Ginsburg Institute for Health Equity at Nemours Children's Health Grants \$120,000 to Central Florida Organizations for Initiatives that Foster Community Collaboration

Funding supports initiatives focused on quality education, economic stability, healthy food and nutrition, and mental health.

ORLANDO, Florida (Feb. 27, 2025) –The Ginsburg Institute for Health Equity at Nemours Children's Health (Ginsburg Institute) has awarded five grants totaling \$120,000 to organizations in Central Florida for innovative projects aimed at fostering collaboration in the community.



The grant recipients and their initiatives include:

- The University of Central Florida College of Medicine and ELEVATE Orlando: Partnering to introduce students to career opportunities in medicine through hands-on learning experiences designed to inspire future health professionals.
- Cristo Rey High School and Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Florida (BGCCF): Collaborating to enhance after-school enrichment programs and help students build leadership skills critical to their academic and personal growth.

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- **Wolomi:** Supporting maternal and family well-being by connecting mothers to mental health counselors, resources, and support through an accessible digital platform.
- 4Roots, HEBNI Nutrition and Second Harvest Food Bank of Central Florida: Launching a program to combat food insecurity by improving access to resources and educational opportunities within Orange County Public Schools.
- Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Florida and REED Charitable Foundation: Working together to provide high-quality literacy materials and support to students across BGCCF locations, ensuring equitable access to essential educational resources.

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To be considered for these grants, organizations submitted proposals for community-based projects that align with the Institute's focus areas. The proposals were evaluated on innovation, community engagement and sustainability, with a particular emphasis on fostering multi-stakeholder collaboration. All grant recipients attended the Ginsburg Institute's 2024 Symposium in October 2024.

A first-of-its-kind initiative, the Ginsburg Institute was launched in 2022. The Ginsburg Institute works across the region to provide leadership, build community partnerships and create innovative programs to improve children's health and lives.

About Nemours Children's Health

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