Join CRCH in Giving Back this November!

Giving Thanks for This Year's Giving Tuesday

Giving Tuesday is coming soon! Giving Tuesday is a global day of giving that uses the collective power of individuals, communities and organizations to encourage philanthropy and to celebrate generosity worldwide. This year's #GivingTuesday will take place on November 27th, and we invite you to become a CRCH donor and supporter this year!

We are extremely grateful for all of our patients, community partners, and supporters. We will be giving back to our community this Giving Tuesday by collecting food and gifts for our Holiday Food Drive. We invite you to join us in giving back by supporting our efforts to continue improving the life of our shared communities - one person, one patient at a time.

Make an impact today - Donate Now

Welcoming New Staff!

Gihan Suliman joins our Community Health Team

In September, Gihan joined CRCH as a Community Health Worker. With funding from the MA Department of Public Health, Gihan enables us to better reach the Arabic speaking and Muslim communities in Allston-Brighton and Waltham and provide them health education and navigation around cervical and breast cancer screening in a culturally and linguistically appropriate manner.

Gihan was born and raised in the city of Omdurman, Sudan. She came to CRCH with over ten years’ experience in science, research, and many years working
with the Arabic-speaking and Muslim communities in Boston and other towns.

She believes that working at CRCH will help her reach out to underserved communities and gain unique skills that she may not find elsewhere. She is so happy to join CRCH’s family and hopes that she can be an additional asset to this great community.

**Dr. Lucas Rabeno Fasolo joins our Medical Team**

In early October, CRCH welcomed Dr. Fasolo, as a new medical provider in our Brighton location. He enables us to better serve both our many Portuguese and Spanish speaking patients.

Dr. Fasolo grew up in Porto Allegre, a city in southern Brazil. Growing up, he enjoyed playing guitar and bass with his friends, walking through the city’s beautiful parks, and visiting the museums. Dr. Fasolo decided to come practice medicine in the U.S. because the U.S. is a hub for medicine and he recognized a need for Portuguese & Spanish speaking doctors.

He loves working with the patients at CRCH and is enjoying the opportunity to get involved with the whole community.

**New Grants and Projects**

CRCH is excited to have received grant funding to help us to improve our services and address more urgent needs in our community. The grants will support new and enhanced programs to:

- increase our capacity to serve patients accessing substance use disorder services.
- improve the care and support of new mothers and infants.
- strengthen the collaboration between our behavioral health and primary care departments.
- help our Community Health team provide outreach & health education in the community
- enable CRCH to participate in the Innovative Approaches for Prescription Drug Abuse Management and Prevention initiative.
- support our pilot to test how best to use mobile phone text messaging to improve breast and cervical cancer screening for our Latina patients.

We would like to thank the following funders who are providing grant support for these exciting initiatives:

- Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)
Recent Awards and Recognition

We are excited to share that two of our staff members received community awards this October:

Jackie Caceres, one of our Community Health Workers, received the 2018 Healthy Waltham Hero Award. Jackie is a member of our community health team. She creates a trusting relationship with families through empathy and compassion, helping new parents to understand their child’s development, connects them with resources and helps them to overcome barriers. She is empathetic, respectful of diversity, always walking the extra mile to help someone regardless of where they are coming from.

Our Medical Director Dr. Elizabeth Molina received the 2018 Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center’s Latino/Hispanic Achievement Award for making significant contributions to advancing care for the Latino/Hispanic community. As our Medical Director and family physician, she is incredibly dedicated to and passionate about improving the health of our Latino patients and their families.

Please join us in congratulating Jackie and Dr. Molina!

CRCH recognized by HRSA as Health Center Quality Leader

CRCH is happy to be recognized by HRSA as a Health Center Quality Leader, having achieved the best overall clinical performance among all health centers and placed in the top 30% of the adjusted quartile rankings for clinical quality measures (CQMs).
Charles River Community Health is committed to improving the health and well-being of the communities of Allston, Brighton, Waltham and surrounding areas by providing quality, comprehensive, coordinated care that is patient-centered, family friendly, and community focused.

Your support helps us to improve the health of our patients and your community. Please give today!

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