



Rochester Area Community Update

The latest information for members of our local communities

July 2023

Mayo Clinic contributed more than \$750K in community grants and sponsorships in 2nd quarter of 2023



Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota provided more than \$750,000 in community grants and sponsorships during its 2023 Quarter 2 grant cycle. The contributions to area nonprofits will help address mental health, health disparities, healthcare access, education, youth enrichment, human services, diversity and inclusion, arts and culture and community vibrancy in Olmsted County. Through its community investments Mayo Clinic strives to address identified community health needs; close health disparity gaps; advance equity, diversity, and inclusion; and increase social and economic vibrancy in our community.

Highlights include grants to:

- Apple Tree Dental to serve dental care needs for underinsured and uninsured patients.
- Bolder Options to support youth mentoring programs.
- Channel One Regional Food Bank to expand food support to those in need.
- Children's Museum of Rochester to support youth enrichment programs.
- EarthFest to support sustainability education efforts.
- Greater Rochester Area Dakota Supporters to celebrate student academic achievement.
- NAMI Southeast Minnesota to support accessible mental health services.
- Pamoja Women to strengthen health initiatives among immigrant women and girls.

- Project Get Outdoors to expand nature enrichment opportunities for area youth.
- Quarry Hill Nature Center to strengthen nature education and enrichment programs for area youth, adults and families.
- Rochester Active Sports Club to support nature trail maintenance for recreational access for all.
- Rochester Area Economic Development Inc., to support area economic vibrancy.
- Rochester Civic Theatre to help sustain arts and cultural experiences for residents and visitors.
- Rochester Community Education Regional STEM Science Fair to enrich student academic experiences.
- Rochester Downtown Farmers Market to help sustain local food access and production.
- Rochester Symphony Orchestra and Chorale to help sustain arts and cultural experiences for residents and visitors.
- Science Museum of Minnesota to support the exhibit "Science is all of Us" celebrating diversity in biomedical science.
- SEMCAC Inc. to expand food and nutrition resources for seniors.
- Sports Mentorship Academy to expand enrichment and mentorship opportunities for at-risk youth.
- The Reading Center/Dyslexia Institute of Minnesota to support literacy tutoring services for area youth and adults.

Mayo Clinic reviews and awards community grants on a quarterly basis. Our next deadline for grant requests of more than \$5,000 is August 30, 2023. Grant requests of \$5,000 or less are reviewed on a continuous basis. Learn more about [Mayo Clinic's Community Contributions Program](#).

Apply for a Mayo Clinic Social Innovation Grant



There is still time to apply for the Mayo Clinic Social Innovation Grant. The application period closes on July 31, 2023.

This grant, sponsored by Mayo Clinic's Department of Medicine, seeks digital innovation projects that improve health, enhance healthcare delivery and improve health equity in the greater Rochester area. Successful proposals will address mental health, substance use and access to care, the three most critical needs identified in the

2022 Community Health Needs Assessment.

"The Social Innovation Grant request for proposals is a new approach to addressing health equity. Our goal with this grant is to build something sustainable and potentially scalable throughout our community," says [Vijay Shah, M.D.](#), chair of the Department of Medicine in Rochester. "We want to connect our commitment to caring for our community with our business development expertise through this opportunity."

Applications are due July 31 and winning proposals will receive:

- Funding to support the development of a 12-month proof of concept. Award funds will be allocated based on the needs of each winning proposal.
- Personalized coaching and consulting sessions with internal business development experts.
- Evaluation for possible business collaborations with Mayo Clinic and third-party partners.

Work will begin in the fall.

Small businesses (fewer than 500 employees) and nonprofit organizations seeking project support are encouraged to apply. Solutions should share implementation details, address barriers to success, demonstrate outcomes and outline the potential for collaboration with Mayo Clinic and third-party partners. Ideal applicants will also have strategies to build a scalable, sustainable model and feature effective, affordable and culturally acceptable technology.

Visit the Mayo Clinic Community Engagement [page](#) for application materials and additional information. Direct questions to RSTDOMAdmin@mayo.edu.

Register now for the Rural Health Symposium



Join us for Mayo Clinic Health System's inaugural symposium, [Transforming Community and Rural Healthcare: Digital Health and Workforce Innovation](#), on September 18, 2023, in Rochester, Minnesota. The fantastic lineup of [speakers](#) includes a keynote by Eric Hargan, founder and CEO of The Hargan Group and former acting secretary and deputy secretary of the federal Department of Health and Human Services. There is a reduced registration fee of \$50 for government, non-profit, and

education staff and faculty. Registration is free for all students and residents (use coupon code STR23R01842 when registering on the course site). [Register here](#) and [request a scholarship](#) to receive the reduced registration fee. The deadline to apply is July 31. Want to get more involved? Consider submitting an abstract or requesting a table at the Community Service Expo.

