



Catalyst is a semi-annual online newsletter designed to *advance* people and organizations that produce positive change, *promote* programs and policies that improve health and healthcare, and *connect* people, programs and resources across Georgia. **Catalyst** amplifies the voice of nonprofit health organizations and efforts to promote better health and health care in Georgia.

President's Corner



Strengthened Resolve for Decade Ahead

In light of our 10th anniversary in 2010, Healthcare Georgia Foundation takes great pride in awarding approximately \$36 million in grants to more than 400 organizations working to improve the health of Georgians. [>> more](#)

Foundation Events

Make

Connections 2010:

*Leadership in Difficult
Economic Times*

March 31-April 1, 2010

The Westin Buckhead
Atlanta

Join us for **Connections 2010**, Healthcare Georgia Foundation's fourth statewide convening of grantees, partners and community leaders. Held every other year, this popular

In Support of Our Grantmaking Priority Areas

Addressing Health Disparities

Foundation to Fund Economic Impact Studies of Highly Disparate Health Conditions

Seeking Proposals from Schools of Public Health

"Of all the forms of inequality, injustice in health is the most shocking and the most inhumane."

Dr. Martin Luther King, 1966

Dr. King made this statement 44 years ago. Yet, despite his truthful insight, health disparities in our country are on the rise. According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, minority communities continue to be vulnerable, experiencing disproportionately higher morbidity and mortality rates for disabling chronic diseases such as diabetes, kidney disease, heart disease, and cancer. As an organization committed to addressing this health divide, Healthcare Georgia Foundation announces its intent to fund economic impact studies in 2010 which will help to inform and shape the development and delivery of community-based interventions to narrow the gap. [>> more](#)

Expanding Access to Primary Healthcare

Campaign Aims To Reverse Trends, Advance Public Health

State budget cuts in recent years have left Georgia's public health system in critical condition. Per capita spending on public health in Georgia now equals about a nickel a day. The state ranks in the bottom 10 among all states in several measures, including infant mortality, low birth weight babies, percentage of uninsured, and the number of children with AIDS.

To redress this dire situation, Healthcare Georgia Foundation has launched a statewide initiative to build public will and political resolve. At the heart of the campaign is a grant to Hayslett Group

two-day event features a unique learning and networking environment for Georgia's nonprofit health community. The aim is to foster communication and creativity, and to strengthen nonprofit health organizations through the exchange of ideas, best practices, and engaging, relevant presentations. [>>more](#)

Listen Up! 2010 Listening Tour Is Underway

We hear a lot about the health and health care issues facing Georgia, but are we really listening? As a statewide organization dedicated to advancing the health of all Georgians, Healthcare Georgia Foundation posits that by listening, we gain a deeper understanding of the health challenges confronting our state, and a deeper understanding will lead to effective, long lasting solutions.

The Foundation has launched a statewide Listening Tour, involving the participation of health providers, health care consumers, and policy makers throughout the state. The purpose is to give voice to those who both shape and are affected by the state of Georgia's health. Tour findings and highlights will be published and disseminated in March. [>> more](#)

LLC, an Atlanta-based communications firm, to fund a two-year program called **Advancing Public Health in Georgia**. The goal is to prepare Georgia's public health leaders to be more effective advocates in the public policy arena. By utilizing various media and communications tools to shape the policy environment, the Foundation believes positive change is possible. [>> more](#)

Foundation Takes Giant Steps Toward Childhood Asthma Management

Childhood asthma statistics are enough to take your breath away. Asthma is the third ranking cause of hospitalization among children 15 years and younger, and is a leading cause of school absenteeism and parents/caregivers missing days of work. In Georgia, 10 percent of children under the age of 17 have asthma. Thirty percent of Georgia's children with asthma do not have regular asthma checkups, and 65 percent do not have a written action plan to manage their asthma.

In 2009, Healthcare Georgia Foundation launched the Georgia Childhood Asthma Management Program (GCAMP) to support promising programs to improve health outcomes for children and adolescents with asthma. The Foundation recently awarded GCAMP grants to six organizations serving high-risk, underserved populations throughout the state. [>>more](#)

Strengthening Nonprofit Health Organizations

Evaluation Resource Center Created To Strengthen Grantees, Partner Organizations

Understanding that results matter and that peak-performing health nonprofits achieve better health outcomes for Georgians, Healthcare Georgia Foundation is establishing an **Evaluation Resource Center**, a systemic approach to building the evaluation capacity of the organizations it supports. The Center's mission is to provide coordinated, high quality evaluation capacity building services to help strengthen our grantees and partner organizations, both current and potential, across the state. [>> more](#)

Distance Learning Program Expands Reach in 2010

Healthcare Georgia Foundation announces the Phase III launch of HealthTec^{dl}, a statewide distance learning program designed to support health professionals and strengthen services provided by nonprofit health organizations in Georgia.

Established by the Foundation in 2007, HealthTec^{dl} is a thriving, collaborative effort that offers distance learning programs and services provided by the Georgia Statewide Area Health Education Centers (AHEC) Network. In 2009, more than 2,100 persons participated in 40 HealthTec^{dl} programs with topics ranging from the correlation between childhood obesity and adult type 2 diabetes to fundraising realities for nonprofits in a difficult economy. Fifty programs are planned for 2010. [>> more](#)

Foundation
Publications

HealthTec^{dl}:
[Distance Learning for
Nonprofit Health
Organizations](#)

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2008 Annual Report:
[Leadership in Difficult
Times](#)

2008 Health Rankings:
[Georgia and Georgia's
Children](#)

**2010 Joseph D.
Greene Community
Service Award:**
[Nomination Guidelines
and Instructions](#)

**Healthcare Georgia
Foundation and
Grantee Publications_**

Leading the Way:
Advancing Public Health in Georgia



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