
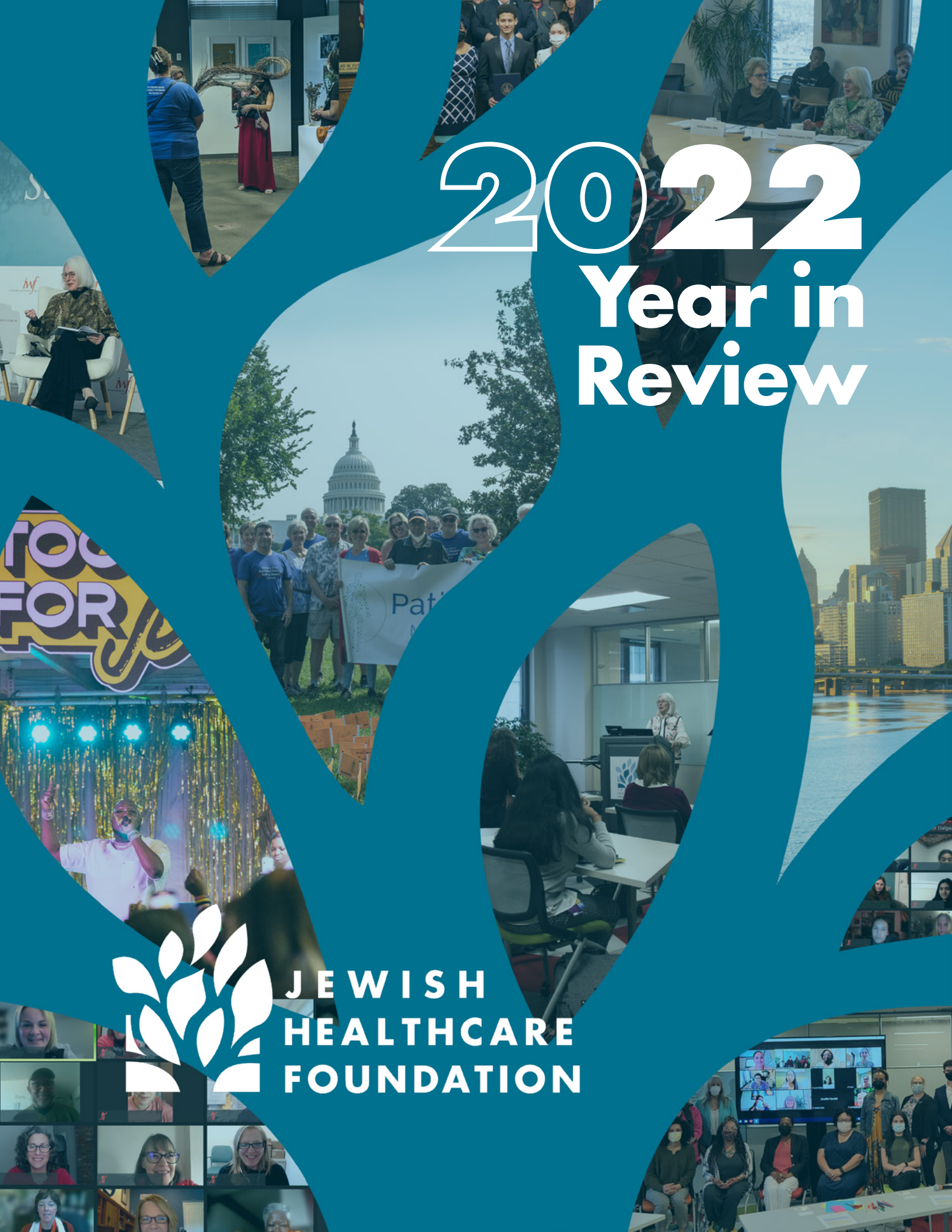



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About the Jewish Healthcare Foundation

The Jewish Healthcare Foundation (JHF) is a public charity that offers a unique brand of activist philanthropy to advance healthcare innovation, advocacy, collaboration, and education in the interest of better population health. To accomplish its goals, JHF created three supporting organizations—the Pittsburgh Regional Health Initiative (PRHI) in 1998, Health Careers Futures (HCF) in 2003, and the Women’s Health Activist Movement Global (WHAMglobal) in 2017. Together these organizations develop and manage programs, research, training, and grantmaking to advance the quality of clinical care and health of populations.