[Submit an Abstract:](#) These are easy to complete using a short template on the symposium website. If you have questions, reach out to [Darcy Reed](#). Abstracts do not need to be rigorous research. Descriptions of programs designed to improve community health and/or support healthcare workforce are welcome. Registration is free for those with accepted abstracts.

Host a free table at the Community Service Expo: This is a showcase to highlight the amazing work our community partners do to support community health and wellness. There is no fee for organizations to have a table at the expo and one member of the organization also receives complimentary registration. We encourage participating organizations to invite other members of their staff to attend the symposium at the reduced rate of \$50.

Mayo Clinic named among 'America's Greatest Workplaces for LGBTQ+' by Newsweek



Mayo Clinic was recently named by Newsweek to its list of "[America's Greatest Workplaces for LGBTQ+ 2023](#)."

The Newsweek ranking recognizes companies that create an environment where all staff feel valued and respected, regardless of their sexual orientation or gender identity, and feel that their voices matter within their organizations.

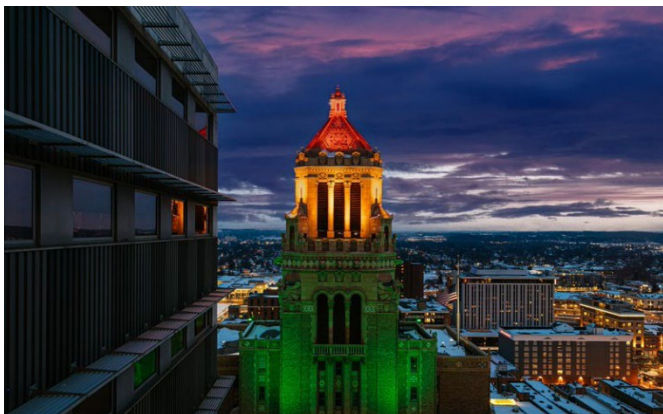
Mayo Clinic is among 300 organizations recognized by Newsweek for creating a more inclusive, equitable and supportive environment for members of the LGBTQ+ community.

"It is vital that all Mayo Clinic staff feel the workplace is inclusive and welcoming," says [Anjali Bhagra, M.D.](#), medical director for Mayo Clinic's Office of Equity, Inclusion and Diversity. "Our recognition as a 'Greatest Workplace' for LGBTQ+ is a testament to our commitment to building an environment that supports all our colleagues."

Mayo Clinic remains committed to creating an environment of belonging for everyone. From EverybodyIN conversations to activities and events sponsored by the LGBTQ+ Mayo Employee Resource Groups and more, there are many opportunities for all staff to learn more about and celebrate colleagues who are part of the LGBTQ+ community.

"The ability for any staff to come to work and feel they don't have to hide an important piece of their identity is crucial to fostering workplace belonging," says [Barbara Jordan](#), administrator for Mayo Clinic's Office of Equity, Inclusion and Diversity. "At Mayo Clinic, we are so proud of our LGBTQ+ employees and understand they are an invaluable piece of our history and future."

Mayo Clinic celebrates Juneteenth



Mayo Clinic buildings across the country were lighted red, yellow, and green on June 19 in celebration of Juneteenth. Juneteenth is an annual commemoration of the end of slavery in the United States after the Civil War, and has been celebrated by African Americans since the late 1800s. President Joe Biden signed legislation in 2021 that made Juneteenth a federal holiday. There has been a noticeable increase in Juneteenth celebrations across the United States over the past few years.

Juneteenth marks the day freedom from slavery finally came — on June 19, 1865 — when some 2,000 Union troops arrived in Galveston Bay, Texas. The army announced that the more

than 250,000 enslaved black people in the state were free by executive decree. This day came to be known as "Juneteenth" by the newly freed people in Texas and in time, people around the country. Mayo Clinic is proud to recognize this important event.

July Plummer building lighting schedule

July 1	Sarcoma awareness	Yellow
July 4	Independence Day	Red, white, blue
July 21	EMS Memorial Day	Red, white, blue
July 22	Fragile X awareness	Teal
July 30	Multiple Sulfatase Deficiency World Day	Blue

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