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COMMUNITY OUTREACH CORE (COC)

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COMMUNITY REPORT

Hello Summer!

Hello Summer sunshine. As the sun stays out longer, and the days get warmer, CaRE² continues to engage with the community through cancer research and education.

"One must maintain a little bit of summer, even in the middle of winter". - Henry David Thoreau

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The Community Outreach Core seeks to share information on cancer prevention and research to help our communities stay informed and our community members become advocates. Our goal is to eliminate cancer health disparities among Black and Hispanic populations through our ongoing programs in partnership with community organizations and cancer advocates.

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COC UPCOMING EVENTS



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JUNE - CANCER SURVIVORS MONTH

Who are Cancer Survivors?

According to The American Cancer Society, Cancer Survivor refers to anyone who has ever been diagnosed with cancer no matter where they are in the course of the disease.
"An estimated 18 million individuals with a history of cancer were alive on January 1, 2022, in the United States."
"Estimated Number of Male Survivors: 8,321,200"

"Estimated Number of Female Survivors: 9,738,900"



www.cancer.org

Happy Juneteenth!

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JULY - BONE AND SARCOMA CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

What is Sarcoma?

"When the word **Sarcoma** is part of the name of a disease, it means the tumor is malignant (cancer)."

"A **Sarcoma** is a type of cancer that starts in tissues like bone or muscle. **Soft Tissue Sarcomas** can develop in soft tissues like fat, muscle, nerves, fibrous tissues, blood vessels, or deep skin tissues. They can be found in any part of the body."

"Osteosarcoma is the most common type of cancer that starts in the bones. Most osteosarcomas occur in children, teens, and young adults. Teens are the most commonly affected age group, but osteosarcoma can develop at any age."

www.cancer.org



"A little over **1.9 million** new cancer cases are expected to be diagnosed in the US in 2022. Approximately **609,360** deaths from cancer are expected in the US this year, which is about **1,670** deaths per day. Cancer is the second most common cause of death in the US, exceeded only by heart disease."

"An estimated 42% of all diagnosed cancers, except for certain types of skin cancer, and 45% of all cancer deaths in the US could potentially be prevented by adopting healthier lifestyle behaviors. Unfortunately, African American and Hispanic individuals suffer a greater burden of multiple cancers."

American Cancer Society. Cancer Facts & Figures for African Americans 2019-2021. Atlanta: American Cancer Society, Inc. 2019. American Cancer Society. Cancer Facts & Figures for Hispanic/Latino People 2021-2023. Atlanta: American Cancer Society, Inc. 2021. www.cancer.org



The CaRE² Health Equity Center's Cancer Citizen Scientist Advocacy Program successfully trained **18** community advocates, who graduated June 13. Participants were taught how to inform, educate and empower others to share information about cancer research throughout our communities in California and Florida.

- Eric Barahona
- Cherish Dunn
- Tameika Dennis
- Diedra Gossett
- Antoinette Greer
- Nalo Hamilton
- Angelia Hawkins
- Pastor Rhonda Holbert
- Linda Brooks Johnson

- Noral Maldonado
- Victoria Mercel
- Patricia Powell
- Hector J. Rodriguez
- Mary Rodriguez
- Sharon Schlesinger
- Daffany Smith
- Meghan Spencer
- Ilse Ventura









As a result of our 2022 CaRE² Cancer Citizen Scientist Program we had two groups plan and implement their advocacy projects within their communities; The Understanding Pancreatic Cancer event on June 9th, and Diversity and Inclusion focusing on Breast Cancer, on July 1st.



COC PAST EVENTS



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On Saturday May 21, 2022 the CaRE² Health Equity Center COC team participated in The KJLH Women's Health Expo in Los Angeles, California. The team shared our CaRE² toolkits, information pamphlets, and handed giveaways to over 200 community members.









On Saturday June 4th, 2022 the CaRE² Health Equity Center COC team participated in The Festival of Life Event at the Norris Cancer Hospital in Los Angeles, California. This event provided patients and their families with cancer education and materials.





On Thursday, June 16th, 2022, the CaRE² Health Equity Center Community Outreach Core members collaborated with the NAACP, The Black Nurses Association of Orlando, and The Philippine Nurses Association of Central Florida in a Virtual Health Fair representing health disparities among minorities. Several guest speakers were in attendance and discussed various health topics affecting our communities, such as prostate cancer, pancreas cancer, oral health, mental health, and minority health conditions.



CARE2 RESEARCH SHOWCASE

On June 22-25, 2022 CaRE² hosted their annual Research Showcase at Florida A&M University (FAMU), being our first in person event since the pandemic. We had a great time talking about our centers amazing work and making plans for the future of cancer research. CaRE² was able to open their doors to the FAMU campus during our poster day to learn more about CaRE² and get involved. We appreciate our FAMU partners for hosting and organizing such a productive event. It is great to work with such outstanding individuals!



FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT: CARE2HEALTHEQUITYCENTER.ORG

TRI-INSTITUTIONAL COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

On Saturday, July 9th CaRE² held a Tri-Institutional Community Advisory Board meeting to discuss Community Outreach Core accomplishments and upcoming community events. The accomplishments highlighted consisted of 4 published publications, 3 research projects led by CSA program graduates, an increase of 452% in social media visits. Additionally, CaRE² partnered with over 20 organizations to disseminate cancer and health disparities information.

Upcoming Community Events

August 13th 12PM EST/9AM PST	Jacksonville Caribbean Carnival	1410 Gator Bowl Blvd. Jacksonville, FL 32202
August 20 9AM EST/6AM PST	Community Hospice's Care Givers' Conference	Edward Waters University 1658 Kings Road Jacksonville, FL 32209
September 16 9AM EST/6AM PST	Mental Health Virtual Summit	Consortium For A Healthier Miami-Dade
September 24 9AM EST/6AM PST	Protalks Prostate Cancer Walk	Jacksonville, FL
September 24 12:30PM EST/9:30AM PST	Ribbon cutting ceremony for new Inner City Research Hub	Jacksonville, FL

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COC HIGHLIGHTS FEATURED CARE² TRAINEES: TYRA REED AND CHANTE BUTLER



Both CaRE² trainees, Tyra Reed and Chante Butler were accepted to Medical School.



Congratulations to one of our CaRE² leaders and Community Outreach Core liaison, Dr. Mariana Stern, who was a Co-Chair for the AACR Steering Committee that released the second edition of the *Cancer Disparities Report*, outlining a multidisciplinary and collaborative approach to eliminating cancer health disparities. Dr. Stern presented during the congressional briefing organized by the AACR to unveil the report.

AACR CANCER DISPARITIES PROGRESS REPORT 2022





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COMMUNITY OUTREACH CORE

The goal of the CaRE² Community Outreach Core (COC) is to reduce the disproportionate burden of prostate and pancreatic cancers among Black and Latinx populations through: bidirectional engagement of Black and Latinx communities; partnerships with core leaders and project investigators to foster community input and the dissemination of scientific information to high-risk communities; and use of evidence-based cancer education materials for community outreach.



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