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LETTER FROM THE LEADERSHIP

Greetings Friends of The Immunization Partnership,

We are very pleased to share our annual report for 2011-2012 with our many supporters, funders and community partners. All of you have significantly contributed to the great strides we have made over the past year.

Currently in its fourth year of operations under our new name and mission, The Immunization Partnership (TIP) continues to impact the immunization rates in Houston and across Texas. Some of the highlights from the past year include an education campaign called "Take the Shot" with NBA star, Dexter Pittman, an East End Pertussis Forum addressing the outbreak of Pertussis (also known as 'whooping cough') in the Hispanic populations, and a highly successful Texas Immunization Summit 2012, bringing together stakeholders and speakers from across the nation for a lively discussion about immunizations.

Even with all of TIP's success, there are new challenges. The rate of adults and children opting out of vaccines continues to increase and threatens our ability to protect the community from outbreaks of dangerous diseases. Across the country, there are examples of the dangers of refusing to vaccinate, often with tragic consequences. Since vaccines are widely available, these are tragedies that are completely preventable. It is our hope that we will all commit to preventing what's preventable.

Achieving and sustaining community immunity takes diligence and a long term commitment. The Immunization Partnership is dedicated to ensuring that future generations are protected against vaccine-preventable diseases. We hope that you will continue to work with us to create a healthy and prosperous community, free from vaccine-preventable diseases.

We would especially like to thank our donors, who have given generously of their time, talent and resources. Your support enables us to achieve our mission and we are very grateful for your generosity.

Warm Regards,



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IMMUNIZE. PREVENT WHAT'S PREVENTABLE.

HISTORY

The Immunization Partnership (TIP) is a nonprofit organization that evolved from a partnership originally dedicated to supporting the Houston-Harris County Immunization Registry. During the early 1990s, Houston experienced a measles epidemic which resulted in many cases of severe illness and several deaths. In response to this epidemic, Dr. Ralph Feigin founded the Houston-Harris County Immunization Registry (HHCIR) in order to consolidate immunization information, so that providers could better assess the immunization status of children and treat them accordingly.

During the lifespan of the registry, the immunization rate in Houston jumped from 55% to 74% for children under 3 years of age. In 2008, this local registry was transitioned to the statewide system called ImmTrac, and Dr. Feigin's ultimate goal of providing one consolidated database of immunizations for Texas was achieved. After several successful years, the HHCIR Board of Directors determined that an even larger impact could be made to increase immunization rates in the community so a decision was made to expand its range of services. The Board developed a new name, The Immunization Partnership, and a new mission that truly reflected the broader scope of the organization.

COMMUNITY NEED: WHY TIP PROMOTES COMMUNITY IMMUNITY

Immunizations are one of the most successful public health interventions for keeping children, adolescents, and adults safe from vaccine-preventable diseases. Immunizations protect both individuals and the larger population. It is particularly important to have high immunization rates in order to form a protective layer of immunity for those who cannot be immunized because they are either too young or they have medical contraindications to immunization. There are two primary challenges to high immunization rates: lack of access to care, and misinformation about the safety of vaccines, leading some parents to forego vaccinations for their children. TIP has programs that address both of these issues.

The uninsured and medically underserved families in different areas of Houston are vulnerable, often because they are not current with their vaccinations and they do not receive routine healthcare. Moreover, the vaccine schedule is very complex and can be difficult to interpret. An aggressive recall program to remind families when vaccines are due is necessary to keep everyone safe from vaccine-preventable diseases. However, few clinics have a robust recall program to ensure that their patients are receiving optimal care. With its innovative Immunization Champions Program, TIP assists clinics to implement systems to make sure that children and adults are up-to-date on important vaccines.

Vaccine hesitancy can also severely impact immunization rates in a community. There is a tremendous amount of misinformation in the community and on the Internet about immunization side effects, creating unfounded fears of adverse reactions to immunizations. This misinformation can confuse parents who are trying to make sound decisions about their children's health care. Despite the strong safety profile of vaccines, many parents opt out of immunizing their children and, as a result, put their children at risk not only for contracting a vaccine-preventable illness, but also for spreading that disease to the community at large. The rate of individuals opting out of vaccines has skyrocketed in the past 5 years. As a result there have been outbreaks of vaccine-preventable diseases that were once almost eradicated, such as measles, mumps and pertussis. Children and adults are suffering needlessly from diseases that are easily preventable. TIP serves as a resource for reliable information for the public to help people make smart choices about vaccines so that community immunity is achieved, benefiting all Texans.

"Community Immunity" is the term used to describe a population that has achieved high immunization rates, thereby providing protection for the young or vulnerable populations who cannot be immunized.

