

FEEL INSPIRED



HIGHLIGHTS FROM TWO INSPIRING EVENTS

In May, we hosted two extraordinary events that highlighted important issues that present barriers to the success of our participants – gender inequity and torture. Through these gatherings, attendees had the opportunity to learn more about the issues and hear from key speakers including Hillary Rodham Clinton and various Chicagoland women leaders.

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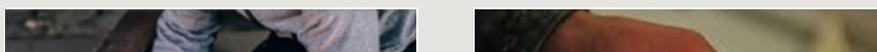
HELPING MOMS HEAL, GROW, AND THRIVE

Recently, we highlighted some of the inspirational stories of healing from our participants who are mothers. Heartland Alliance provides these incredible women with access to critical housing, healthcare, and opportunities that are necessary to achieve stability for them and their families.



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YOUTH EMPLOYMENT

We're excited to support two critical pieces of legislation introduced by Senators Dick Durbin and Tammy Duckworth and Representative Robin Kelly: The Creating Pathways for Youth Employment Act & the Helping to Encourage Real Opportunities (HERO) for At-Risk Youth Act.

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OPIOID CRISIS

With bipartisan support, our Policy team has helped pass the Overdose Prevention and Harm Reduction Act, a critical measure needed to address the most devastating impacts of the opioid epidemic. Learn more from:

[WTTW ▶](#)

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READI CHICAGO

Eddie Bocanegra speaks to Morning Shift on WBEZ about his dedication to helping young men most at risk of picking up a gun or getting shot.

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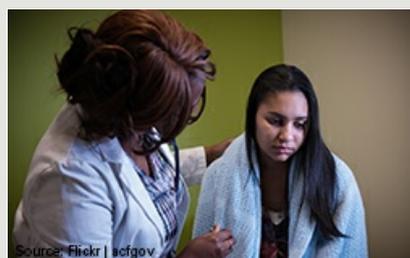
TARIK TACKLES GUN VIOLENCE

Tarik Cohen and George H. McCaskey visit READI Chicago, a program that engages men most highly impacted by gun violence in the city of Chicago.

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DECREASING THE MURDER RATE



HUMAN TRAFFICKING

The Illinois House of Representatives passed

Applying lessons from war-torn Africa to Chicago: Concentrating on those most likely to kill or be killed may help to bring the murder rate down. Via The Economist.

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Representatives passed Senate Bill 1890, which strengthens state law against human trafficking. Via WPSD-TV.

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FOOD STAMPS AT RESTAURANTS

New bill would allow the homeless, elderly and disabled to use food stamp benefits to eat at Illinois restaurants. Illinois food stamp recipients who are elderly, disabled or homeless could soon use their benefits to eat at restaurants. Via The Chicago Tribune.

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POWER OF HEALING EVENT

Heartland Alliance International's benefit, Power of Healing, provided an opportunity to elevate torture injustices and survivor stories. Read more from:

WBEZ ►

POLITICO ►

LOOK INSIDE



LOOK INSIDE: ADRIANA GRACIA ON SERVING FAMILIES

For Adriana, family means everything. It's why she's dedicated herself to building services that help families

heal, grow, and thrive.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Home & Garden Tour

Saturday, June 8
10 am-5 pm EDT
Michigan's Harbor Country

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Human Rights Awards

Tuesday, June 4
11:15 am-1:30 pm
Chicago Marriott
540 N Michigan Ave.
Chicago, IL

TICKETS ▶



GIVING DAY: JUNE 20

On June 20, Heartland Alliance will be hosting its annual Giving Day, a **24-hour online fundraising campaign**, and we need YOUR help to continue our efforts to support those who are most vulnerable.

Become a fundraising champion and help us reach our goal of \$10,000! Simply visit our [campaign page](#) on June 20 and make a donation.

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VOLUNTEER

At Heartland Alliance, we believe in equity and opportunity for all. For those looking to make a difference, **we offer a variety of ways to contribute** to a more just society.

Chicago FarmWorks



TAKE ACTION

The Federal Government is seeking to change how poverty is calculated in order to estimate the size of the nation's population that is experiencing poverty. **This would mean that fewer families would qualify for support services.**

invites you to volunteer at an upcoming community day. [Click here](#) for upcoming dates.

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Submit your comment on the proposed change to the poverty measure.

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Equity. Opportunity. **FOR ALL.**

We believe society is better for all of us when everyone can participate, prosper, and reach their full potential.

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