Dear CCHHS Friends,

It has been 25 years since Provident Hospital joined the Cook County Health & Hospitals System as a public, community teaching medical center. Located just north of Washington Park in the Bronzeville neighborhood, Provident Hospital has served as an anchor in Chicago's South Side community since it first opened its doors in 1891.

In fact, several "firsts" occurred at the medical center, giving it a special place in nation's medical history. Dr. Daniel Hale Williams, a prominent African-American surgeon and founder of Provident, performed the nation's first open-heart surgery at the hospital in the summer of 1893. This operation, without X-rays, antibiotics, surgical prep-work or tools of modern surgery, placed both "Dr. Dan" and Provident Hospital at the forefront of Chicago's medical milestones. His patient, James Cornish, was discharged 51 days after his groundbreaking surgery.

In addition, Provident Hospital established the first nursing school for black women in Chicago, and by 1892, seven women had enrolled in the first nursing class. Throughout its history, Provident Hospital's mission has remained unchanged--to deliver health services with dignity regardless of a person's ability to pay, to partner with communities and providers to enhance public health, and to advocate for policies that promote the physical and mental well-being of the people we are so privileged to serve.

After a long and distinguished history of service, the rising hospital costs made it difficult for hospitals to survive, and Provident Hospital closed its doors in 1987. Cook County recognized the importance and need for continued health care for Chicago's South Side and purchased the facility in 1990. After a major investment of $58 million that included a facility renovation and clinical systems and equipment upgrades, Provident Hospital re-opened on August 16, 1993.

Please join us as we celebrate our 25-year anniversary event at an open house on Saturday, August 25, featuring Provident's new ophthalmology and mammography suites, as well as specialty care and primary care services.

Sincerely,
CCHHS Breast Cancer Screening, Prevention and Treatment Program Receives $100,000 Grant

Partnering with the National Football League and the Chicago Bears, the American Cancer Society has awarded Cook County Health & Hospitals System a $100,000 Community Health Advocates implementing Nationwide Grants for Empowerment and Equity (CHANGE) grant to promote health equity, access, and both screening and diagnostic navigation within underserved communities.

CCHHS’ Breast Cancer Screening, Prevention and Treatment Program provides women more than 13,000 mammograms each year, offers patients the full continuum of high-quality breast cancer care, from screenings to diagnostic and treatment services. The CHANGE grant enables the program to expand the navigation program, enabling more women to take advantage of early detection.

The navigator provides one-on-one education regarding the importance of breast cancer screening and breast health in effort to motivate and encourage women; connects women to no-cost or low cost breast cancer screenings; reduces structural barriers to accessing breast cancer screening services; and, ensures patients keep their mammogram appointments through reminder calls and letters.

CCHHS anticipates reaching 3,000 women through the grant, with a focus on addressing disparities in breast cancer mortality by improving access to breast cancer screening, ensuring timely follow-up mammograms, and expediting specialty care if needed. It represents the next step in ensuring that everyone, regardless of who they are, what their insurance status is or what part of the city they live in, has the ability to access high quality care in a timely manner.
Chicago Bears Jerry Azumah and Roy Robertson-Harris and Bears Care Director Marge Hamm join the American Cancer Society's MaryAnn Rasmussen, Senior Market Manager Community Engagement, Peter Steele, Executive Director, and Dr. Durado Brooks, Vice President Prevention & Early Detection, to present a $100,000 CHANGE grant to CCHHS' Dr. Pamela Ganschow, CCHHS Medical Director of the Cancer Risk Program and Breast Consultation Clinic, and Dr. Elizabeth Marcus, CCHHS Chair of Breast Oncology, for the Breast Cancer Screening, Prevention and Treatment program.

Bud Billiken Parade Kicks off the Back to School Season

CCHHS was proud to join the fun at the annual Bud Billiken Parade and Festival, the largest African-American parade in the nation. The annual event fosters community connections to opportunities with education, health, wellness, business training and entrepreneurial development.
CCHHS staff and their friends and families engaged with the more than one million people along the parade route who celebrated the back to school season. CCHHS doctors and nurses staffed the first aid stations, ensuring that both spectators and participants remained safe. Additionally, CCHHS and CountyCare hosted a tent at the event's Washington Park festival, showcasing the health system's services and community connections, and offered free HIV and Hep C testing.