MISSION AND VISION

The mission of the Immunization Partnership is to eradicate vaccine-preventable diseases by educating the community, advocating for evidence-based public policy and supporting immunization best practices. In order to achieve and sustain high immunization rates, The Immunization Partnership has three focus areas: Education, Advocacy and Support of Immunization Best Practices. Together these three focus areas address both the root cause of low immunization rates and the far-reaching policy issues, which impact immunization rates in Texas.

EDUCATION

Eradicating Vaccine-Preventable Diseases by Educating our Community

TIP strives to provide timely and relevant education to immunization providers and stakeholders, including physicians, nurses, medical assistants and school officials. Primarily, this is accomplished by holding an Immunization Summit every two years, hosting community forums on current issues, conducting the Community Immunity exercise, reaching out to the public through the media with evidence-based information, and providing clinics and schools with tools and resources.

Texas Immunization Summit 2012

The Texas Immunization Summit occurred September 27-28, 2012 in Houston and was a resounding success. The purpose of the Summit was to provide immunization stakeholders from across Texas with important updates and best practices to encourage education, outreach, and initiatives that promote timely immunizations. The power of storytelling was a primary focus of the conference, helping participants to better communicate the importance of immunization to their clients and communities. The attendance goal was exceeded by 25%, with over 322 participants. Subject matter experts from across the country converged to provide advanced immunization information to doctors, nurses, public health officials, legislators and community partners in 18 sessions. The two-day Summit featured 35 speakers, including 8 plenary speakers and 27 breakout session speakers.

Summit participants, many of whom are medical professionals, were offered continuing education units for attending. During the course of the Summit 21 physicians received CME credits and approximately 100 nurses received CNE credits. Summit participants expressed their enthusiasm for the event. In response to the Summit evaluation, 95% of participants indicated that they found the location, agenda, registration, staff, special events, breakout sessions and plenaries to be either satisfactory or excellent. Participants praised the “dynamic” and “high quality” speakers, as well as the “informative” and “excellent” topics.

“Excellent conference — I am already waiting for the next one!”

— Pediatrician

“I’m pumped up and motivated. It’s so good to come and meet with other colleagues as opposed to taking an online course. I hope you continue to have these!”

— RN

“This summit had very knowledgeable, passionate, and influential speakers! This was definitely a summit, rather than a conference. It ignited my passion and called me to act!”

— Public Health Professional



Commissioner of the Texas Department of State Health Services, David Lakey, MD, briefs immunization stakeholders about the state of immunizations in Texas at the Texas Immunization Summit 2012.



Harris County Judge Ed Emmett welcomes stakeholders to the Texas Immunization Summit 2012 and presents a proclamation declaring September 27th, 2012 to be “Immunization Awareness Day”.

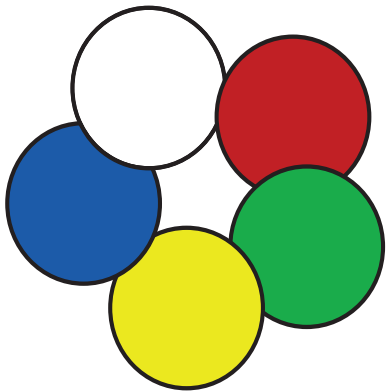
Community Forums

TIP also conducts Community Forums with experts discussing current topics in immunization. This past year, TIP presented three Forums covering topics such as vaccine safety and pertussis. The Forums were attended by approximately 250 members of the community, representing parents, healthcare professionals, school officials and public health professionals. On post-Forum assessments an overwhelming number of participants expressed that they learned something new and found the information very useful.

TIP also provides immunization tools and resources for immunization providers every spring. This year the packet went to approximately 830 immunization providers in southeast Texas as well as other stakeholders around the state. A total of 16,000 badge-size immunization schedules were also delivered to hundreds of nurses in 54 school districts in SE Texas and to other stakeholders across Texas.

Community Immunity

Community Immunity is a fun-filled exercise that engages audiences, using color-coded cards to represent their immunization status and demonstrates how one's decision to get vaccinated affects everyone in the community. TIP presented the Community Immunity presentation to over 1,900 individuals this year. There has also been an increase in volunteer participation from across the country with 12 new volunteers conducting the exercise in 3 different states.



"We had a very favorable response, especially from our young, healthy, non-medical, professional staff. They made comments like 'I am going to re-think this whole flu shot thing'."

— Community Immunity Volunteer in Oregon

"I enjoyed this information. We just had a grandbaby born and will now go and tell all the families involved to get this vaccine. Thank you for all you do."