Foreword

The Jewish Healthcare Foundation has never been short on ambition, and this past year marked an extraordinary year of big thinking resulting in gratifying successes. It is my honor to serve as Board Chair during such an important time in our Foundation's history, including our largest and most remarkable year for public and private external funding since our founding. I celebrate the many achievements of our dedicated staff, our committed Board members, and the endless partners in the community that have helped to advance innovation, advocacy, collaboration, and education in the interest of better health for all.

Thank you for being a part of this work.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Debra L. Caplan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Debra" and last name "Caplan" clearly distinguishable.

Debra L. Caplan, MPA

Board Chair (2021–present)

Achievements of 2022 Light the Path of the New Year

The Jewish Healthcare Foundation (JHF) engaged local, statewide, national and even international partnerships throughout 2022 to drive reforms, envision potential solutions, implement new programs, and grow existing initiatives in patient safety, senior care, women's health, teen mental health, HIV/AIDS, workforce development, fellowships, and statewide collaboratives.

Putting an exclamation point on the respect for JHF's leadership, just a few months into the year, the Foundation had [secured over \\$25 million in public and private funds](#) to ensure critical public health programs would reach our community. This makes 2022 JHF's most significant external funding year in its 31-year history as a valued partner and grants manager. Work to positively affect these issues is ongoing, but as this landmark year in funding wraps, we take a moment to recount the successes of the past year.

Annually, JHF provides critical funding to the local Jewish community in Pittsburgh, and in 2022, JHF provided over \$3 million. These funds concluded JHF's two-year, \$2.5 million support for COVID emergency funds to the Jewish Community Center of Greater Pittsburgh, an annual contribution of \$900,000 to the Jewish Community Center of Greater Pittsburgh, and ongoing financial support to the Jewish Association on Aging (JAA).

Patient Safety

The Foundation made significant strides in realizing its vision to reduce and prevent medical error.

In December, U.S. Representative Nanette Barragán (D-CA) [introduced H.R.9377 - The National Patient Safety Board Act](#), legislation to establish an independent federal agency dedicated to preventing and reducing healthcare-related harms. This landmark legislation is a critical step to improve safety for patients and healthcare providers by coordinating existing efforts within a single independent agency solely focused on addressing safety in health care through data-driven solutions. As of year's end, the National Patient Safety Board (NPSB) Advocacy



Members of the nationwide NPSB Advocacy Coalition.

Coalition had 75 members, representing healthcare organizations, provider associations, businesses, nonprofit organizations, and consumer advocacy groups. On September 21, JHF President and CEO Dr. Karen Wolk Feinstein provided testimony to the [President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology](#) on the Foundation's support for the establishment of an NPSB.

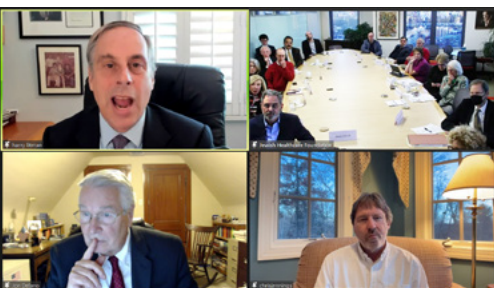


Francis Collins, MD, PhD welcomes Dr. Karen Wolk Feinstein to provide public comment on opportunities to improve patient safety.