Cottage Grove Health Center Congratulates its Baseball League Champions!
The CCHHS Cottage Grove Health Center partnered with Ford Heights Youth Baseball league last year to sponsor the team "The Police," which went on to win the 9- and 10-year old division championship. At the Ford Heights baseball banquet, Coach Kirby Green talked about the importance of the baseball program in teaching the fundamentals of the game to kids who might not have played it before, and also about the opportunity the sport provided for the young players to learn about teamwork, resilience and character development.

The Cottage Grove Health Center is proud to partner with community organizations that support the social and emotional health of young people, and sports teams like youth baseball provide a sense of connectedness and camaraderie, critical to development and overall well-being. CCHHS will sponsor all five teams next season.

In addition, CCHHS Cottage Grove Health Center has partnered with south suburban school districts to make sure children have the necessary physicals and vaccinations before the start of the new school year to ensure they healthy and able to reach their full potential.

**Cook County Health Foundation 4th Annual Gala**

On June 27, the [Cook County Health Foundation](https://www.cookeny.org) hosted its fourth annual gala, raising funds for women and children's services. The sold out event was a tremendous success with proceeds going towards the purchase of state-of-the-art equipment in treatment areas for the more than 100,000 women and children who receive healthcare each year.

The Cook County Health Foundation is committed to advocating and raising funds for programs and services that improve patient care and address the health care needs of the communities it serves.
served by the health system. The Foundation extends a big thank you for the generosity and support of all who attended or contributed! For a peek at a video of the event’s speaking program, click this link.

Former NICU patient Vitaly, now age 4, attended the annual gala event as a VIP guest. He and his dad shared a smile while his mom Hannah told the incredible story of their healthcare journey at CCHHS.

CCHHS in the News

Chicago Tribune

74 shooting victims: How Chicago emergency rooms handled the most violent weekend of the year

Giving addicted inmates opioid meds behind bars can reduce overdose deaths. Why don't more jails use them?

Catastrophic injuries on the rise as more fireworks find their way into public's hands

Synthetic Marijuana: What It Is And How It Affects People

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4 ways Cook County Health and Hospitals System is addressing opioid addiction

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Mass overdose in Connecticut shines spotlight on dangers of synthetic marijuana
How Chicago Hospitals are Addressing Opioid Epidemic

Community Health Hotline: Oral Health

New opioid addiction treatment offers hope at Cook County hospitals

Get children's eyes tested, limit screen time, experts say

Infectious disease specialist warns tick-borne diseases are on the rise

Cook County Hospitals Receive $100K Grant To Expand Breast Cancer Screening And Treatment

Chicago's Black Communities Hit Hardest In Opioid Overdoses

Watch us on CAN TV

Every month, Cook County Health & Hospitals System (CCHHS) features a guest expert on CAN TV to offer viewers information on various health topics, such as heart disease and breast cancer, and discuss prevention and treatment strategies. Be sure to tune in to CAN TV on the second Tuesday of each month at 5 p.m. to catch CCHHS' monthly segment, and call in with your health questions at 312-738-1060. To find archived episodes, visit YouTube and look for the Community Health Hotline.

CCHHS in the Community: Summer Events

CCHHS' outreach team participates in a variety of community events throughout Cook County. Whether it is a health fair, festival, job fair or community picnic, CCHHS' outreach
workers make sure that Cook County residents know about the full portfolio the system provides. If you would like to know where CCHS will be this month, please check our calendar of events.

Visit Our Website at cookcountyhhs.org.

If you would like to invite a representative from CCHS to attend a community event, please send an email to events@cookcountyhhs.org.

To provide feedback on CCHHS Community News, update your contact information, or unsubscribe, please email Marcelino Garcia, Director of Community Affairs, at mgarcia6@cookcountyhhs.org.