— East End Pertussis Forum Participant

"This was a wonderful forum! As an MPH, I understand the importance of education in preventing disease and promoting health. I am thrilled to see programs such as these and am so glad I attended."

— East End Pertussis Forum Participant

"Receiving the packet helped immensely! Everything is perfect!"

— Nurse

Media Outreach

This year TIP significantly strengthened its presence on social media by launching a new blog called MOMmunizations. Written from the perspective of a Mom with young children, the blog dispels common myths and misinformation in an informative and personal manner. The blog has featured posts such as “Immunizing for Two” and “Are You Man Enough?” to highlight the important role that parents and families play in ensuring all members of our community are protected from vaccine-preventable diseases. Since its inception there have been 41 blog posts, and over 4,000 views from around the world. Our Facebook and Twitter presence has increased dramatically with an 80% increase in followers.



Mommy Blogger, Alana Bethea uses her experience as wife and mom to highlight the importance of vaccines in her blog called MOMmunizations.

TIP also conducted extensive media outreach on TV, radio and in print with 30 television hits, 62 radio hits, 17 newspaper hits and 41 internet hits. The PSA, “Take the Shot”, which promoted the meningitis vaccine for college students and featured NBA star Dexter Pittman, was aired 429 times on over 30 television stations across the state.

ADVOCACY

Eradicating Vaccine-Preventable Diseases through Evidence-Based Public Policy

TIP is proud to have supported several pieces of immunization legislation in the 82nd Legislative Session, including Senate Bill 1107. Named after Nicolis Williams, a Texas A&M student who passed away after contracting meningitis, and Jamie Schanbaum, a University of Texas at Austin student and meningitis survivor who lost her legs and fingers after battling the disease, the act is the first of its kind to require meningococcal vaccinations for all college students in Texas.

Since the passage of the law, TIP has worked to ensure the comprehensive promotion and seamless implementation of the legislation. TIP has conducted extensive outreach to immunization stakeholders, community partners, legislators, and educational institutions. In collaboration with Texas Children’s Hospital, TIP organized three press conferences in Dallas, San Antonio, and Austin to advocate for the new requirement. TIP also developed

and promoted a public service announcement starring NBA player, Dexter Pittman. Furthermore, TIP has been instrumental in addressing many of the concerns raised about the legislation. Since the law's implementation, TIP has hosted regular conference calls with staff of community colleges and state universities to understand how the legislation is being implemented and to share best practices. TIP's efforts focus on the goal of helping students navigate the new requirement and get the vaccine to stay healthy.

TIP continues to serve as an expert on immunization information and has been invited to present for stakeholders at the local, state, and national level. This year, TIP presented for the Department of State Health Services Texas Immunization Stakeholder Working Group, Texas Public Health Coalition, Immunization Collaboration of Tarrant County Annual Recognition Brunch, The Texas Immunization Summit, National Conference on Immunization and Health Coalitions and many others.

TIP is also viewed as a subject-matter expert among legislators and has provided testimony on several immunization-related issues. Over the course of the legislative interim session, TIP presented seven testimonies at legislative hearings, conducted ten presentations on immunization-related legislation, and completed approximately 26 visits with policy makers.

Stakeholder Engagement

The Immunization Partnership has been involved in stakeholder engagement activities for several years and has seen first-hand the benefit of engaging in informal dialogues about immunization priorities, using that information to identify opportunities for advocacy, and communicating those opportunities through legislative and grassroots efforts. In 2012, TIP conducted four stakeholder meetings in Austin, Fort Worth, Houston, and San Antonio. The objectives of the meetings were to update immunization stakeholders on national and state immunization policies, gather feedback on immunization challenges and priorities, and educate participants on how they can advocate effectively. Approximately 169 stakeholders participated in the meetings. Virtually all of the participants believed the meetings increased their understanding of several key topics and provided them with important resources. In addition to gathering insights through the stakeholder meetings, TIP distributed a statewide survey to confirm priorities identified through the stakeholder meetings and gather additional insights related to immunizations and immunization registry enhancements. Approximately 217 stakeholders completed the survey.



NBA star, Dexter Pittman and TIP teamed up for the "Take the Shot" Campaign, highlighting the importance of the meningitis vaccine for college students.