The [Up Next for Patient Safety](#) podcast continued by releasing eight episodes in 2022, engaging with experts in health care and technology to examine the best paths to improving patient safety that are possible right now. Those conversations include [Episode 8: Looking Back to Move Forward](#) with guest co-host Martin Hatlie and panelists Dr. Carolyn Clancy, Dr. Kenneth Kizer, and Dr. David Mayer; [Episode 9: Transforming Physician Culture](#) with Dr. Seth Wolk and John Zimmerman; [Episode 10: Doctors Evaluating Doctors](#) with Dr. Thomas Gallagher and Dr. Gerald Hickson; [Episode 11: England & Norway Chart the Course](#) with Dr. Carl Macrae and Dr. Siri Wiig; [Episode 12: Systemic Solutions](#) with Dr. Kathleen Sutcliffe and Dr. Vivian Lee; [Episode 13: Lessons from a Netflix Film](#) with Andy Pasztor and Chris Hart; [Episode 14: The Great Resignation](#) with Dr. Christine Sinsky and Dr. Terry Fulmer; and [Episode 15: Proposing New Partnerships](#) with Leah Binder, Chris Hart, Dr. Najmedin Meshkati, and Julie Morath.



During its December All Boards meeting, Harry Litman, JHF Board member, former U.S. District Attorney, law professor, political commentator, former Pittsburgher, and producer and host of the popular podcast “Talking Feds,” facilitated an [hour-long internal podcast](#) on the post-election policy climate following the most recent election. The panel included John Delano, Steven D. Irwin, and Chris Jennings, a key policy advisor to the Clinton, Obama and Biden administrations.



The discussion was led by Harry Litman, JD (upper left) with Steven D. Irwin (upper right), John Delano (lower left), and Chris Jennings (lower right) participating.

JHF approved a [\\$500,000, two-year grant](#) to Carnegie Mellon University (CMU) to establish an Initiative for Patient Safety Research (IPSR) to address the persistent problem of medical errors. IPSR will build on years of work at JHF and the Pittsburgh Regional Health Initiative (PRHI) to develop effective solutions for common medical errors. Its research will be the next step to establish Pittsburgh as a hub for developing autonomous technologies to anticipate medical errors and prevent major sources of harm in health care before they occur. The work will deploy CMU's multidisciplinary talent in centers of inquiry and discovery across the university to create a benchmark data set. Those data will be used to generate hypotheses and proof-of-concept methods to detect and prevent medication errors using autonomous patient safety solutions.

In addition, a \$500,000, two-year grant to the University of Pittsburgh (Pitt) School of Medicine's Department of Biomedical Informatics was approved for its Medication Error Avoidance at Regional Scale (MEARS) project. The project will bring together a diverse team of Pitt faculty—working with CMU's IPSR—to develop, test, and implement the MEARS project, a medication monitoring intervention for skilled nursing facility patients transitioning between hospitals and long-term care. Partners in the grant include UPMC Senior Communities, RxPartners, and the Center for Electronic Health Record Research Request.



JHF was a co-sponsor of the [AI & ML in Healthcare Symposium](#) as part of its ongoing work to position the Pittsburgh region as a hub for transformative healthcare technologies and innovation, especially as it pertains to patient safety. At the symposium, Pittsburgh showcased its potential to become a leader in artificial intelligence and machine learning within health care.

Karen Wolk Feinstein speaking at the "AI/ML in Healthcare Symposium" with (from left to right) moderator Paul Phrampus, and panel-members Parthasarathy Thirumala, MD; Alexander Sundermann, DrPH; and Shyam Visweswaran, MD, PhD. Photo by Emily O'Donnell.

