AN INVITATION TO ADVANCE HEALTH EQUITY AND SOCIAL JUSTICE IN CHICAGO & AROUND THE WORLD

Community-Campus Partnerships for Health (CCPH) is a non-profit organization that promotes health equity and social justice through partnerships between communities and academic institutions. Our growing network of over 2,000 community and academic leaders across the U.S. and Canada are advancing this mission through community-based participatory research, service-learning, coalitions and other partnership strategies.

We are seeking organizations that share our commitment to health equity and social justice to become partners in our 13th conference, April 30 – May 3, 2014 in Chicago, IL. Funds will be used to support conference planning and implementation and defray registration fees for community participants.

• Major partners: minimum $50,000 contribution
• Core partners: minimum $15,000 contribution
• Supporting partners: minimum $5,000 contribution

Partners will be prominently recognized by name on the conference website, program, signage and conference proceedings. They will also be thanked by name in a plenary session and provided space for an exhibit. More substantial recognition of partners will be designed around their contribution level and specific desires (in 2012, for example, our major partner co-hosted the opening reception and introduced the opening speaker). Partners are also invited to shape the conference if they wish by serving on the planning committee.

MORE ABOUT THE CONFERENCE: CCPH conferences consistently get rave reviews for time and money well spent. They feature inspiring keynote presentations, skill-building workshops, educational exhibits, community site visits and networking opportunities. They achieve an appropriate balance between visioning for the future and providing participants with practical strategies that can be applied back home. They draw diverse participants from community, academic, governmental and other sectors, embraced for their knowledge, wisdom and experience. Over 500 people from 38 states and 7 countries attended our 2012 conference in Houston and hundreds more participated virtually through social media. Guided by our belief that knowledge is power, conference sessions and outcomes are widely disseminated through freely available products.

WHY CHICAGO: Chicago is an exceptional city with many examples of thriving, effective community and academic partnerships that are focused on a wide range of health equity and social justice issues. The Chicago Consortium for Community Engagement (http://c3ctsa.org/) and Chicago Community-Based Participatory Research Network (http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Chicago_CBPR_Network/) further demonstrate the significant level of leadership and involvement. Over 100 local community and academic partners have expressed interest in holding the conference in Chicago and two meetings have already been held to get the planning process underway.

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