



Thanks to donors like you!

We were able to award additional funds of almost \$100,000 to our food insecurity partners Small Things, Northwest Mutual Aid Collective and Share Food Program - as they respond to increased need in NW Philadelphia due to significant SNAP reductions combined with inflation.

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Coming Soon!

Community Health Grants

Awarded end of May.

Elissa Messori Nursing Education Awards

Awarded in June.

Fiscal year 22-23 ends June 30th

Consider donating before then to support our fall grant cycle!

Hello!

Thank you! It is with immense gratitude that I write this letter. Thanks to donors, like you, the Foundation was able to award additional grants to respond to the increased need in our community due to the reduction in SNAP support, inflation, and Medicaid adjustments. Thank you!!



I hope you are enjoying the gorgeous flowers and flowering trees as we move into the warmer months! As you ponder the beauty and new life around us, I encourage you to take a moment to yourself. We move so swiftly between places and things that we often forget that our relationship with our self is as important as our relationship with others. Each one of us contributes to the joy and value of our family and community. You are valuable!

Each person in our area is valuable and their voices need to be amplified. We are working with partners at the local, state, and national levels to create opportunities for voices to be heard in discussions that affect health and health care access. Thank you to those who have participated in our asset mapping work! You have helped design a resource based on community input and reflecting what the community believes to be health related assets. We look forward to continuing the conversation and growing partnerships that build on these assets!

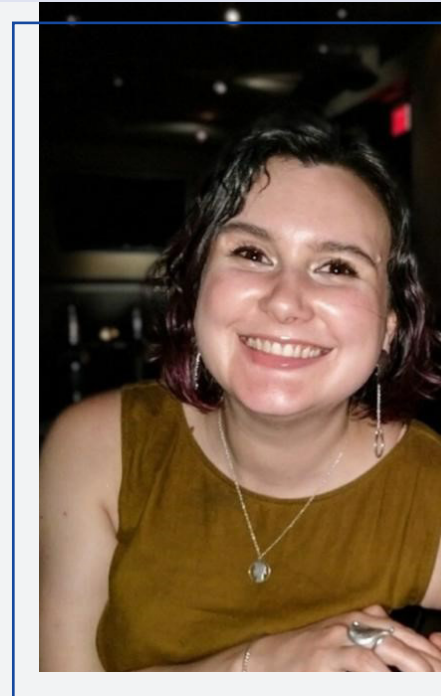
I hope you enjoy reading this short newsletter as much as we enjoy sharing what has been going on here!

With gratitude,

Welcome to the Board, Emma!

Emma Pennea works in pediatric and reproductive environmental public health at the Mid-Atlantic Center for Children's Health and the Environment (MACCHE) at the M. Louise Fitzpatrick College of Nursing of Villanova University.

She has been with MACCHE since 2015 and oversees consultations, referrals, education, and outreach. Her current projects focus on PFAS, lead, environmental (in)justice, air quality, chemical safety, and the health effects of the climate crisis. She received a Bachelor of Arts from New York University, a Master of Science in Global Health from Georgetown University, and is currently a DrPH student. Emma lives with her family in Germantown.





Get to know our partners!

PCA staff & partners honor Child Abuse Prevention Month

SMALL THINGS



Small Things advances health equity by strengthening healthy food distribution systems through partnerships and advocacy. Their work recognizes and fights the systemic root causes of food insecurity, including poverty and food deserts. Working to overcome these obstacles, Small Things builds community relationships and applies experience to provide quality food access in the neighborhoods they serve.



PHILADELPHIA CHILDREN'S ALLIANCE



Philadelphia Children's Alliance (PCA) is addressing systemic inequities by providing specialty medical and mental health services to victims of child sexual abuse and their families. PCA understands that underserved and marginalized communities are most at risk for needing their services, so they have created partnerships and training opportunities to better equip the community to respond to the need.



SeniorLAW CENTER



SeniorLAW Center is working within the housing system to affect how aging citizens understand and exercise their housing rights. They are intentional in working with other community partners to build relationships that are useful in addressing housing access and other age-specific needs that may arise. Their local, state and federal policy initiatives are crucial to changing the systems that negatively impact seniors' rights.



*Not all grantees have offices in NW Philadelphia so there are fewer stars than grantees.

Goodbye and Thank You, Nick!

During his time here Nick has been a great asset to the Foundation. He has graciously shared his creativity in the creation of advertisements for our newsletter and social media. Nick's curiosity has made all the difference in the search to learn more about the community. A significant part of Nick's time here has been devoted to learning and exploring our communities through our Community Awareness and Engagement Project. Nick has been committed to doing research, educating himself, having conversations, and leaving open doors for the Foundation to develop deeper, more meaningful community involvement. His work and contribution will be missed, but we wish Nick all the good things as he takes what he has learned here onward after graduating!



Congrats, Nick, and good luck changing the world!