The findings from the stakeholder meetings and survey, along with recommendations for how to address various immunization issues were published in the 2012 publication, *A Dose of Reality: Texans Stand Up for Immunizations*. The publication was released at the Texas Immunization Summit 2012 in Houston, Texas. Using recommendations compiled from the publication, TIP crafted its legislative agenda for the 83rd Legislative Session. Included are recommendations to 1) decrease incidence of bacterial meningitis, 2) restore funding for immunizations and safety net programs, 3) enhance the state immunization registry, ImmTrac, 4) reduce the number of vaccine exemptions that are claimed due to reasons of conscience, 5) promote strategies to reduce pertussis (whooping cough) incidence, 6) improve immunization uptake among childcare providers, and 7) modify the immunization consent process for minors with children.

Over the next several months, TIP will promote legislative and grassroots efforts to promote positive policy change and continue its efforts to be the strongest statewide immunization advocacy network in the United States.



TIP released its 3rd biennial report at the Texas Immunization Summit 2012, based on feedback from stakeholders around the state. This edition is entitled “A Dose of Reality: Texans Stand Up for Immunizations” and can be accessed on the TIP website.

Building Coalitions across Texas (BCaT) Project

In 2011, TIP launched the Building Coalitions across Texas (BCaT) initiative, a pilot project committed to building the capacity of local immunization coalitions from the ground up, and transforming the way coalitions meet local immunization challenges. Six coalitions were selected to participate in the project and to receive technical assistance support from TIP. Over the past year, TIP gathered information regarding the coalitions’ needs and responded strategically with evidence-based resources and education, including toolkits and webinars, to help them meet their organizational and programmatic needs. TIP has also monitored and evaluated the coalitions’ progress towards meeting their objectives. TIP is excited to report that the coalitions have shown great progress in a very short time period. All six of the participating coalitions have incorporated at least one of the immunization best practice models or toolkit components provided by TIP. Several of the coalitions are developing strong organizational infrastructures by implementing bylaws and instituting board of directors or steering committees. Some have explored the process of incorporation, in order to gain more autonomy and capitalize on funding opportunities and all coalitions have reported programmatic accomplishments and a more diversified membership.

In order to better understand local immunization challenges and needs, TIP held three capacity-building assessments with the El Paso Immunization Coalition, McLennan County Immunization Coalition and Immunize San Antonio. During the capacity-building assessments, The Immunization Partnership conducted in-depth SWOT (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats) analyses, facilitated membership recruitment activities, and brainstormed existing and potential capacities. Using the insights gathered from the capacity-building assessments, TIP was able to provide customized technical support and resources to participating coalitions.

Webinars

As part of its technical assistance, TIP implemented two informational webinars. The first webinar, entitled “Vaccine Safety Concerns and How to Respond to Vaccine Hesitant Parents,” featured vaccine safety experts, Dr. Julie Boom (Texas Children’s Hospital), Rachel Cunningham (Texas Children’s Hospital), and Alison Singer (Autism Science Foundation). The objectives of the webinar were to explore common concerns and misconceptions about vaccines, identify strategies that professionals can use to reassure vaccine-hesitant parents, and illustrate the benefits of storytelling. Approximately 200 stakeholders from across the nation participated in the webinar. Of participants, 100% either strongly agreed or agreed that the webinar was relevant to their work and/or interests and 97% either strongly agreed or agreed that the webinar helped them understand common misconceptions about vaccines and learn new communication strategies. Overall, 99% of participants were either very satisfied or satisfied with the webinar.

The second webinar, “Tools to Effectively Engage Coalition Members and Stakeholders,” featured coalition experts, Fran Butterfoss (Coalitions Work) and Anita Colbert (Immunization Collaboration of Tarrant County). Approximately 88 stakeholders participated in the webinar. Of participants, 98% either strongly agreed or agreed that that they learned new strategies for overcoming barriers to engaging coalition members, 100% either agreed or strongly agreed that the webinar helped them understand key components to building and sustaining effective coalitions, 97% either strongly agreed or agreed that the webinar helped them understand common misconceptions and concerns about vaccines, and 95% either strongly agreed or agreed that the webinar was relevant to their work or interests. Overall, 100% of participants were either very satisfied or satisfied with the webinar.

Toolkits

TIP is pleased to announce the creation of two capacity-building toolkits. The first kit entitled “Media Toolkit for Coalitions: A Booster Dose of Communication Strategies” contains information on best practices in media relations, ways to utilize social media, sample press releases, and other public relations tips and tools. The resource was designed to help

BCaT partners and immunization stakeholders across Texas build a strong foundation in communications and messaging, with a focus on immunization issues. When surveyed, 100% of the coalitions reported satisfaction with the toolkit. TIP also developed a strategy and education toolkit called “A Dose of Change: Building Capacity in Your Immunization Coalition.” The goal of this kit is to assist immunization stakeholders in building the capacity of coalitions to which they belong or coalitions that they are creating. It provides tools, examples of processes, helpful hints, and available resources. TIP has shared electronic copies of both toolkits with over 2,000 stakeholders, including those who participate in the BCaT project.