A "Healthcare Safety Competition" was approved and funded by JHF on April 11. In May, JHF assembled an advisory board tasked to help identify potential partners and sponsors and market the competition. The Board approved JHF's plan to leverage existing startup networks and communities by adding a new category for innovative patient safety technology awards into existing competitions. The resulting [Patient Safety Technology Challenge](#) has introduced new patient safety awards in 16 competitions across 12 innovation hubs, including three global events. Three Patient Safety Technology Challenge sponsored events were held at established hackathons and challenges in 2022: MedHacks at The Johns Hopkins University, HACKMIT at MIT's Cambridge, Massachusetts, Campus, The Pitt Challenge at the University of Pittsburgh, and the Columbia-CareOne Healthcare Innovation Challenge. [Nine patient safety technology challenge partnerships](#) have been officially announced for the coming year, with more in the pipeline.

PATIENT SAFETY TECHNOLOGY CHALLENGE



The co-founders of Elivio Health (left), winners of the Columbia-CareOne Healthcare Innovation Challenge patient safety tech prize, are pictured with judge Benjamin Ranard, MD, MSHP.

Senior Care

In 2022, JHF's ongoing commitment to the Jewish community and seniors was advanced another step by the JAA's announcement to sell a portion of its property on Browns Hill Road in Squirrel Hill to develop [an innovative urban senior village](#), a model that has inspired JHF's senior team for over three decades from its original founding of the JAA. This exciting development will provide exceptional independent living and personal care senior living options in the City of Pittsburgh.



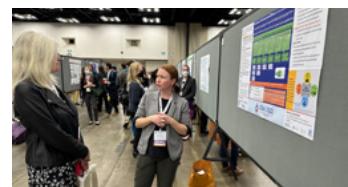
The newest chapter of the Browns Hill Road campus offers much potential to support new residential options for urban seniors.

The [Pennsylvania Community HealthChoices Long-Term Care Learning Network](#) launched a weekly series of educational webinars in 2022 and presented its first Quarterly Learning Collaborative to highlight peer-to-peer education delivered to nursing facility staff and leadership. The webinar was attended by 142 participants from across the Commonwealth. The network held additional Learning Collaboratives each quarter, discussing strategies for reducing avoidable hospitalizations, enhancing skills to assess key conditions, and addressing workforce challenges.

[Dementia Friends Pennsylvania](#) hit a historic landmark by achieving 10,000 Dementia Friends statewide. On September 21, World Alzheimer's Day, JHF established [Dementia Friendly Pennsylvania](#), a new initiative aimed at supporting Pennsylvanians living with dementia and their care partners. It is a collaborative effort with Dementia Friends Pennsylvania, a program of JHF, and eight existing dementia-friendly communities and is supported by the Pennsylvania Department of Health (DOH).



In June, partners convened to reflect [on the progress of the Revisiting the Teaching Nursing Home Initiative](#) with an external grant evaluator providing feedback on the progress to date. Initial reactions and recommendations from the evaluator and the team at The John A. Hartford Foundation, lead sponsor of the initiative, were extremely positive and supportive of the progress and future plans. Priorities for year two are to continue to increase student engagement, grow strategic partnerships, disseminate learnings from the project, and identify opportunities to address workforce challenges such as pay parity within nursing facilities, loan forgiveness for students pursuing careers in nursing facilities, and exposure for students to career opportunities within skilled nursing. The long-term goal is to expand beyond the partners involved in the pilot phase to engage all skilled nursing facilities and schools of nursing in the Commonwealth as a model for the nation.



The work of the Revisiting the Teaching Nursing Home Initiative was presented at the Gerontological Society of America (GSA) Annual Scientific Meeting in November.

Throughout the year, JHF has fostered collaborations that promote compassionate, mindful, honest, and supportive conversations about end-of-life care, including the launch of the [Pennsylvania Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment live virtual education modules](#) in August, funded by the McEllhattan Foundation, providing a more convenient method for professionals to gain valuable skills in having end-of-life discussions. Additionally, members of the JHF team and JHF Medical Advisor Dr. Judith Black led a class at CMU's [Osher Lifelong Learning Institute](#) titled "Closure: Discussing the Last Chapter," to provide end-of-life education to community members.

