

**CCTST Practice-Based Research Award:**

This award recognizes a **community physician or practice** who works collaboratively with an academic program or institution to improve the health and wellness of their patients by integrating research and best practices in clinical care.

**CCTST Practice-Based Research Award:**

This award is being presented to

**Dr. Philip Lichtenstein**

**Medical Director, The Children's Home of Cincinnati**

Dr. Lichtenstein is a community-based pediatrician who recently transitioned to become the Medical Director at the Children's Home of Cincinnati after serving at HealthPoint Family Care in Northern Kentucky. Since 2004, Dr. Lichtenstein has collaborated with Children's Hospital faculty to train community-based pediatricians to implement the American Academy of Pediatrics ADHD guidelines in order to improve the quality of community-based ADHD care.

His passion to help the patient drives him to strive for the best and to use more innovative technology and applications. He has helped hundreds of pediatricians redesign their practice systems to overcome barriers to deliver evidence-based ADHD care, and served as a consultant on two NIH-funded grants to examine ADHD quality-improvement intervention. Without any question, Dr. Lichtenstein has demonstrated in multiple ways, and for many years, all the qualification with excellence to be worthy of a CCTST Practice-Based Research Award.



## **CCTST Community Leadership Award**

This award recognizes **an undergraduate student, graduate student, resident, or fellow** who demonstrates commitment, passion and innovation in an academic-community partnership project aimed at improving the health of children, adults and/or communities.

## **CCTST Community Leadership Award:**

This award is being presented to

**Ryan Imhoff**

**Undergraduate Student, University of Cincinnati**

Ryan Imhoff has laid the groundwork to become a strong community-minded leader in healthcare. Ryan is enrolled in the UC ROSE program, which provides high ability, pre-med students opportunities to connect with College of Medicine faculty and to engage in research, education, and service. Ryan did not come to medicine through the typical family lineage or experience. He graduated from a class of 22 students from a rural high school with little advanced placement opportunities, and parents who did not finish high school. From those humble roots, he has come a long way. Later this year, Ryan will be presenting the results of his work with Interact for Health and the Cincinnati Area Research and Improvement Group in New York City at the annual meeting of the North American Primary Care Research Group. For the past three years, Ryan has worked with 5 primary care practices examining the subjective and objective health status of adults. We acknowledge Ryan's efforts with this year's CCTST Leadership Award.

## **CCTST Community Leadership Award**

This award is being presented to

**UC Fit for Life**

**University of Cincinnati Student Leader:**

**Taylor Nedrich**

**Faculty Advisor: Seung-Yeon Lee**

In 2012, UC Fit for Life was established by a former CCTST Summer Scholar, Erica Bennett. The mission of this organization is to give children at a local elementary school a structured opportunity to get exercise and strive for better health. The group works with approximately 30-40 children throughout the fall and spring semesters, working with them once a week throughout the school year, and in the spring of 2014 arranged a field trip for the students to visit UC. The goal was to get the children excited about attending college and to motivate them to stay focused on school. This fall, the group expands their partnership to the Boys and Girls Club in Avondale. The students involved in UC Fit for Life are very dedicated to this program. In spite of carrying full course loads and working part time jobs, they never skip program sessions. Each and every member is enthusiastic about having a long-term impact on the health of the underserved children who participate in the program. The UC Fit for Life student group is well deserving of a CCTST Leadership Award.

**CCTST Community Health Advocate Award:**

This award recognizes an individual in the community who has demonstrated leadership and a passion for improving health. The individual's efforts have advanced health and wellness in children and/or adults in the community.

**CCTST Community Health Advocate Award:**

This award is being presented to

**Chellie McLellan**

**Executive Director, Financial Opportunity Center,**

**Santa Maria Community Services**

Chellie McLellan works tirelessly to improve health outcomes for children. She works with community members to connections between health care, education, and social services. In recent years, Chellie has focused efforts to increase ease of access to these various services amidst a cultural shift in the Price Hill neighborhood in which she works. Her "Block by Block" program, in partnership with Best Baby Zone, trains women in Price Hill to be advocates for the well being of their neighbors. To date, she has trained 9 block captains, two of which are Guatemalan, a reflection of the influx of Central American families moving into the area. In addition to this project, she is also dedicated to increasing school-readiness and literacy in children. As you can see, Chellie McLellan exemplifies the CCTST Community Health Advocate award.



