Community Partners
- Aurora Health Care
- Aurora Family Services
- Bread of Healing Clinic
- Center for Urban Population Health
- Children’s Health Alliance of Wisconsin
- City on a Hill
- Community Advocates
- Growing Power
- Historic Milwaukee, Inc.
- Planning Council
- Milwaukee County Breast Feeding Coalition
- Milwaukee Center for Independence
- Milwaukee Health Department
- Milwaukee Health Services, Inc.
- Milwaukee Homicide Review Commission
- Milwaukee Public Schools
- Public Allies
- Progressive Community Health Centers
- Sixteenth Street Community Health Center
- United Community Center
- University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee; Zilber School of Public Health
- Walker’s Point Community Clinic/Core El Centro
- Walnut Way Conservation Corp.
- Wisconsin Arts Board
- YWCA

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Supporting the TRIUMPH Program
A gift to the TRIUMPH program not only supports our medical students who are committed to providing health care for urban populations and reducing health disparities, but by extension also supports the communities in which our students are making an impact.

To discuss philanthropic opportunities within TRIUMPH, please contact:

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Cover Photo: 2013 TRIUMPH graduates at Walnut Way. (Left to right) Emily Walz, Senait Tesfai, Angie Kleiber, Arianna Sundick, Jonathan Dickman, Michael Wauters, Holly Caretta-Weyer, Alison Bauer

What is TRIUMPH?
TRaining In Urban Medicine and Public Health (TRIUMPH) is a program for UW medical students that provides unique and challenging educational experiences for students committed to providing health care for underserved, urban populations. TRIUMPH integrates clinical, community, and public health, as well as leadership skill development in urban Milwaukee.

Rationale
TRIUMPH was developed in response to pervasive disparities in health outcomes and chronic shortages of physicians in medically underserved urban areas. Its mission is to recruit and prepare community-responsive physicians to promote health equity and to improve access to health care in urban Wisconsin and beyond.

Curriculum
Students apply to TRIUMPH during their second year and, if selected, move to Milwaukee for most of their third and fourth years of medical school. A full range of options is provided in Aurora hospitals, local clinics and federally qualified community health centers. The program combines primary care, obstetrics/gynecology and internal medicine rotations with community, public health and leadership training. Students work closely with community-based physicians—known as preceptors—to learn about the urban context and gain clinical skills. Preceptors are UW adjunct faculty who work in a variety of specialties and settings to provide high quality care for diverse populations in busy clinical practices.

Community Health Projects
As part of the program, TRIUMPH students identify an urban health issue that captures their interest. They are matched with local organizations, meet regularly with community and faculty mentors, and devote at least 160 hours to complete community health improvement projects. Projects have addressed a wide range of urban health topics such as promoting exercise and good nutrition, reducing gun violence, mentoring local youth to pursue health careers, promoting immunizations, addressing sexually transmitted infections and reducing infant and child mortality.

Benefits
• Students learn in health centers and clinics committed to providing patient-centered care and delivering the latest care management and health care quality initiatives within a large integrated delivery system.
• Embedded in the community, students work alongside and learn from a mentoring physician across the span of their entire fourth year. They work with urban populations and in specialty areas of their choice.
• Students gain appreciation for the urban context, community assets and health disparities. They learn to respectfully engage community partners and to apply public health skills to develop and implement population-based health improvement projects.
• TRIUMPH enables students to become effective clinicians and community-responsive advocates with skills to promote the health of urban populations (see figure at center).

After 5 years
Graduates say TRIUMPH influenced their career choices and residency selections. To date:
• Graduates have matched in excellent residencies serving medically underserved populations in urban areas throughout the country
• More than 80 percent have selected primary care careers
• Nine have stayed in Milwaukee to continue post-graduate training with the urban underserved
• One graduate is now practicing in a federally qualified health center in Milwaukee
• Several graduates plan to return and practice long-term in Milwaukee

*Adapted from: Strelnick et al. The residency program in social medicine of Montefiore Medical Center: 37 years of mission-driven, interdisciplinary training in primary care, population health and social medicine. Academic Medicine 2008;83:378-389;

Right: Parker Hoerz, medical student and TRIUMPH participant, not only has a passion for helping the underserved; he is building an online neighborhood health resource map—identifying nearby clinics, locations that sell healthy food, and other important resources—as part of his community health improvement project.