Women's Health

JHF, through its operating arm Women's Health Activist Movement Global (WHAMglobal), has remained committed to addressing maternal and infant mortality, and it also began to expand its women's health agenda to look at issues of human trafficking and inequities women face as they age.

The PA Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs [awarded JHF \\$1.4 million in funding](#) to continue the Pennsylvania Perinatal Quality Collaborative's (PA PQC) work in improving perinatal health outcomes by supporting healthcare providers across the Commonwealth in implementing key interventions in response to the major causes of maternal deaths. This includes a focus on maternal substance abuse, substance-exposed newborns, maternal depression, severe hypertension, and racial/ethnic disparities.

The PA PQC continues to [influence practice and policy and create change in 55 birth hospitals and newborn intensive-care units across Pennsylvania](#). Those facilities represent 81% of live births and 14 health plans. Following the adoption of PA PQC Quality Improvement Initiatives, the percentage of hospitals using a validated screening tool to identify maternal substance use increased to 96% in 2022. As a result of another PA PQC initiative, 19 of 21 participating hospitals are now routinely providing counseling and immediately offering postpartum long-acting reversible contraceptives.



In June, the Health Careers Futures and WHAMglobal Boards convened in a joint meeting to discuss the evolution, impact, and future of the PA PQC.



State Rep. Morgan Cephas spoke during a press conference announcing the new \$25.6 million at Temple University's new Hospital for Women's Health in Philadelphia.

The Foundation was pleased to be named an administrator for approximately \$9 million of the \$25.6 million in American Rescue Plan funding allocated for a new maternal and child health initiative in Pennsylvania. The COVID-19 Nurturing Maternal and Child Health Initiative recognizes the impact the pandemic had on Pennsylvania communities and makes strategic investments to begin the implementation of inventive and informed improvements.

In June, JHF and WHAMglobal launched the [Perinatal Health Equity Champions Program](#), a year-long engagement model designed to build capacity in the birthing workforce to help address racial disparities and improve maternal health care in the Pittsburgh region. The program is part of the Pittsburgh: A Safer Childbirth City initiative aimed at transforming the city into a safer, more equitable, and more accessible place to give birth.



The new Perinatal Health Equity Champions Program kicked off June 14 with a cohort of 14 Champions from 10 different organizations.

JHF approved a [two-year grant up to \\$100,000 to advance the work of the PA Doula Commission to promote the certification and reimbursement recommendations](#) and prepare the doula workforce. As part of JHF's Full Court Press initiatives launched in 2021, it set a goal to develop a certification and reimbursement system for doulas in Pennsylvania. In just two months, a 100-member statewide advisory group, with leadership from a Doula Alliance subgroup, gained consensus on certification and reimbursement recommendations. The Doula Alliance's leaders then formed the PA Doula Commission as a nonprofit in November 2021 and launched the certification with the PA Certification Board in February 2022.

JHF and the PA Health Funders Collaborative (PHFC) continued to convene the Statewide WIC Stakeholders Group with state agencies, WIC offices, advocates, and other stakeholders to increase enrollment in WIC services.



The commissioned artwork created for the event included portraits of local birthworkers in Pittsburgh, action photos of maternity care, and testimonies of maternal healthcare workers.

[WHAMglobal's Birthing a Movement](#) multi-day event and exhibit at the Three Rivers Arts Festival included commissioned artwork, interactive artwork, local birth workers discussing their work, and Anthropology of Motherhood's "Culture of Care Exhibit," which showcased the power and emotion that goes into birthwork and celebrated the various frontline workers within maternal care.

At the International Women's Forum (IWF) conference in Santiago, Chile, Dr. Karen Wolk Feinstein and Dr. Jamile Camacho [discussed the inequities and discrimination women face in health care as they age](#), providing evidence that older women across the world face similar challenges in getting the best care. This results from research designs that exclude older women; insurance coverage that disadvantages older women; outdated medical beliefs; the serious problem of poverty among senior women; and a fear of recriminations or a lack of understanding that prevents women from advocating for their rights.



