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NEWSLETTER

HONORING OUR PAST, SHAPING WHAT'S NEXT



Hello Friends,

As we begin a new chapter at CHMRC, I want to pause and recognize a profound milestone: the official deactivation of our Medical Reserve Corps.

For over a decade, CHMRC's MRC unit was more than a response team - it was a community effort. Together with 163 dedicated volunteers, we stood on the front lines of public health crisis, delivering vaccinations, testing, emergency logistics, and care to those who needed it most. I'm deeply proud of what we accomplished, and forever grateful to those who served.

This transition to deactivate our MRC wasn't taken lightly. It reflects a changing landscape in state and federal priorities, and a conscious shift in our own. We're doubling down on long-term, community-first work: public health reporting, cross-sector partnerships, and real solutions that grow from the ground up. For a deeper look at our MRC's legacy, read the full blog post [here](#).

Our theme this month across The Bloomerang Network is all about local action – featuring conversations around food insecurity and challenges in longevity. We're here to support what's already working in communities and here to help shape what's next. We are ready to roll up our sleeves.

Thank you for walking with us, then and now.



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WHAT'S NEW IN COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

LOCAL STILL MATTERS

In times like these, when funding feels fragile and priorities shift fast - I keep coming back to one thing: local still matters.

At CHMRC, we've always centered people and place, because real change starts in community. I know many of you are feeling the weight of uncertainty: delays in grants, staffing challenges, or sudden shifts in direction.

But I've also seen incredible resilience - volunteers showing up, grassroots orgs stepping in when systems stall. If you're feeling stretched thin, you're not alone.

Let's keep showing up for each other.

Read the full post [here](#).



Natasha Goburdhun
Chief Community Strategy Officer
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IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

MAY WEBINAR RECAP

Did you miss it our May webinar? Catch Let Us Learn Founder, Gina Brown's inspiring conversation with CHMRC CEO Ellen Young, on food insecurity, school gardens, and intergenerational action in one small southern Indiana town.

Watch the full webinar [here](#).
Read the full recap [here](#).



THE LONGEVITY TABLE RECAP

Last month, we gathered at our virtual table with aging and longevity leaders. Two themes routinely came up, workforce, caregiving and independent living. We are excited to dive into more discussion around these topics.

Missed it? Catch the recap [here](#).



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FEATURED VOICE

From solo aging to systems change, author and speaker Carol Marak is reshaping how we think about longevity.

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SOLO AND SMART

PUBLIC HEALTH REPORTING INSIGHTS

GOOD DATA SAVES TIME. GREAT DATA STRENGTHENS COMMUNITIES.

Public health reporting often happens behind the scenes - but it shapes the care people receive every day. In this post, I share how turning raw data into insight helps health systems and Public Health see what communities truly need - and why smarter reporting leads to better outcomes, equity, and trust.

Read the full post [here](#).



Amelia Priest
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UPCOMING WEBINAR

FROM STEREOTYPES TO STRENGTHS: REFRAMING AGING AS AN ASSET

What does it take to thrive at 50+?

Join our expert panelists for a powerful conversation on the tools, mindsets, and systems that help older adults to live and work with purpose.

- Carol Marak, Solo Aging Strategist
- Marie Jerusalem, CEO, rocket50
- John Hamblin, Tech Consultant & Senior Advocate
- Josh Williams, Dir., Strong Households, Metro United Way

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