Since 1991 Bridging the Gaps has been providing community service, promoting public health in underserved communities, and training community-responsive health and social service professionals.
We are grateful to the many individuals and organizations who have helped shape Bridging the Gaps over 27 years and who continue to share expertise, energy and resources that enhance and sustain our dual mission of service and training.

With much gratitude,

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**BTG Community Health Internship Program [BTG CHIP] (in all locations):**
A summer internship that matches students with community agencies/organizations, taking into account community site needs, professional disciplines and student interests. Whenever possible, students work in interprofessional teams.

In addition to their community-based work, students participate in didactic sessions where community members and health professionals help students gain the skills and knowledge to be effective providers for vulnerable populations.

In the fall, BTG hosts an Annual Symposium in Philadelphia. It provides students with an opportunity to present their summer projects in poster format and to discuss community health issues with community representatives, public health officials, agency personnel, grantmakers, and university faculty and staff. All programs are represented in Philadelphia and also host their own local symposia.

**BTG Seminar Series (Philadelphia only):**
An eight-part series held in the spring, winter and fall that highlights specific topics focused largely on vulnerable populations.

**BTG Clinical Program (Philadelphia only):**
An advanced community clinical experience that offers students a collaborative interdisciplinary approach to health and health care delivery for vulnerable populations.

**BTG Clinical Scholars Program (Philadelphia only):** Students who complete the BTG CHIP, Seminar Series and Clinical Program graduate as BTG Clinical Scholars.

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**BTG CHIP 2017 at a Glance**

**Students/Projects/Sites:** 238 students worked on 107 projects at 112 sites.

**Professional Disciplines:** Medicine, dental medicine, nursing, occupational therapy, public health, social work, creative arts in therapy, physical therapy, physician assistant, pharmacy, law, veterinary medicine.

**Service Days:** Students provided 6,205 days of health-related service.

**Other Program Components (Philadelphia only)**

**BTG Seminar Series:** 192 students attended at least one seminar.

**BTG Clinical Program:** 15 students participated in the BTG Clinical Program.

**BTG Clinical Scholars:** 14 students graduated as Clinical Scholars.

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**The 27th Anniversary Symposium**

Eddy Zheng received the 2017 BTG Award and presented the keynote address. He is the co-director of the Asian Prisoner Support Committee, based in Oakland, California. His ordeal as an incarcerated 16-year-old motivated a lifelong commitment to youth violence prevention. In 2007 he led a book project culminating in “Other: An Asian and Pacific Islander Prisoners’ Anthology.” He is the subject of an award-winning documentary, “Breathin’: The Eddy Zheng Story.”

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**BTG CHIP Facts & Figures**

Since its inception, BTG CHIP has...

Provided health-related service at 540 community sites:
- 369 Philadelphia
- 71 Erie
- 11 Lehigh Valley
- 29 New Jersey
- 59 Pittsburgh
- 1 Delaware

Included 5,249 participating students:
- 4,230 Philadelphia
- 391 Erie
- 82 Lehigh Valley
- 149 New Jersey
- 392 Pittsburgh
- 5 Delaware

From 2000 through 2017, BTG CHIP has...

Provided 109,523 days of service:
- 82,572 Philadelphia
- 10,481 Erie
- 2,167 Lehigh Valley
- 3,945 New Jersey
- 10,116 Pittsburgh
- 242 Delaware

**BTG Seminar Series**

From fall 2003 to spring 2018, 2,276 students attended at least one seminar; some attended multiple seminars.

**BTG Clinical Program**

From fall 2003 to spring 2018, 245 students completed the BTG Clinical Program.

**BTG Clinical Scholars**

From 2006 to spring 2018, 123 students graduated as BTG Clinical Scholars.
I am grateful for the opportunity to further my understanding of other medical disciplines as well as … my own role as a social worker. I leave this experience feeling a greater connection to the Philadelphia community, medical community and my own field. The confidence and knowledge that BTG has instilled in me is something I will take with me throughout my entire career.

Cynthia Clyburn
University of Pennsylvania
School of Social Policy and Practice

With the addition of music therapy, academic tutoring and drama, we’ve been able to reach more children and provide exceptional quality programming because of the addition of the four interns from BTG. Each … did an exceptional job. The children benefitted greatly from the additional programs set up by the BTG interns. We appreciate it immensely.

Kevin Weber
Northern Children’s Services
BTG Community Preceptor

BTG taught me so much about why health disparities exist, how they affect children in particular, and the effort that the health care community can set forth to make a difference. I am confident that the lessons I learned will help me to become a better physician and community member—one that strives to lessen the burden carried by those that are most vulnerable.

Natalie Delgado
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Philanthropy Consortium

Students/Projects/Sites: 169 students participated in 67 projects at 69 sites in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Professional Disciplines: Medicine, public health, dental medicine, veterinary medicine, nursing, social work, occupational therapy, physical therapy, psychology, creative arts in therapy, pharmacy, law.

Service Days: Students provided 4,329 days of health-related service.

Participating Institutions: Drexel University, Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine, Temple University, Thomas Jefferson University, University of Pennsylvania, Bryn Mawr College. Lehigh Valley students participated in Philadelphia’s core curricular sessions.

Student Activities:* Planning health activities, health-related client education, community social activities, community outreach, assessing community resources, research on health issues, oral health activities, advocacy activities.

Community Health Issues:* Diet and nutrition, exercise, cardiovascular health, access to health care, oral health, poverty, mental health, communication.

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I am continually pleasantly surprised by the many ways that BTG experiences percolate into my days on clinical duties, with a lightbulb going off in ways I wouldn’t expect. As I move forward into residency, with more patient responsibility, I look forward to reflecting more on this experience and connecting more dots in the future.

