some executive function loss or dementia; and to help families age in their community while providing respite for caregivers, while maintaining connections in the community. Today, the Daytime Elder Program accommodates up to 36 participants per day. Some of their regular activities include gardening, exercising, field trips, baking, games and music.

Charles House partners with DUSON on various projects, including a recent research initiative with Ellie McConnell, PhD, MSN, RN, GCNS, BC, associate professor, to adapt a personal outcomes approach for those living with dementia. Although they are located in Chapel Hill, Charles House collaborates with in the School and the Durham community to help those living with dementia and their caregivers. Charles House is also a clinical placement site for Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing students and hosts student volunteers at the Daytime Eldercare program. If you would like to know more about or volunteer for Charles House, visit their website, www.charleshouse.org.



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

Publications: (3) **Walton** Publishes Article in Nursing Forum; Duke Faculty, Staff, Students and Alumni Publish Article in NC Medical Journal (**Hendrix, McConnell**); Duke Students, Faculty and Alumni Publish Article in JCN (**McConnell**)

Grant submissions: (1) IEE Announces Fellowship (**Edie**) and Grant Awardees (**Koch**)

Conference Presentations: (1) Duke CHOIR Host Seminar with **Gonzalez-Guarda**

Events: (1) ABSN Students Help Count Durham Homeless During Annual Event (see picture below)



COVID-19 information

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

<https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/map.html>

<https://www.worldometer.info/coronavirus/#countries>

NEWS FROM THE CENTER FOR NURSING RESEARCH

The Center for Nursing Research recently concluded project kick-off meetings with recipients of their pilot grants. Congratulations to the following for their awarded proposals: associate professor Debra Brandon “*Predictive Factors in the Development of Skin Health in Preterm Infants;*” associate professor Hyeoneui Kim *Promoting Physical Activity in Cancer Patients Undergoing Treatment with Personalized Exercise Planning and Tracking;*” associate professor Wei Pan *Exploring Machine Learning Techniques for Biclustering Heterogeneous Patient Population with Multidimensional Symptoms;*” and medical instructor Hanzhang Xu “*Racial and Ethnic Differences in Care Pathways to Diagnosis of Alzheimer’s disease and Related Dementias.*”

Several D-CHIPP Affiliates are serving on the newly formed Clinical Research Advisory Council, including Anne Derouin, Bradi Granger, Eleanor Stevenson, Paula Tanabe, and AnnMarie Walton.

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 30th from 12-1 p.m.: D-CHIPP Critical Conversations Documentary Series: “The School to Prison Pipeline”. The film and discussion will take place via Zoom. Register here: <http://bit.ly/3coAWNK>

Need to contact D-CHIPP?

Email dchippcoord@duke.edu for suggestions or comments.

D-CHIPP AFFILIATE SPOTLIGHT:

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Hometown: I was born in Winder, Georgia but have called Durham home for the last 9 years.

Favorite food: All of it—except for bananas. My favorite of all time is my grandmother’s chocolate pies.

Favorite thing: My family

Favorite vacation spot: Disney

Current research or other projects: Supporting students in undergraduate nursing education

Courses teaching this or next semester / our taught recently: With my administrative duties I have switched to patho/pharm courses. My passions are community, global, and peds health so I love every opportunity to guest lecture on these topics.

Community partners: I have worked with a variety, but my favorites have been with kids in the public school system.

What Dr. Hartman likes best about working in community health: The people we get to meet and learn from.