Over the next two years, TIP will encourage more networking between the coalitions, in order to foster information sharing and to leverage best-practice models. For instance, TIP will host a mini-coalition conference in 2013, where immunization partners and experts can share strategies for creating and sustaining effective coalitions. Many coalitions have also reported an interest in strengthening their advocacy-based activities, which has encouraged TIP to explore opportunities to implement grassroots interventions that empower local immunization coalitions to serve as advocates for statewide policy change.

SUPPORT OF IMMUNIZATION BEST PRACTICES

Immunization Champions: Eradicating Vaccine-Preventable Diseases by Supporting Immunization Best Practices

The Immunization Champions program is the flagship project of The Immunization Partnership. A unique partnership with Houston Community College’s Coleman College for Health Sciences has fostered the success of this program. Students from Coleman College are trained to implement a recall system, using the state’s immunization information system called ImmTrac, in a community clinic that has low immunization rates. This system helps the clinic identify children who are overdue for immunizations and helps them reach out to the families to get them back in for necessary vaccines. A staff member is cross trained to ensure that the system is sustainable after the project concludes.

This year, TIP achieved new heights with the Immunization Champions program. Seven clinics hosted projects, focusing on pediatric, adolescent and adult vaccines. Several vaccine-specific projects targeted vaccines for special populations such as Human Papillomavirus (HPV) for adolescents, Tetanus, Diphtheria and Pertussis (Tdap) for women of childbearing age, Meningitis for teens and Hepatitis B for HIV positive patients. The success of the program is evidenced by increases in the immunization coverage rates at the participating clinics. Rates at individual clinics have increased between 43% and 650%.

Another measure of the success of this project is the advanced training and mentoring that is received by the students who participate in this program who truly become Immunization Champions. Five Coleman College students participated in the program, ensuring that nearly 6,000 individuals in the Houston area are up-to-date on critical vaccines. Since its inception in 2008, 4,223 Texans have consented to participate in ImmTrac, meaning that they now have a confidential, consolidated online record of their shots which will avoid duplicate vaccinations and save the healthcare community valuable dollars that can be spent on other critical needs. Additionally, over the course of the project 4,332 individuals have been recalled to clinics for immunizations offering the opportunity to deliver other preventive medical interventions, resulting in better preventive care and additional revenue for clinics.

TIP was also the fortunate beneficiary of pro bono consulting services from Deloitte. A team of leading consultants examined the Immunization Champions program and made recommendations on ways to improve and strengthen it in the years ahead. This was a crucial step in preparing for healthcare reform so that TIP can continue to meet the changing needs of healthcare providers, ensuring that immunizations play a larger role in maintaining the health of our community far into the future. Deloitte's recommendations included strengthening ties to health insurance companies, conducting an in-depth analysis of provider's needs and strengthening electronic data tools in order to meet the future needs of the community.

"The Immunization Champions project was a tremendous help to both HOPE Clinic's patients and our staff, enabling healthier outcomes through immunization and awareness. Our staff members' capacity and confidence have been enhanced through the technical support, and our immunization rate has risen as a result. We sincerely welcome another opportunity to collaborate with The Immunization Partnership on projects focusing on adults, seniors, and adolescents. We stand by your cause to immunize and prevent what's preventable!"