The “Women, Aging, and Inequities in Healthcare” panel with (from left to right) Teresa Valdes-Fauli Weintraub, Karen Wolk Feinstein, and Jamile Camacho.

[The IWF Special Interest Group for Health](#), co-chaired by JHF President & CEO Dr. Feinstein and JHF Board Chair Debra Caplan, held its seventh gathering as part of the IWF conference “Beating the Odds: The Search for New Solutions,” on November 2 in Las Vegas, Nevada. The session, designed by JHF and WHAMglobal leadership, built on an earlier IWF special interest group webinar and featured professionals working to address human trafficking discussing the nature and prevalence of the problem and successful interventions.

Teen Mental Health

In 2022, JHF and the PA Youth Advocacy Network [launched the inaugural 2022 Teen Mental Health Advocacy Series](#). The series aims to connect Pennsylvania high school students with advocacy opportunities to call for better teen mental health resources. During eight virtual sessions, participants learned key advocacy skills. JHF generated further conversation about youth voice with a session titled “Amplifying Youth Voice to Promote Teen Mental Health” during the [Grantmakers in Health 2022 Annual Conference on Health Philanthropy](#).



Sarah Pesl, MSPPM, policy associate at JHF, presented “Amplifying Youth Voice to Promote Teen Mental Health” with youth advocate Connor Dalgaard.



The [PA Youth Advocacy Network united activists for the Mental Health Awareness Month](#) by hosting a Mental Health Day of Action. The Network also hosted the Rally Across PA! Celebrate Teen Mental Health Advocates event highlighted by the day being declared in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania by Gov. Tom Wolf, in Allegheny County by the Allegheny County Council, and in Luzerne County by the Luzerne County Council, all of whom passed proclamations written by youth advocates as part of the Network’s advocacy efforts.

The impact of the PA Youth Advocacy Network and Teen Mental Health Collaborative on its members and participants was evident this year through numerous awards, U.S. Senate committee advocacy, and national and international conference presentations all led by current and former network members.

Pictured (left to right): Front row, County Council Member Olivia “Liv” Bennett, primary sponsor of the declaration; Mohammad Shedeed, teen activist; and Sarah Pesl.

HIV/AIDS

JHF was [awarded over \\$10 million from the Pennsylvania DOH](#) for the 2022–2023 fiscal year, which will be used to improve the quality of and access to medical care and support for people living with HIV across Pennsylvania. The award includes both Ryan White Part B funding for people residing in the 11-county region of southwest Pennsylvania and Minority AIDS Initiative funding for Black, indigenous, and people of color residing across the Commonwealth. The award is an increase on previous annual funding and builds on 30 years of partnership between the DOH and JHF.

After a two-year hiatus [Too Hot for July](#), Pittsburgh's only HIV Biomedical Awareness Event, made its triumphant in-person return. Hosted by AIDS Free Pittsburgh in partnership with True T Pittsburgh, the event kicked off Pride Month festivities in the region with an unparalleled combination of entertainment and education. More than 1,000 people attended the free event.



Too Hot for July featured a street dance party, a vogue dance battle, and provided health and wellness resources for the LGBTQIA+ community, and free HIV and STD testing.

In a broad marketing campaign for HIV services in the region, [AIDS Free Pittsburgh sent a mailer to 600,000 households](#) in western Pennsylvania to raise awareness about the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program, the largest federal program designed specifically to fund health care and supportive services for people living with HIV.

