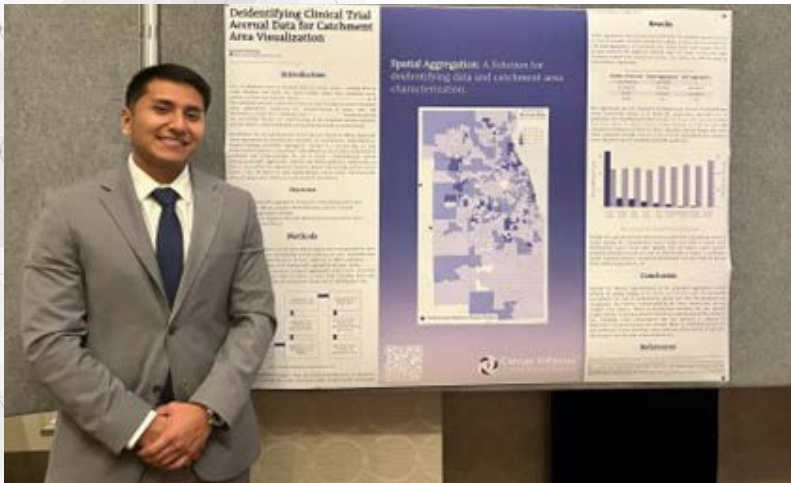


# Lurie Cancer Center COMMUNITY OUTREACH & ENGAGEMENT UPDATES



## Lurie Cancer Center's Daniel Antonio Recognized at Conference

Lurie Cancer Center participated in the inaugural Catchment Area Data Conference in Richmond, VA. Daniel Antonio, MPH, presented his project, "Deidentifying Clinical Trial Accrual Data for Catchment Area Visualization," during the poster session where it was selected as a top-rated abstract. Antonio was invited to present his research during the conference's rapid-fire session and received the Data Tools Innovator Award, recognizing his significant contribution to advancing the practical aspects of working with cancer data. The poster and presentation detailed a geospatial aggregation method to deidentify and visualize Lurie Cancer Center clinical trial data across the nine counties in our catchment area. This data analysis enables us to gain a deeper understanding and better serve the specific needs of communities throughout our catchment area.



## Abbott Park Senior Satellite Center

Lurie Cancer Center partnered with local community partners and Abbott Park Satellite Senior Center to support their efforts to empower Chicago's senior population to lead healthier lives through health education and valuable resources. A variety of organizations shared information on a wide range of topics, including women's health (Sister's Working It Out), nutrition and diet, (Common Threads), brain health (Northwestern University's Mesulam Center for Cognitive Neurology and Alzheimer's Disease), colorectal cancer prevention and awareness (The Blue Hat Foundation), and cancer screening recommendations (Lurie Cancer Center).

## Upcoming Events

### CERVICAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH @ MAC COSMETICS

**January 19, 2023**  
**1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.**  
540 N. Michigan Avenue  
Chicago, IL  
[For more information](#)

### FITNESS & FACTS

February 24, 2024  
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
Timothy Center  
451 S. Drexel Blvd, Chicago, IL  
[Register here](#)

### SCREENING MADNESS HAPPY HOUR

March 22, 2024  
Lucky Strike  
322 E. Illinois, Chicago, IL  
[For more information](#)

### Save the Date

### LURIE CANCER CENTER COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

January 29, 2024, 11:00 a.m.



## Dr. Marquita Lewis-Thames highlighted at Bright Star Community Outreach POWER Session

Bright Star Community Outreach invited Marquita Lewis-Thames, PhD, to participate in a POWER (Presenting Opportunities Where Everyone Rises) Session in October 2023. The aim of the sessions is to educate, entertain, feed, and support Greater Bronzeville residents. Dr. Lewis-Thames, an assistant director of Community Outreach and Engagement at Lurie Cancer Center, shared her perspectives on the importance of community-academic partnerships, and discussed how to leverage existing community-based strengths to increase cancer prevention, screening and the overall health and well-being of urban and rural neighborhood residents.



