



February 2018

## *Message From the CEO*



February was an exciting month, not just for Chicago Family Health Center but for community health centers nationwide. We finally saw an end to the Health Center Funding Cliff after the passage of a federal budget that included funding for community health centers for two years. This was a hard-fought battle that included the collective efforts of so many of our supporters including our valued employees who took part in a National Day of Demonstration on February 6. This month is also Women's Heart Health Month, which we celebrated with a Go Red for Women event. We also released our FY2017 Annual Report where we share our accomplishments from the past fiscal year with our stakeholders, supporters and community leaders. Please take the time to review how your partnership and contributions contribute to the health and wellness of our communities.

Sincerely,

Barrett Hatches, Ph.D.  
Chief Executive Officer

## *Good News for Health Centers*

Over the past few months CFHC has been appealing to supporters to join the fight for health center funding to ensure access to quality, affordable healthcare in communities of need. Our efforts to Fix the Health Center Funding Cliff have now led to a long-term solution and stability for community health centers like CFHC. On February 9 Congress passed a budget deal which includes two years of funding for community health centers. Without your advocacy and support, health centers across the country were facing the possibility of losing significant federal funding, which would have impacted millions of Americans in need of healthcare, as well as more than 50,000 jobs. Thank you for all that you did to

help CFHC and other health centers avoid this funding crisis.



## *Red Alert for Community Health Centers*

CFHC employees took part in a National Day of Demonstration-Red Alert for Community Health Centers to bring awareness to the need for fair and equitable funding for community health centers and urge law makers to Fix the Health Center Funding Cliff. Staff wore red to show their support and participated in a national



social media campaign alongside thousands of their counterparts across the country. Many also called elected officials to voice their concerns, and CEO Barrett Hatches traveled to Washington, D.C. to represent CFHC and join other health center CEOs from around the country to help bring an end to the funding cliff. [Click here for more photos.](#)

## *Women's Heart Health Month*

February is Women's Heart Health Month and CFHC hosted a Go Red for Women event on February 15 to advocate for more research and swifter action for women's heart health. Our Go Red event featured nutrition education and demonstrations, fitness with Yoga, massages and other health information and lectures. Cardiovascular disease in the U.S. kills approximately one woman every 80 seconds. However, 80% of cardiac events can be prevented with education and lifestyle changes. [Click here for more information](#)



## *The Chicago Family Health Center 2017 Annual Report*



Be sure to check out the 2017 CFHC Annual Report for a look back at our accomplishments, supporters and financial information from the last Fiscal Year (June 30, 2016-July 1, 2017).

[Click Here to view the report.](#)

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