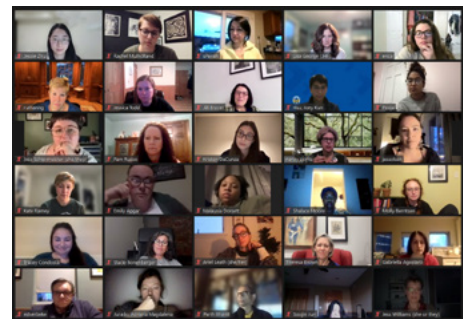


Direct mailers to households in western Pennsylvania to raise awareness about the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program.

Workforce Development

FEINSTEIN FELLOWSHIPS

The popular Feinstein Fellowships kicked off in 2022 with the [Death and Dying Fellowship](#). A cohort of 33 participants representing 7 universities and 15 degree programs gathered virtually to learn about the legal, medical, social, cultural, familial, and spiritual aspects of death and dying from experts in palliative care, geriatrics, hospice, ethics, long-term care, and other disciplines within a low-pressure environment. The fellowship culminated in a finale that provided an opportunity for participants to practice conversations around serious illness and death in small groups with expert facilitators. The next cohort will convene in late January 2023.



The 2022 Death and Dying Fellowship provided an opportunity for participants to learn from and engage with expert speakers and each other in a virtual setting.



Fellow Anna Solomon presents to her colleagues during the 2022 Patient Safety Fellowship.

The [2022 Patient Safety Fellowship](#) connected 29 fellows to distinguished speakers while challenging them to learn and engage with one another both in-person and virtually. The fellowship was built on the topics and experts highlighted in JHF's Up Next for Patient Safety podcast with a flip-the-classroom model to increase time for discussion with national experts. The fellows represented 12 universities and 18 different disciplines. Before completing the fellowship, participants identified aspirational solutions to improve patient safety and shared their personal goals on how they can become better patient safety advocates.

Fellows from a diverse range of healthcare disciplines joined the [JHF Salk Health Activist Fellowship](#) to develop effective advocacy strategies at the state level. At the finale on November 17, the 33 participating fellows had the opportunity to present their strategies to influence key health policy issues to a group of their peers and JHF staff.



Fellows Amber Edmunds, left, and Mikaela Moore present their work during the Salk Health Activist Fellowship finale.

JHF completed its first [Death and Dying Series for Healthcare Professionals](#) on November 2. The pilot program was inspired by the popular Death and Dying Fellowship for graduate students but was tailored to meet the needs of healthcare professionals in practice. The series attracted 24 professionals from various disciplines within the healthcare field and enabled them to enhance their skills in having conversations around serious illness during a seven-session program.

STATEWIDE LEARNING COLLABORATIVES

JHF was approached to coordinate and host a webinar on July 12 titled [“Providing COVID-19 Therapeutics: Your Questions Answered.”](#) The webinar was delivered on behalf of Pennsylvania's DOH, Department of Human Services, and Emergency Management Agency to more than 130 staff from long-term care facilities. The webinar focused on why, when, and how to prescribe and access outpatient COVID-19 treatment and preventive therapies to promote better outcomes for those most vulnerable to serious illness from COVID-19.

The Pennsylvania Department of Human Services and DOH approached JHF's Aging Team to present [“Monkeypox: What You Need to Know,”](#) a webinar answering questions about monkeypox and providing information about the status of monkeypox globally, nationally, and

across Pennsylvania; the systems and prevention of monkeypox; courses of action if a person or close contact contracts the disease; and best practices in common settings and current treatments. A virtual audience of 680 participants attended.

In partnership with the Physical HealthChoices Managed Care Organizations, PRHI and the Health Federation of Philadelphia organized 16 regional learning sessions for the Patient-Centered Medical Homes. The sessions focused on best practices for depression screening and follow-up care, suicide ideation screening and response including 988, tobacco cessation counseling services, Integrated Care Plans for patients with Serious Mental Illness, health equity, language access services, sharing physical and behavioral health information across providers, and using the Telephonic Psychiatric Consultation Service Program. PRHI also continued to provide administrative support for the statewide Learning Network for the Opioid Use Disorder Centers of Excellence.

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