**CCTST Community Health Advocate Award:**

This award is being presented to

**LaVerne Wiley**

**Program Director, Health Care Access Now**

Throughout her career, LaVerne Wiley has worked to improve health outcomes in her community. As clinic manager at the West End Health Center, she focused on changing the community's perception of the health center to a more positive experience, as well as building partnerships with the community organizations and other service providers. She also worked to improve the culture and involvement of staff by focusing on standardizing patient care protocols and activities to increase patient satisfaction. While with the HRSA's Health Disparities Collaborative, she worked to improve health outcomes by incorporating and promoting provider awareness and sensitivity to patients' needs when designing clinical services. Since joining Health Care Access Now in 2010, LaVerne has worked with Community Health Workers to increase their awareness and competencies in addressing the medical concerns of their clients. Her extensive experience in all levels of management allows her to understand the unique challenges of those she trains. She has great compassion and an ability to empower those she works with and for the communities she advocates for. Please join me in congratulating LaVerne Wiley on her well-deserved honor as a CCTST Community Health Advocate.



## **CCTST Community Health Advocate Award:**

This award is being presented to

**Mr. Steven Rock,  
Sidestreams Foundation**

Mr. Steve Rock's passion energizes all those around him and he is deserving of the Community Health Advocate Award. In addition to his day to day duties as an environmental engineer with the EPA, he has been responsible for creating an impressive urban agriculture program, tying real-life gardening experience to academic lessons in math, science, and social studies. Under Steve's leadership, students at the Lighthouse Community School have cultivated 52 raised-bed gardens, built benches and shelters, and help maintain a chicken coop and aquaponics system. This year, the garden opened its first Garden Market offering fresh, organic vegetables twice a week. In partnership with the Madisonville Community Urban Redevelopment Corporation, Steve had an idea to build 500 food-producing gardens in the Madisonville neighborhood. The idea took off, and soon there were signs on every block representing homes participating in the 500 Gardens initiative. This project has encouraged community engagement, with residents communicating over social media and at the training events. The success of this project is a complete reflection of Steve's enthusiasm and love of teaching people how to grow food at home. Steve's commitment to community partnerships and collaboration is why he is well-deserving of the Community Health Advocate Award.



**CCTST Community Health Advocate Award:**

This award is being presented to

**Judith Harmony, PhD,**

**Volunteer Community Consultant,**

**Mayerson Center for Safe and Healthy Children**

Since retiring from the UC College of Medicine as a Research Scientist in pharmacology and cell biophysics, Dr. Harmony has redirected her passion toward her long-standing interests to improve health and quality of life for Cincinnati youth, especially girls and young women. She is active on many community boards and committees, and has also created the Harmony Project to support programs such as the Harmony Garden, a community research and education center working to promote healthy girls in the Avondale area. Since joining the Mayerson Center in 2012, Dr. Harmony has championed efforts to emphasize prevention of child maltreatment and community-based research and programs. She has been an integral part of current community initiatives, providing insight and engaging in discussions to prevent childhood trauma and adverse experiences.

While community health was not the focus of Dr. Harmony's professional career, she has been a driving force behind a significant amount of community initiatives to optimize health and well-being of children and families in the tri-state. We are pleased to present the Community Health Advocate Award to Dr. Judith Harmony.



**CCTST Community Health Advocate Award:**

This award is being presented to

**Jennifer Chubinski,  
Director of Community Research,  
Interact for Health**

We are pleased to present the Community Health Advocate Award to Jennifer Chubinski. In her 6 years at Interact for Health, Jennifer has led efforts drill health data down to the community level, highlighting health issues of vulnerable populations. Her efforts has supported and advocated data-informed work in multiple ways. Jennifer's work overseeing the Greater Cincinnati Community Health Status Survey (CHSS) has been used by area hospitals and health care providers, the United Way of Greater Cincinnati, and the Health Collaborative. Data from the 2013 CHSS includes 5 neighborhoods, 3 ethnic groups, and several counties. Jennifer works with each of these groups to support them as they use data to address health issues at the neighborhood level. The data collected by Jennifer and her team has been used on a local, regional, and national level, generating in excess of 75 new stories in multiple venues. Her work ensures that the organizations with an interest in community health have the data to make informed decisions on focusing their efforts. Accepting this award on her behalf is Gail Myers, Public Relations Consultant at Interact for Health.



