



American Heart Association, Eastern States Region
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Raheem Baraka Community Fellows Program

The Northeast Health Equity Consortium's Raheem Baraka Community Leadership Fellow

What is the Raheem Baraka Community Fellow Program?

We are pleased to announce the Northeast Health Equity Consortium's Raheem Baraka Community Leadership Fellows Program, in honor of the late Boston-based community activist and CEO of Baraka Community Wellness, who also co-chaired the Northeast Health Equity Consortium. Founded in 2016, the Northeast Health Equity Consortium is a collaborative group that engages clinicians, healthcare providers, researchers, thought leaders, and community organizations and promotes change in policy, practices, and programs, and communicates them to improve cardiovascular and stroke-related health outcomes in communities disproportionately impacted by cardiovascular diseases and stroke. Raheem founded Baraka Community Wellness as a labor of love, embodying his fierce commitment to health justice for vulnerable communities in Boston. The cornerstone of his work was Healthy Moms, Healthy Kids, a holistic wellness program providing fitness and nutritional food to families in the Roxbury and Dorchester neighborhoods of Boston. Sadly, Raheem died in September 2018 from a heart attack at the age of 46, leaving a wife and three children behind.

What will the Raheem Baraka Community Fellow do?

The Raheem Baraka Community Fellow will be embedded within Northeast Health Equity Consortium and will serve in the following capacities:

- Work closely with the American Heart Association's Greater Boston market's health strategy activities, which includes 4 priority areas (hypertension, food access, housing and CPR) in the priority neighborhoods of East Boston, Roxbury, Dorchester, and Mattapan
- Serve as Co-chair of the Northeast Health Equity Consortium (until July 31, 2020)

- Develop a SMART-based plan to address a component of food security in collaboration with American Heart Association Health Strategy staff

In this leadership role, the Raheem Baraka Community Fellow will serve as the Boston community voice to support the efforts of the Boston region's health strategies priorities around the social determinants. In playing this role, the Fellow will help to deepen and broaden the local-area work by providing additional perspectives and insights into developing effective strategies that lead to demonstrable impacts within the food access arena.

The American Heart Association

Organization Background and Mission For more than 90 years, the American Heart Association has been a leading voice and collaborator of choice for researchers, health care providers, and families touched by cardiovascular disease. The American Heart Association was founded by six cardiologists in 1924 when a diagnosis of heart disease was most often a consignment to bed rest and likely death. Unsatisfied with the lack of knowledge and treatment options, the early American Heart Association enlisted help from hundreds, then thousands, of physicians and scientists to conduct studies to learn more about the heart. The American Heart Association reorganized in 1948, transforming from a scientific society to a voluntary health organization composed of both science and lay volunteers and supported by professional staff.

Today, the American Heart Association is the nation's oldest and largest voluntary organization dedicated to fighting heart disease and stroke. Our mission is to be a relentless force for a world of longer, healthier lives. Through the tireless work of volunteers and supporters, we fund innovative research, fight for stronger public health policies, and provide lifesaving systems, tools, and information to prevent and treat these diseases.

The American Heart Association believes that everyone, regardless of their ethnic, racial, geographic or socioeconomic circumstances, should have the means and opportunity to lead their healthiest life. By making educational tools and resources accessible to all members of communities, we are eliminating health disparities caused by social environmental and economic factors. To be a catalyst for change, the American Heart Association will uplift community-centered solutions through a collective impact approach. This approach requires a concerted effort from multiple organizations and alliances that are each committed to a shared vision for impact.

Fellowship Requirements:

An eligible applicant may be enrolled in a full-time undergraduate degree program, recent graduate, or member of a community-based organization with knowledge and experience with health program education and awareness in the Boston, Massachusetts area. Must be able to dedicate 15 hours per week beginning January 2020 to July 31, 2020 to the Raheem Baraka Community Leadership Fellows Program and will receive a \$10,000 stipend in three installments.

Selection Process:

For consideration, applications must be completed and submitted no later than December 2, 2019, 5PM Eastern Time

Applications will be reviewed by a review panel and scored based on the responses. Applications will then be ranked based on score and a finalist selected.

Notifications will be sent out electronically on mid-December.

The fellowship will commence January 2020 and end on 7/31/20. The Fellow will submit a final report on 7/31/20.

Return completed application to nhec@heart.org by December 2, 2019.

BARAKA COMMUNITY WELLNESS FELLOWSHIP APPLICATION

APPLICANT NAME (Last, First, Middle):
CURRENT MAILING ADDRESS:
PERMANENT MAILING ADDRESS:
CURRENT TELEPHONE (include area code):
PERMANENT TELEPHONE (include area code)
ALTERNATE CONTACT NUMBERS, if available, i.e. cell phone, pager, etc. (include area code):
E-MAIL ADDRESS:
DATE OF BIRTH (mm/dd/yyyy):
DATE GRADUATED FROM HIGH SCHOOL (mm/yyyy):

DATE GRADUATED FROM UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM:
US CITIZEN? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
If NO, visa type: PR <input type="checkbox"/> H1 <input type="checkbox"/> H1B <input type="checkbox"/> J1 <input type="checkbox"/> F1 <input type="checkbox"/> TC <input type="checkbox"/> TN <input type="checkbox"/> Other, specify:
If NO, country of citizenship:
APPLICATION RESPONSE QUESTIONS. PLEASE KEEP ALL RESPONSES TO 500 WORDS OR LESS:
Please describe your interest in the Raheem Baraka Community Fellowship Program?
Describe three key goals that you would like to accomplish as a fellow?
How have you worked to address disparities and inequities in your work?
How have you used data to drive impact and/or create programming?
Describe your journey after graduating high school:

Please include your resume/CV and two letters of recommendation.
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