## Celebrating Hispanic Heritage

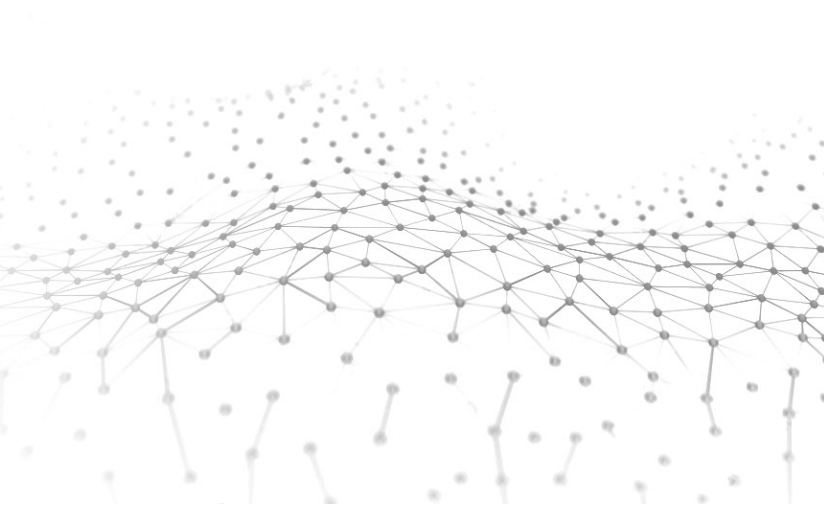
Lurie Cancer Center and our Center for Health Equity and Transformation (CHET) at Northwestern, celebrated Hispanic history, culture, and activism featuring local food vendors, artisans, music, and dancers. Keynote speaker, José E. López, discussed the contributions of Latinos in Chicago. A writer, educator and advocate for community and social empowerment, López is the co-founder of Chicago's Puerto Rican Cultural Center.

### THE CHRIS-TIA DONALDSON BREAST CANCER EQUITY SYMPOSIUM

				
<b>Debra Duquette, MS</b> Director, Genetic Counseling Graduate Program Associate Professor of Medicine Feinberg School of Medicine Northwestern University	<b>Pamela Ganschow, MD</b> Director, Cancer Prevention and Survivorship Clinical Programs Associate Professor of Clinical Medicine, University of Illinois Cancer Center	<b>Piper Farrell, PhD</b> Chief Operations Officer, Thank God It's Natural (tgin) Executive Director of tgin Foundation	<b>Tasha Weathersby</b> Breast Cancer Survivor	<b>Aris Singleton</b> CEO of Thank God It's Natural (tgin)

## The Chris-Tia Donaldson Breast Cancer Equity Symposium

The Lurie Cancer Center and the tgin Foundation partnered to celebrate the legacy of Chris-Tia Donaldson and her mission to reduce disparities in breast cancer for women of color by hosting a virtual discussion addressing the importance of documenting family history and genetic counseling in minority populations.





### Foro Comunitario Sobre Cancer De Seno

Lurie Cancer Center partnered with ALAS Wings to host this annual “Town Hall” for Spanish-speaking breast cancer patients at Northwestern. For 15 years, this program has provided guidance and support to Hispanic/Latina women as they navigate the healthcare landscape. With funding support from Gilead Sciences, the community forum featured educational presentations about breast cancer, followed by an interactive discussion with a panel of experts who addressed questions about treatment, surgery, and the challenges faced by cancer survivors – all in Spanish. Information was offered featuring resources and programs that exist right in the community.



### Cocktails for the Cure

tgin Foundation’s “Cocktails for the Cure” was held at the historical Old Post Office Building. This annual fundraiser supports the foundation’s mission to support uninsured women undergoing treatment for breast cancer, highlight the impact of health disparities, and stress the importance of early detection in women under the age of 40. Lurie Cancer Center’s own Kaneshia Broadwater, BSN, RN, OCN, contributed to the panel discussion by sharing her breast cancer experience and the role of genetic risk factors for cancer.



### Cancer Connections: Lung Cancer Awareness

During Lung Cancer Awareness Month, patients, survivors, caregivers, and advocates were invited to join a conversation about one of the leading causes of cancer-related deaths. Attendees of Lurie Cancer Center’s “Cancer Connections” program, sponsored by Jazz Pharmaceuticals, learned about risk factors, disparities in lung cancer diagnoses, treatment and outcomes, ways to improve lung health, and patient resources from a panel of experts. An interactive discussion followed the presentations, and community members were able to ask questions about their concerns. In addition, Northwestern Medicine hosted a special clinic on November 11 as part of National Lung Cancer Screening Day where 26 participants were screened in Chicago.



