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Dear Partners,

When the Illinois Maternal and Child Health Coalition (IMCHC) formed in 1988, the founding Board members sought to identify and overcome barriers that prevented the achievement of optimal maternal and child health outcomes. Over 22 years later,

IMCHC is still dedicated to promoting and improving the health and well-being of infants, children, adolescents, mothers and families through advocacy, education, community empowerment, policy development and collaborative partnerships between public and private organizations.

The values that guide our work include:

- A child's right to be born healthy and raised in a safe and nurturing environment
- Equal access to quality health care
- A collective voice to facilitate change
- Eliminating health disparities among all populations
- Cultural competence and respect for diversity
- Education to encourage healthy choices
- The fundamental principles of equity, social justice and fair access to care, which are the basic rights of all human beings.

Without a strong coalition of supporters, we would not be able to achieve our notable accomplishments, nor continue our important work collaboratively. We thank you for your support.

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IMCHC WORKS TO...

ADVOCATE ON BEHALF OF MOTHERS, CHILDREN, TEENS AND FAMILIES

The Illinois Maternal and Child Health Coalition (IMCHC) is well-known for our effective advocacy efforts to promote maternal and child health in the state of Illinois. For over twenty years, IMCHC has supported policies that improve access to health care, including the All Kids and FamilyCare programs in Illinois, and the Affordable Care Act (federal health reform), among others.

Additionally, IMCHC provides information and resources to Illinois professionals and consumers via four signature projects:

INCREASE ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE

The *Chicago Area Immunization Campaign* focuses on preventing disease and increasing immunization rates for children, adolescents and adults by identifying and removing barriers to safe, effective and timely immunization services. Since the early 1990's immunization rates in Chicago have increased by 40%.

The *Illinois Coalition for School Health Centers* is a broad-based group of organizations and individuals united to educate the general public and policy makers about the efficacy of the school health center model and to expand and sustain centers through advocacy and technical assistance. This project has increased the number of school health centers from 23 to 59 and has succeeded in doubling state funding for these centers.



REDUCE INFANT AND MATERNAL MORTALITY

The *Illinois Premature Infant Health Network* brings together physicians, advocates, hospitals and community health organizations to increase access to quality health care for premature infants and their families in Illinois. By considering prematurity as a lifespan issue for children, the Network works to ensure continuity

of care for premature infants from the NICU to high school graduation, focusing on early intervention, home visiting, and dental and mental health issues prevalent among premature infants. The Network also seeks to reduce the incidence of preterm labor, which currently occurs in one of every eight births in Illinois.



The *Campaign to Save Our Babies* seeks to reduce racial/ethnic health disparities in maternal and infant mortality by 50% in ten years and completely by 2033 by bringing together advocates and stakeholders in health, housing, education, economic development, public safety and education. Our local project in Chicago's Englewood neighborhood builds upon partnerships with the Greater Englewood Healthy Start Initiative, block clubs, elected officials, health/social service professionals and consumers to share health education and resources about immunizations and healthy pregnancies with women, adolescents, and families.



Text4baby is a free mobile information service for pregnant women and new moms from the Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies Coalition designed to promote maternal and child health. IMCHC serves as the statewide coordinating agency for **text4baby** outreach and education efforts.



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- Follow us on Twitter @ILMaternal
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WAYS YOU CAN HELP...

> BECOME A MEMBER

Join us as we move forward to improve the health of women, children and families in Illinois. Members are invited to participate in our programs, volunteer on our board committees and receive invitations to exclusive trainings and events. Chapter meetings are held quarterly in Chicago, Lake County, Central and Southern Illinois.



> MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

- Policy and advocacy efforts – we are **your voice** in Illinois
- Resource clearinghouse
 - Newsletter
 - Website
 - Grant announcements
 - Job opportunities
- Technical assistance/best practices
 - Webinars
 - Research and publications
- Network building
 - Regional/Chapter meetings
 - Project meetings
 - Events
 - Discounted admission to select events
- Coalition building
 - Partner postings
 - Event calendar

> MAKE A DONATION

- Make a secure donation online at www.ilmaternal.org/donate.htm.
- Register your credit card for Celebrated Chefs and designate IMCHC as the beneficiary of 5% of your bill at participating restaurants. There is no charge for you to participate. Register online at www.celebratedchefs.com and receive a cookbook.
- Shop with iGive and choose cause name "Illinois Maternal/Child" and a percentage of your purchase at many online stores will be automatically donated to us. Register online at www.iGive.com/imchc.
- The Investing in Communities Get Giving Program you can donate some of your costs within a real estate transaction to IMCHC, if you are planning to purchase a home or other property. You can sign up as an IIC Friend at www.iiconline.org.