— Dr. Andrea Caracostis,
CEO of HOPE Clinic

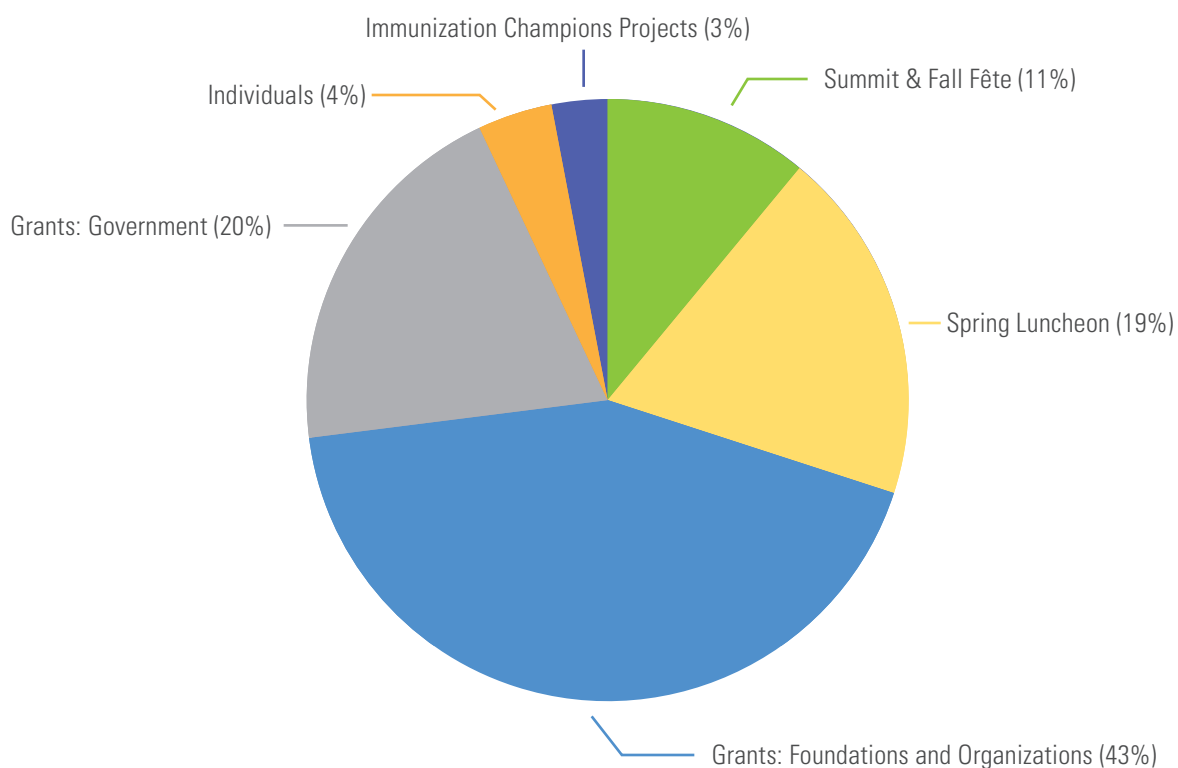


Immunization Champions, Min Aung and Crystal Gutierrez helped Hope Clinic achieve new heights in their immunization rates with training and mentoring from TIP staff.

FUND DEVELOPMENT

The success of The Immunization Partnership is made possible by our funders. The Immunization Partnership does not accept funding from the pharmaceutical industry to avoid conflicts of interest. Therefore, TIP must maintain a vibrant, diversified and fruitful fund development program. TIP seeks funding from foundations, government grants, individuals and corporations. This year **43%** came from foundation support, **11%** came from the Texas Immunization Summit 2012 and Fall Fête, **19%** came from special events, **20%** came from government grants, **3%** came from Fee for Service Immunization Champions projects and **4%** came from individual giving (see Figure 1 below). Individual donors, known as “Big Shots,” increased by **56%** to a total number of 91 members equaling a total contribution of **\$21,635**.

Figure 1: Sources of Funding





Thank you!

The Immunization Partnership is very grateful to the following donors, who make it possible for TIP to achieve its vision of a community free from vaccine-preventable diseases.

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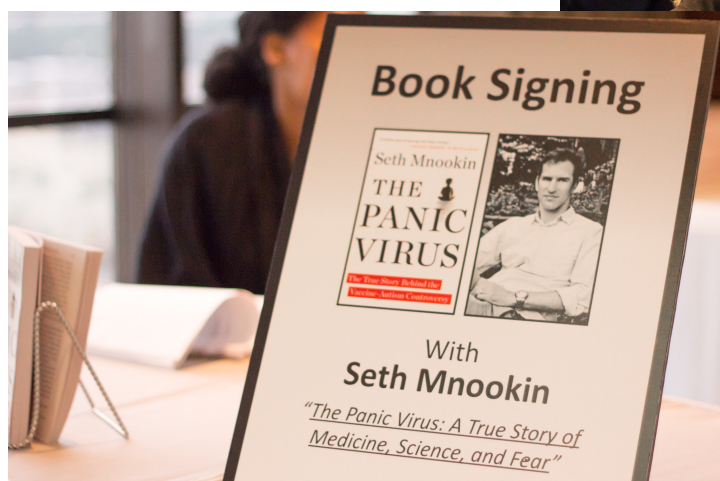
Total: 91 Big Shots

TIP'S FALL FÊTE WITH SETH MNOOKIN



Fall Fête Co-Chairs Jacquelyn and Collin Cox

On the evening of September 27, 2012, TIP hosted its Fall Fête for nearly 200 attendees. Seth Mnookin, *New York Times* bestselling author and author of *The Panic Virus: A True Story of Medicine, Science and Fear*, shared his research and entertained guests with his views on the anti-vaccine movement.



