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# A Faith Meets Health Partnership

## Lowell Community Health Center

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### Core Partners

- Greater Lowell Health Alliance
- Local Faith Based Organizations
- Walgreens Pharmacy
- City Wide Church
- Lowell Adult Education Center



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# ACCOMPLISHMENTS

## Objective 1: Carry out capacity building and community outreach activities within the region and across sites

- Presented cumulative project outcomes from 2009 to date to the Greater Lowell Health Alliance (GLHA) Luncheon network on March 6, 2015
- Reached over 85 community partners agencies (almost tripling our target goal of 30 participants) with information on project to date and shared how to implement approach
- Plan to share project goals with faith leaders at annual Faith Leaders luncheon on June 26, 2015
- Engaged 12 NEW sites this funding season
- A total of 43 Faith Based Partners engaged with project to date



# ACCOMPLISHMENTS (CONTINUED)

## Objective 2: Expand reach through community outreach activities and partnership building

- Served as a key participant in information distribution and expertise for Ebola intervention and education
- Conducted 10 flu specific community outreach events this season doubling our goal of five (5) targeted events
- Vaccinated a total of 357 individuals from diverse backgrounds
- Organized a successful community Ebola awareness forum with over 40 individuals attending doubling our goal of 20

Merrimack Valley **EBOLA**  
INTERVENTION CONCERT

Featuring

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25, 2015  
5:00 PM, \$10 @ DOOR

Bobby Bishop & Lukus Simari

Wangari Fahari

Pastor Ruth Choate

Zenzo Matoga

Venue CCF MINISTRIES  
105 PRINCETON BLVD.  
LOWELL, MASS  
WWW.CCFCCA.COM

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HELPING THOSE IN AFFECTED NATIONS

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# CHALLENGES

- Winter season was challenging with weather impacting one event
- A key program staff on LOA from March to June



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# CAPACITIES

- Multi-Sector Collaboration: Multiple partners collaborating with a common goal of serving hard to reach and underserved populations.
- Lowell CHC is uniquely positioned with over 40 Community Health Workers and strong health foundation.
- Build and Maintain Trust: Sustains our work from season to season by engaging partners throughout.
- Circle of Core Partners: Key to our success are Faith Based Organizations, Community Based Organizations, and Walgreens pharmacy.
- Lowell CHC's Community Health Education Center (CHEC) provides training platform; regionally recognized in the Northeast.
- Strong leadership structure that supports this mission.



# OPPORTUNITIES

- Actively involve the local Health departments - bigger impact and campaigns
- Increase partners and replicate “best practices”
- Leverage our strengths and knowledge to create greater influence
- Implement a Faith based collaborative/Advisory Council focusing on health
- Respond to needs from the evaluation - use the tool to address some of the gaps



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# QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. What more would you like to know about this site's work?
2. How do partnerships with FBOs help a FQHC accomplish its mission and fulfill its local commitments?
3. What is the nature of the leadership within the organization that ensures sustained program support for this kind of outreach to hard-to-reach and underserved populations?

