



Robert Wood Johnson
Medical School

HIPHOP-COMMUNITY HEALTH INITIATIVE

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Homeless and Indigent Population Health Outreach Project (HIPHOP) at Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School will have their 24th Annual HIPHOP “Hybrid” 5K Helping Hands Fun Run/Walk on Sunday, November 5, 2023.

HIPHOP works to build stronger, healthier communities by teaching tomorrow's doctors the value of serving the less fortunate. As a student-run community service organization working in Greater New Brunswick area and throughout Middlesex County, NJ, HIPHOP provides students with unique service-learning opportunities. Every year, our students participate in health screenings at local health fairs, education workshops on preventative medicine at homeless shelters and local public schools, volunteering at Elijah's Promise Community Kitchen and providing primary care to their uninsured population, assist asylees with citizenship process and various other outreach activities, events and drives.

HIPHOP Helping Hands Virtual 5k Fun Run/Walk serves as a fundraiser to help HIPHOP raise money for its' initiatives: **Promise Clinic**—a student-run clinic in New Brunswick that provides free healthcare for a local community kitchen uninsured client population, the **Community Health Initiative**—many community initiatives some of which teach health related prevention workshops and partners with community-based organizations for events and initiatives and much more and the **Asylum Clinic**—assist with legal/medical evaluations for citizenship process. This year's 5K is sure to be a great event and we want to invite you to join us in our efforts to promote health education asylum services and primary care to community members in need.

If you are interested in running or registering a team to run, please submit the attached registration form(s) and/or register online at <https://runsignup.com/Race/NJ/Piscataway/HIPHOP5k>. Please note that **early registration fee is \$25.00 for a team registrant and \$30.00 for an individual registrant** has been extended until September 15, 2023. **On September 15, 2023, registration price will raise to \$35.00** for all registrants. Team registration is unavailable/closed on **September 15, 2023**.

We also hope that you will consider being a bronze, silver, or gold sponsor for our event by making a tax- deductible donation of \$100, \$250, \$400 or more. A generous contribution of \$100 or more will put your name or the name of your business or family on the T-shirt distributed to the first 100 race participants. If you decide you would like to make a monetary donation, please make all checks payable to Rutgers University Foundation-HIPHOP 5k and forward your donations to the address listed on the letterhead attention Susan Giordano, HIPHOP/Program Director or an **online (no fee) donation can be made at give.rutgers.edu/hiphop5k**. If an **online donation is made; please email the sponsor form to susan.giordano@rwjms.rutgers.edu this will enable us to note your name on the t-shirt as indicated on the form. All forms must be received by October 5, 2023 to assure your name/family and/or business name is note on our run t-shirts.**

We would like to thank you in advance for your time and consideration. If you have any questions, please contact Susan Giordano, HIPHOP's Program Director at susan.giordano@rwjms.rutgers.edu or at (732) 235-4198

I look forward to seeing you at the race!

Sincerely,

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HIPHOP-CHI Student Director