Seth Mnookin signed copies of his book for Big Shots attending the Fall Fête

Drs. Julie and Marc Boom visit with Seth Mnookin, best selling author of *The Panic Virus: A True Story of Medicine, Science and Fear*.



TIP'S COMMUNITY IMMUNITY LUNCHEON 2012

The Ralph D. Feigin, M.D. Award for Excellence 2012 Recipient – Peter J. Hotez, M.D.



Spring Luncheon Chair, Kim David, presents Dr. Peter Hotez with the Ralph D. Feigin.MDAward for Excellence.

This award is presented to an individual who champions education and advocacy for immunizations. The award is named in honor of the late Ralph D. Feigin, M.D., former Physician-in-Chief of Texas Children's Hospital, President of Baylor College of Medicine and infectious disease expert, who was a devoted advocate for the promotion of life-saving vaccines. TIP is proud to present this annual award to an individual who embodies Dr. Feigin's dedication to eradicating vaccine-preventable diseases.

Dr. Peter J. Hotez, an internationally-recognized clinician and investigator of neglected tropical diseases, has devoted his career to developing vaccines for the diseases that impact our world's most vulnerable and underserved populations such as hookworm infection, schistosomiasis and Chagas disease. Dr. Hotez is President of the Sabin Vaccine Institute and leads the Sabin vaccine development program at Texas Children's Hospital and Baylor College of Medicine. He is also the founding Dean of the new School of Tropical Medicine at Baylor College of Medicine and he holds the Texas Children's Hospital Endowed Chair in Tropical Pediatrics.

The John R. Boettiger, Jr. Award for Community Partnership
2012 Recipient – Houston Community College's Coleman College for Health Sciences



Dr. Betty Young, President of HCC Coleman College for Health Sciences, accepts the John R. Boettiger, Jr Award for Community Partnership

The Community Partnership Award is presented to a community organization actively involved in supporting high immunization rates, because protecting the public from dangerous diseases requires a dedicated community-wide effort. Organizations employing novel approaches for immunization awareness and education are considered for the award. This year, the Community Partnership Award was renamed in memory of John R. Boettiger, Jr., ASA, CFA, CMC, who was a former board member of The Immunization Partnership and who exemplified the spirit of community partnership throughout his lifetime.

Founded in 2004, HCC's Coleman College for Health Sciences trains many of our community's healthcare workers in a state-of-the-art academic environment. Coleman College has shown exceptional dedication to immunization efforts by providing enhanced curriculum for future healthcare workers about immunizations and by sharing their best students for the Immunization Champions Project in collaboration with The Immunization Partnership.

RECOGNITION

TIP was honored to receive special recognition for its work in the community. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the CDC Foundation honors individuals from each state with the CDC Childhood Immunization Champion Award. The chosen honorees are acknowledged based on their exemplary work to promote or foster childhood immunizations within their communities. This year, TIP's President and CEO, Anna Dragsbaek, was selected as the Texas honoree. This award recognized the work of TIP, which has led to significant improvements in state and local immunization registries and has played a huge role in bringing about necessary changes in state law that allow health care providers to better protect their patients and their families from vaccine-preventable diseases. In the true spirit of this award, TIP shares this award with all of the community partners who have continued to support and advocate for the life-saving power of immunizations throughout the years.

A BRIGHT FUTURE

The Immunization Partnership looks forward to a bright future, continuing to strengthen our programs and leveraging new opportunities for expanding our operations. There are many changes on the horizon for health care and TIP will continue to develop relevant, evidence-based programs to meet the future needs of our community. With adult vaccines becoming more important for maintaining optimal health, TIP plans to focus many of our programs on the importance of immunizations across the lifespan. TIP will also continue to develop diversified funding streams to ensure long-term sustainability. TIP looks forward to continuing to work with local, state and national partners to achieve our common vision of a community free from vaccine-preventable diseases.

