



Five Years Back in Five Years Partnership Proposal

The Cone Health Commitment to Health Equity

At Cone Health, our purpose is to connect health care and well-being. We will know we have succeeded when a tradition of health and well-being is woven throughout the fabric of our communities. We cannot achieve this vision without seeing, addressing and solving the most significant health disparity in our region: **a 15-year gap in life expectancy based on ZIP code.**

In 2021, we established the Cone Health Center for Health Equity. The Center brings together subject matter experts and influencers from diverse clinical and non-clinical backgrounds with the goal of improving the health and health care of individuals who are underserved and communities that have been historically marginalized.

Cone Health is removing barriers to care. We know that transportation, living conditions, access to food, and other social drivers can make getting care a challenge. Clinically, we have focused on several disparities in health outcomes that can be addressed by changes within our clinical encounters.

Our Goal

Our bold goal is to close the life expectancy gap by 5 years in 5 years between those consumers who have the resources needed for health and well-being and those who have been historically marginalized and, as a result, have worse health and life outcomes.

Our Ask of You

The structural barriers to good health are so deeply entrenched that no one organization can solve them alone. We can have a far greater impact when we collaborate with partners and the residents of our communities we are privileged to serve, including faith-based organizations, education providers, other health care systems, local businesses and government agencies – to address inequities in health care, education, economic vitality and the physical environment.

Please partner with us to bring community resources to the areas where they are needed most by being part of “Building A Better You: Wellness Fair” on Saturday, April 12, 2025, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at Ebenezer United Church of Christ (734 Apple Street, Burlington, NC 27217). At this event, we hope to bring not only health care services, but transportation needs, food resources, employment resources, mental health services and more to community members who might not have access.

For more information on partnering with us for this wonderful event, please see the QR code below or contact Ben Weathersbee Exhibitor Coordinator, Cone Health Center for Health Equity (Direct Dial: 336-663-5349 Email: Benjamin.Weathersbee@Conehealth.com)