## Day of Beauty with Sister's Working It Out

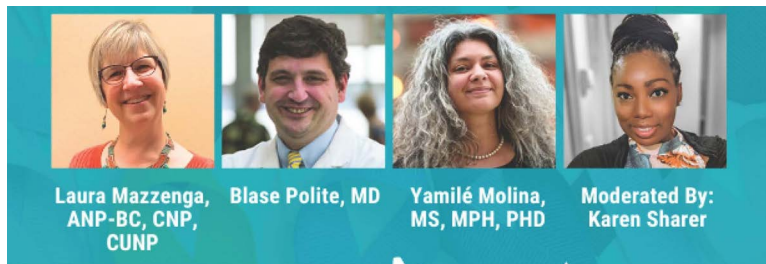
Chicago Cancer Initiative community partner, Sisters Working it Out, hosted their annual "Day of Beauty" to educate and empower cancer survivors to

live productive and healthy lives. Oncology social worker, Marie Fuentes-Harris, LCSW, introduced the new Lurie Cancer Center Hispanic Breast Cancer Clinic at Northwestern Memorial Hospital and discussed health disparities in cancer care among racial and ethnic minorities.



## Family Secrets Kill Families

Candace Henley, MPH, founder of The Blue Hat Foundation, and Debra Duquette, MS, Director of the Graduate Program in Genetic Counseling at Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine, teamed up to bring their "Family Secrets Kill Families" presentation about the importance of knowing and documenting family history to the Abbott Park Satellite Senior Center. The seniors went home with resources to get their own conversation started, including a chart to begin documentation and tips on how to approach the topic with their primary care provider.



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Moderated By: Karen Sharer

## Cancer Screen Week 2023 in Chicago

The Chicago Academic Cancer Center Community Engagement Collaborative (CACCEC), comprised of Community Outreach and Engagement teams from the University of Chicago Comprehensive Cancer Center, University of Illinois Cancer Center and the Robert H. Lurie Comprehensive Cancer Center of Northwestern University, joined together to host the Chicago Cancer Screen Week Webinar. Part of a nationwide initiative to promote cancer health equity, the free webinar provided community-facing information on screening recommendations for breast, prostate, and colorectal cancers, which have the highest cancer incidence rates in Chicago. The event featured, Laura Mazzenga, ANP-BC, CNP, CUNP, of Northwestern Medicine, Blase Polite, MD, of University of Chicago, Yamilé Molina, PhD, of University of Illinois-Chicago, and was moderated by Karen Sharer, MPH, of the American Cancer Society.

## November Men's Health Event

"Movember, a Celebration of Men's Health," was a collaboration between Lurie Cancer Center, Near North Health, Aetna Better Health IL, and the office of State Representative La Shawn Ford to raise awareness of men's health issues such as prostate cancer, testicular cancer and mental health. The FREE event included cooking demonstrations, prostate cancer information and PSA tests, beard and hair grooming, guest speakers and other resources to promote Men's health and wellness.



## HIV/AIDS and Cancer

Northwestern's Center for Health Equity & Transformation and the Institute for Sexual and Gender Minority Health partnered to commemorate World AIDS Day by hosting a panel discussion to raise awareness about HIV/AIDS and Cancer. The event featured information about prevention, treatment, and support resources, and a panel discussion about destigmatization of the diseases with Freddie Walker, a cancer survivor living with HIV; ISGMH and Lurie Cancer Center member, Lauren Beach, PhD; Associate Director of ISGMH, Jagadisa Dacus, PhD; and Jacina Sims, Program Manager at the Sinai Infectious Disease Center.



Lurie Cancer Center has a long-standing history of commitment to advocacy, education, outreach and engagement. Our community partnerships and programs aim to identify and address barriers to cancer health equity and improve outcomes in traditionally underserved neighborhoods. Working together with new and existing organizations in our communities, our efforts include:

- Expanding awareness and improving access to cancer services, treatment and clinical trials
- Providing up-to-date information and community-based screening programs to reduce cancer risk and increase early detection
- Identifying the social and economic challenges in underserved neighborhoods to guide our efforts
- Developing educational resources to improve health literacy and raise awareness about follow-up and survivorship care
- Advocating for public policy changes to ease the burden of cancer
- Supporting healthy lifestyle changes to reduce cancer risk

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