FINANCIAL REPORT

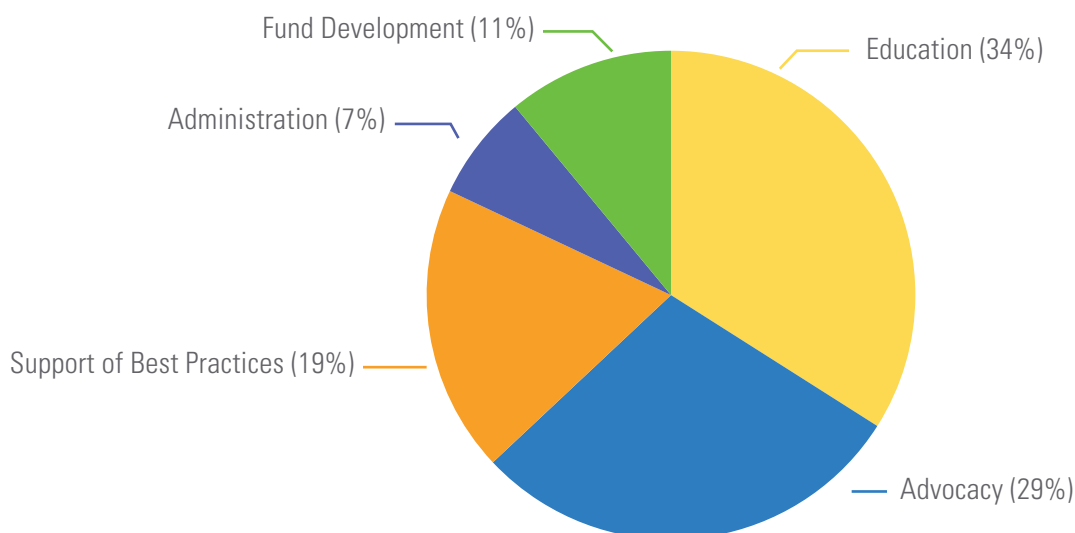
TIP's Board of Directors and executive leadership are fully committed to responsible and effective stewardship of donor funding. Full financial reports are available at our Houston office.

Condensed Statement of Income	
Foundations	\$359,686
Special Events	\$199,353
Government Grants	\$200,009
Individuals	\$30,239
Interest	\$391
Total	\$789,678

Condensed Statement of Expenses	
Education	\$251,214
Advocacy	\$215,493
Support of Best Practices	\$139,756
Fund Development	\$77,302
Administration	\$49,321
Total	\$733,086
Excess of revenue over expenses	\$56,592

Condensed Statement of Financial Position	
Assets	
Cash	\$318,569
Accounts Receivable	\$103,763
Other Assets	\$1,932
Total	\$424,264
Liabilities	
Accrued Expenses	\$53,615
Other Liabilities	\$8,858
Total	\$62,473
Total Net Assets	\$361,791
Total Assets and Liabilities	\$424,264

Figure 2: Expense Distribution



Community Partners

317 Coalition	Houston Pediatric Clinic
Airline Children's Clinic	Ibn Sina Clinic
Amerigroup	Immunization Action Coalition
Austin Immunization Collaborative	Immunization Coalition of Greater Houston
Austin Independent School District – Student Health Services	Immunization Collaboration of Tarrant County
Austin Regional Clinic	Immunization Services, Galveston County Health District
Baylor College of Medicine	South Texas Immunization Coalition (McAllen)
Big Country Immunization Coalition (Abilene)	Immunize San Antonio
Blue Cross Blue Shield Care Van	The Jamie Group
Brown Immunization Coalition	Kelsey-Seybold Clinic
Cameron County Department of Health and Human Services, Immunization Unit (Brownsville)	Klein Independent School District
Central Care Community Health Center	Legacy Community Health Centers
Christus Mobile Van	McLennan County Immunization Coalition (Waco)
Coalitions & Planning Council of Greater Dallas, Immunize Kids!	Memorial Hermann
Confederation of Meningitis Organizations	Office of Harris County Judge Ed Emmett
Dell Children's Medical Center of Central Texas	One Voice Coalition
Deloitte LP	Partners For Community Health (P4CH)
Denver Harbor Clinic	PATH (Program for Appropriate Technology in Health)
Dr. Janice Powells	People's Community Clinic
Dr. Jennifer Gwozdz	Prematurity Watch Circle of Care
Dr. William Mack	Ronald McDonald Mobile Van
El Centro de Corazon	Rotary Clubs of Houston
El Paso Immunization Coalition	San Jose Clinic
Every Child By Two	Spring Branch Community Health Center
Families Empowered	Texas Association of Family Practitioners
Gateway to Care	Texas Association of Local Health Officials (TALHO)
Good Neighbor Healthcare Center	Texas Children's Center for Vaccine Awareness and Research
Harris County Healthcare Alliance	Texas Children's Hospital
Harris Health	Texas Department of State Health Services
Harris County Public Health and Environmental Services	Texas Hospital Association
Healthy Family Initiatives	Texas Immunization Stakeholder Working Group
Hope Clinic	Texas Medical Association
Houston Community College, Coleman College for Health Sciences	Texas Medical Association Alliance
Houston Department of Health and Human Services	Texas Pediatric Association
Houston Independent School District	Texas Public Health Association
	Troubleshooters Mobile Van
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