



2021 Community Health Intervention Program Grant Recipients Announced

Two community-based organizations in Fairfield and Columbia are each the recipient of a \$10,000 mini-grant from the CDC-funded South Carolina Cancer Prevention and Control Research Network’s (SC-CPCR) Community Health Intervention Program (CHIP).



Trinity Baptist Church Health and Wellness Ministry in Richland County will use the mini-grant to help communities get up to date with health screenings that have been inactive or missed due to COVID-19 and/or limited resources. The ‘Catch Up’ initiative will provide on-site and neighborhood screenings along with referrals for individuals who elect to screen at a different time.

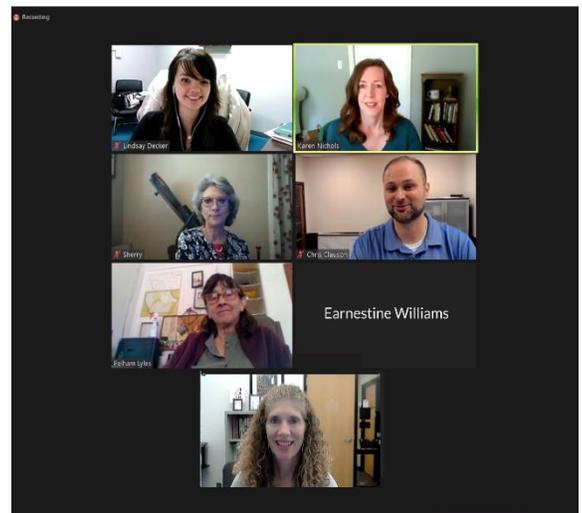
Wilhelmenia Mathias, grant principal investigator and Co-chair of the Health & Wellness Ministry at Trinity Baptist Church, shared, “Under the visionary leadership of the Rev. Dr. Thurmond Bowens, Jr., the Trinity Baptist Church is thrilled to be a 2021 CHIP grantee. Our church has been active in the Waverly community for 100 years, especially with our thriving Health & Wellness Ministry which works to tackle health disparities in the Black community. In partnership with the American Cancer Society and the Office of Rural Health, our goal is to bridge the gap that leaves communities of color behind. This

grant will empower Trinity to provide health screenings and educational forums for individuals who do not have access to care due to COVID-19 and other barriers. Through this grant the Health & Wellness Ministry will continue to be a beacon of light for members of our community seeking access to healthcare and treatment.”

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Members of Fairfield Forward and Eat Smart Move More Fairfield County are focusing on increasing physical activity among sedentary individuals through a community-wide campaign promoting the use of two walking trails in Fairfield County. The downtown historical walking tour and the Alston trailhead of the Peak to Prosperity Passage, part of the Palmetto Trail, which runs 500 miles from mountains to sea.

Karen Nichols, grant principal investigator and Executive Director of the Upper Midlands Rural Health Network, says, “Funding came at a perfect time since several partners have recently been involved in enhancing two walking trails in Fairfield County. The first is the downtown Winnsboro historical walking tour, and the second is the Peak to Prosperity Passage of the Palmetto Trail, with the Alston



Trailhead located in Jenkinsville. The CHIP funding will allow us to promote these newly improved assets to Fairfield County residents using direct mailings to all households. Since we are all still encouraged to engage in lower-risk activities related to COVID-19, enjoying some exercise in the fresh air is a great option.”

For more information about the SC-CPCRN and the CHIP initiative, please visit www.sph.sc.edu/sc-cpcrn