

Making a Difference Program: Health and Wellness One Street at a Time

Purpose

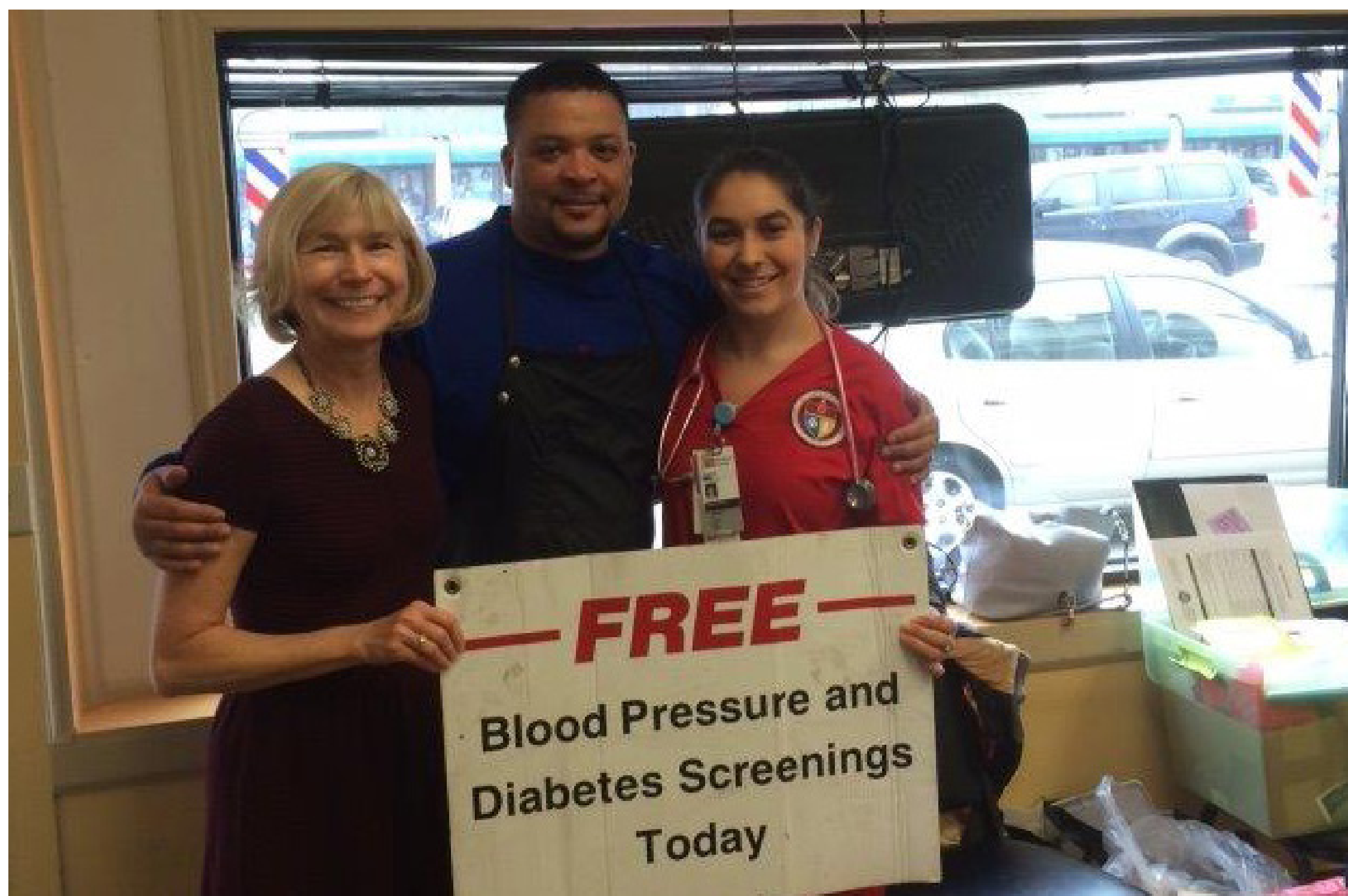
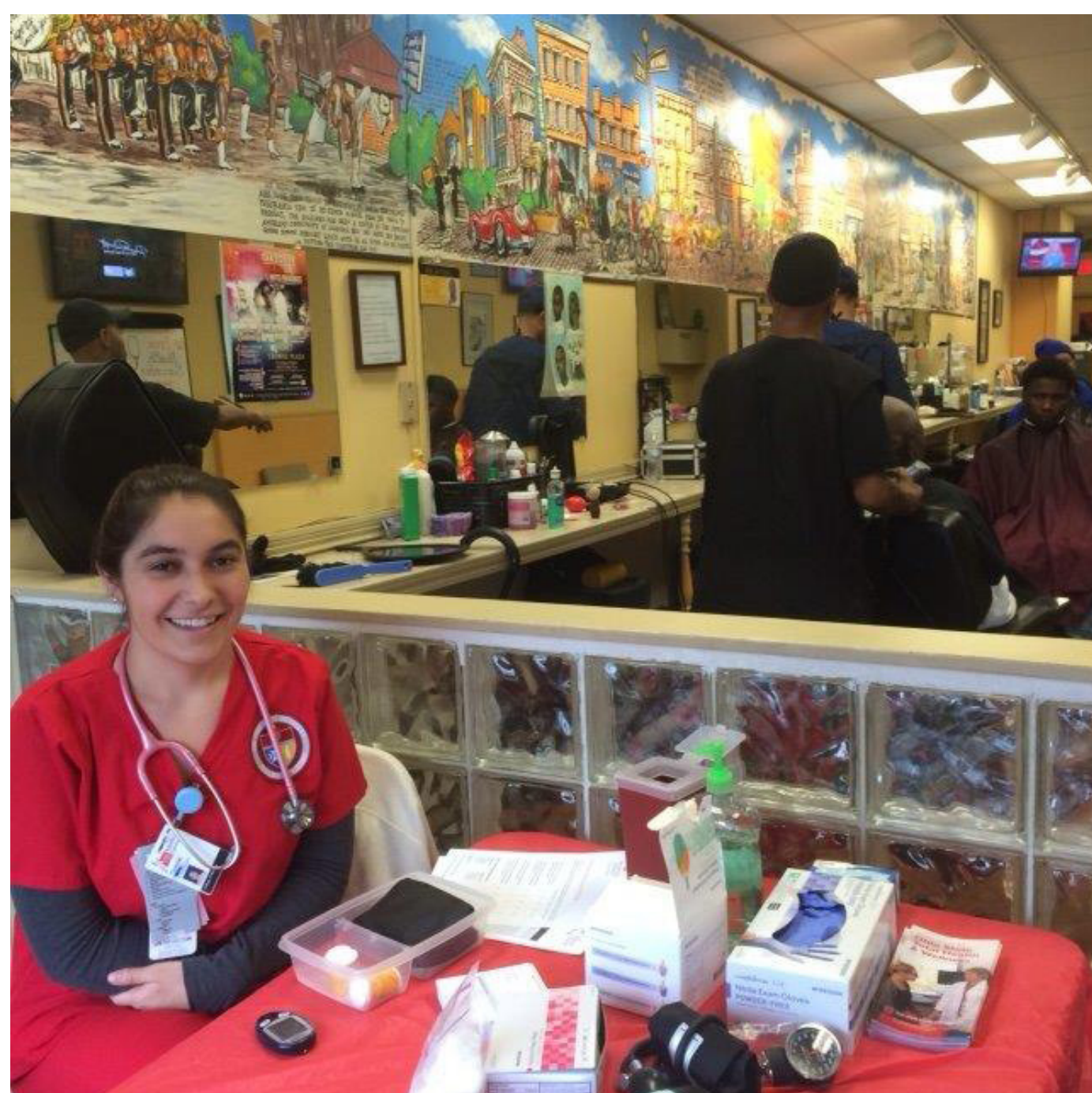
To develop a model for community engagement that will inform student and faculty research/scholarship experiences in the study of health equity; to address the challenges to health and wellness in the underserved Linden Neighborhood by reducing health inequities and health disparities; and by empowering the community to engage in activities that promote health and wellness.

Impact

Since its inception, the program has served a total of 787 adults, of which 709 were African American adults. Participants received free health screenings (blood pressure, blood sugar, and stress) and were provided with referrals as needed.

Collaborations were expanded by adding another academic partner (College of Pharmacy) and another community partner (New Salem Baptist Church).

Partnership established with East Columbus Elementary School and the Health Sciences Academy to encourage career exploration of the health science professions by children in grades 3 and 4.



Ohio State Colleges/Units Involved

College of Nursing
College of Dentistry
College of Optometry
College of Pharmacy
African Studies Community
Extension Center

Community Partners Involved

Making a Difference, Inc.
A Cut above the Rest Barbershop
Eldon and Elsie Ward Family YMCA
New Salem Baptist Church



How you can get involved:

- We are seeking potential Community Partners in the Linden community.

To get involved, contact:

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