**CCTST Community Health Advocate Award:**

This award is being presented to

**Dwight Tillery,  
CEO/Founder, Center for Closing the Health Gap**

Mr. Dwight Tillery has been a long-time public servant, passionate about seeing health disparities eliminated in Cincinnati. Mr. Tillery's work at the Center for Closing the Health Gap is guided by the Grassroots Mobilization Model (GMM) he developed and refined over the years. This model provides opportunity for people within the most vulnerable communities to formulate their interventions and their own progress. In the 11 years since the conception of the Annual Health Expo, 66,000 residents have been educated on health and wellness, and provided nearly 22,500 free health screenings. Since 2008, the Do Right! Campaign, designed to combat family obesity, has increased awareness of 364,000 of Cincinnati's most vulnerable residents. Under Mr. Tillery's guidance, the Center for Closing the Health Gap has trained more than 470 community residents to conduct neighborhood health surveys, provide nutrition information, become community leaders and change advocates, and led faith-based health and wellness ministries. It is for these reasons we present the Community Health Advocate Award to Mr. Dwight Tillery.



## **CCTST Academic-Community Research Partnership Award**

This award honors an **academic and community partnership** that works collaboratively to facilitate innovation in research or quality improvement to impact the health of children, adults and/or communities.

### **CCTST Academic-Community Research Partnership Award:**

This award is being presented to

**“CAP in the Community” Community Physicians**

in partnership with

**Cincinnati Children’s Hospital Medical Center Physicians**

“CAP in the Community” refers to a partnership between physicians at Cincinnati Children’s Hospital and 5 community pediatric practices led by Drs. Paul Korn, Marcie Strasser, Camille Graham, Charles Cavallo, and Katherine Brady. Their goal was to implement national pneumonia guideline recommendations in the community setting, subsequently aligning management of community-acquired pneumonia (CAP) throughout the continuum of care. These practices provide care to >60,000 children throughout the Cincinnati area. In the past year, their work has increased the proportion of children who receive first-line narrow-spectrum therapy from <25% to >70% and increased the proportion of children receiving oximetry to assist in evaluation of respiratory distress from 0% to >75%, and reached a goal of <10% of children receiving non-recommended laboratory tests and non-recommended radiology studies. In addition to meeting these goals, this partnership has also developed electronic learning modules to introduce key concepts in quality improvement that can be leveraged by other community practices and academic-community partnerships, improved communication and consistency of care between community- and hospital-based physicians, and created a quality improvement infrastructure in the outpatient setting. Please join me in congratulating “CAP in the Community” community physicians for their truly collaborative partnership.



**CCTST Academic-Community Research Partnership Award:**

This award is being presented to

**Interact for Health**

in partnership with the

**University of Cincinnati Institute for Policy Research**

Since 1999, Interact for Health and the UC Institute for Policy Research have developed a close and mutually rewarding partnership conducting health status and health issues polls. These two organizations work together on the Greater Cincinnati Community Health Status Survey, the Ohio Health Issues Poll, and the Kentucky Health Issues Poll, as well as other research. Interact for Health and the Institute for Policy Research work together to formulate questions that will obtain the best, most unbiased answers. They have learned the value of good questions leading to good data, which in turn leads to good analysis. Data from these analyses are used for planning from the health system level down to the grantees implementing small programs and everything in between. Over the years, the work has become increasingly complex. Interact for Health relies on the Institute for Policy Research to keep up with the latest research methodology to ensure the results are reliable.

It is clear that the partnership between Interact for Health and the University of Cincinnati Institute for Policy Research is deserving of this award. Accepting the award tonight is Dr. Pat O'Connor, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, from Interact for Health.



**CCTST Academic-Community Research Partnership Award:**

This award is being presented to the

**Cincinnati Child Health-Law Partnership (Child HeLP)**

**Partners include:**

**Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center and**

**Legal Aid Society of Greater Cincinnati**

Child HeLP is an innovative partnership between Cincinnati Children's Hospital primary care clinics and the Legal Aid Society of Greater Cincinnati that helps at-risk families resolve legal issues that undermine child health. Since 2008, 3,650 families have been referred, resulting in recovery of nearly \$300,000 in back public benefits for families and helping over 11,000 children and adults. Child HeLP's pediatric resident training is nationally recognized, providing approximately 50 residents annually community immersion experiences and interactive didactics and has contributed to residents' improved social screening. Child HeLP physicians and attorneys collectively advocate for low-income families to address community-wide issues. Their success is achievable due to the partnering of clinicians, attorneys, community organizations, and families to improve health in our community. This partnership is an exceptional example of both organizations' commitment to identifying and implementing community interventions to improve the health and well-being of children and families, and is well-deserving of the Academic-Community Research Partnership award. Accepting the award tonight on behalf of Legal Aid Society of Greater Cincinnati is Elaine Fink.