

United Health Foundation and Children’s Minnesota: *Addressing Pediatric Health Disparities in the Twin Cities*

Children’s Minnesota is one of the largest freestanding pediatric health systems in the United States — with two hospitals, nine primary care clinics, seven rehabilitation centers and nine specialty care clinics.

According to *America’s Health Rankings*®, Minnesota ranks as one of the healthiest states for women and children. However, in the Twin Cities, children who live in underserved neighborhoods experience significant disparities related to asthma, vaccinations and mental health. In 2022, the United Health Foundation, the philanthropic arm of UnitedHealth Group, and Children’s Minnesota announced a three-year, \$3 million grant partnership to address these pediatric health disparities by bringing culturally responsive health interventions directly to children and families in partnership with community-based organizations.



COMMUNITY IMPACT*

23,000+

patients screened for social needs

54%

patients with a positive screen for social needs requested and were referred to social services

46%

reduction in well-controlled asthma disparities by race/ethnicity

4%

reduction in immunization disparities by race/ethnicity

106

children and families vaccinated to date

170

school districts and charter schools participating in Clinic to Classroom education programs

*as of 5/31/24

WHY IS THIS WORK CRITICAL?



The community flu vaccine clinics are only the beginning of the innovative health partnerships we are developing to eliminate health disparities thanks to the grant.”

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