

National Minority Health Association Announces Strategic Partnership with the PAN Foundation to Promote Health Equity



OWINGS MILLS, Md. - May 7, 2024 - <u>PRLog</u> -- The <u>National Minority Health Association</u> (NMHA) is thrilled to announce a strategic partnership with the <u>PAN Foundation</u>, a leading national healthcare advocacy and charitable assistance organization. This collaboration is set to enhance access to essential healthcare funding resources for underserved communities, furthering our mutual commitment to health equity.

Under this partnership, the NMHA will actively promote the PAN Foundation's <u>FundFinder application</u>, a free online tool tracking more than 200 patient assistance funds across nine charitable organizations. This innovative platform allows patients, caregivers, and healthcare professionals to sign up for email and text alerts when a disease assistance fund opens at the PAN Foundation or other organizations.

Since 2018, PAN's FundFinder app has sent over 2 million notifications of available patient assistance to nearly 100,000 users. FundFinder also includes a directory of over 130 patient support organizations that provide peer support and education.

"We are excited to join forces with the National Minority Health Association as we continue to prioritize healthcare access, affordability, and equity for all," said PAN's President and CEO, Kevin L. Hagan. "This partnership will leverage our leadership in connecting individuals with financial assistance while advocating for long-term policy change. Together with NMHA, we can ensure that more individuals have the means to access the healthcare they need and deserve."

Burgess Harrison, Executive Director of NMHA, also highlighted the significance of this alliance. "By integrating the PAN Foundation's valuable health funding opportunities into NMHA's programs and website, we are taking a significant step towards closing the health equity gap. Our collaboration will empower more people to navigate the complex healthcare landscape successfully and affordably."

This partnership aligns with both organizations' dedication to providing support where it is most needed, advocating for policies that enhance healthcare access, and delivering education to empower individuals in their healthcare journeys—especially among underserved, marginalized, and minoritized populations.

The NMHA and PAN Foundation invite all stakeholders and community members to learn more about this partnership and the resources available through both organizations' websites and social media channels. This includes NMHA's new "Health is for EveryBODY" campaign where the PAN Foundation will join with over 35 other organizations and companies, and growing, in advacning the message that health is about everyone, everywhere, and everyBODY.

About the NMHA: The National Minority Health Association is a 501c3 non-profit organization founded in 1988. The NMHA delivers on its mission of health equity through innovative programs including, Equity for All, Health is for EveryBODYTM (www.healthisforeverybody.org), Operation Healthy YouTM, EquityvilleTM, and The Art Alliance, to name a few. The lack of health equity in underserved, marginalized, and hard-to-reach communities translates into lost lives, adverse health outcomes, higher costs, diminished productivity, and declines in quality of life and well-being for everyone. For more information visit www.thenmha.org.

About the PAN Foundation: The PAN Foundation is an independent, national 501 (c)(3) organization dedicated to helping federally and commercially insured people living with life-threatening, chronic, and rare diseases with the out-of-pocket costs for their prescribed medications.

Since 2004, we have provided more than 1 million underinsured patients with \$4 billion in financial assistance. Partnering with generous donors, healthcare providers and pharmacies, we provide the underinsured population access to the healthcare treatments they need to best manage their conditions and focus on improving their quality of life. Learn more at **panfoundation.org**.

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