Lydia Ran
Drexel University College of Medicine
BTG Clinical Scholar

BTG was a nice change to what we as health professionals are expected to do over the summer. I wish there were more programs like BTG out there for health professionals to give back in a way that challenged their ideas of what a health professional can do to make a difference.

Krishna Patel
Temple University School of Pharmacy

Each year [BTG] has brought an outstanding set of interns. Each has … enhanced existing programs and in some cases developed new programs. Their work effort enabled our agency to initiate activities that had been discussed but had no existing staff … to dedicate to the projects. The … interns enabled the agency to spread word of their resources and activities to a wider audience. Couldn’t have done it without them!

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Asociación Puertorriqueños en Marcha (APM)
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Bethesda Project, My Brother’s House
C A Difference, Philadelphia FIGHT
Cancer Support Center of Greater Philadelphia
CARIE (Center for Advocacy for the Rights and Interests of the Elderly)
Center for Nonviolence and Social Justice, Healing Hurt People
Centro Nueva Creación, Goodlands Camp
Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia, Gender and Sexuality Development Clinic
City of Philadelphia, Office of Adult Education
College of Physicians of Philadelphia Community Center at Visitation
Covenant House Pennsylvania
Depaul House/St. Raymond’s
Earth’s Keepers, Inc., Farm at Bartram’s Garden
East Park Revitalization Alliance
EducationWorks
Francis J. Myers Recreation Center
Gaudenzia, Inc., People With Hope
Hall Mercer, Community Mental Health Center
Health Federation
HIAS and Council Migration Services of Philadelphia
Intercommunity Action, Inc., Journey’s Way
Legacy Youth Tennis and Education
Lutheran Settlement House, Adult Education
Lutheran Settlement House, Senior Center
Maternity Care Coalition, Cribs for Kids
Mazzoni Center
Mercy Neighborhood Ministries
Nationalities Service Center, Health Outreach
Next Generation Ministries
North Light Community Center
Northern Children’s Services
Nurse-Family Partnership and Mabel Morris Family Home
People’s Emergency Center
Philadelphia City Rowing
Philadelphia Department of Public Health, Patient Assistance Program
Philadelphia FIGHT
Philadelphia Futures
Philadelphia Juvenile Justice Services Center
Philadelphia Senior Center, NewCourtland Network
Philly Thrive
Prevention Point Philadelphia
Project HOME, Kairos House
Public Citizens for Children and Youth (PCCY)
Salvation Army, Red Shield Residence
Sayre Health Center, Dr. Barnett L. Johnson Center
SHARE Food Program, Inc.
Sickle Cell Disease Association of America: Philadelphia/Delaware Valley Chapter (SCDAA/PDVC)
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Southwest Community Development Corporation, Patterson School
St. Christopher’s Hospital for Children, Center for Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs (CCYSHCN)
St. Christopher’s Foundation for Children, Farm to Families
St. Christopher’s Hospital for Children, Hunger Free Health Center
St. Ignatius Nursing and Rehab - Music
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Temple University, Temple Health Connection
Temple University, Upward Bound
To Our Children’s Future With Health, Bethune
Turning Points for Children, Community Umbrella Agency 9
Turning Points for Children, Food and Wellness Network (FAWN)
Unitarian Universalist House Outreach Program
Urban Tree Connection
Veterans Multi-Service Center, The Perimeter
Village of Arts and Humanities
Women Against Abuse, Emergency Shelter, Children’s Program
Women Against Abuse, Sojourner House
Youth Emergency Service

My eyes were quickly opened … to clearly see the issues of hunger, homelessness and disease that are very much present in Philadelphia today. Much more importantly, this summer has allowed me to interact with many inspiring and thought-provoking individuals who have taught me the importance of perseverance and the power of faith and hope. … I hope to use this experience in my future career as a physician so that I might be able to better understand and identify with my patients and their needs.

Brittney Shupp
Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine
Bridging the Gaps has given me a unique experience to see a new side of health care that I didn’t know yet. I have learned a lot from my experience here and I am excited to continue my career in medicine taking with me the lessons I have learned from this internship.

Brian Behnke  
Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine

This experience has brought a more tangible, relatable grasp on the importance of treating the entire patient—mind, body and spirit—and is surely something that has affected my perspectives as a future clinician.

Justine Bensur  
Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine

Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine

Students/Projects/Sites: 18 students worked on 13 projects at 13 community sites in Erie, Pennsylvania.

Professional Discipline: Medicine.

Service Days: Students provided 468 days of health-related service.

Student Activities:* Oral health activities, health-related client education, planning health activities, community social activities, research on health issues, client interviews, community outreach, evaluation of existing programs.

Community Health Issues:* Oral health, diet and nutrition, mental health, personal hygiene, exercise, access to health care, diabetes, obesity, physical disability.

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[The intern’s] organizational skills and creativity have helped … create a program that I believe will be quite successful. This will provide consistency, which will go a long way in developing the trusting relationships that are so necessary for the population’s ability to make healthy lifestyle changes.

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LECOM Health Nursing and Rehabilitation Center  
LECOM Senior Living Center  
LifeWorks Erie  
Mercy Center for Women  
Mercy Hilltop Center  
Millcreek Community Hospital  
SafeNet  
Voices for Independence  
YMCA Kids Clubs, Erie Heights/Pineview
Lehigh Valley Health Network

Students/Projects/Sites: 12 students worked on 6 projects at 6 community sites in Allentown, Pennsylvania.

Professional Disciplines: Nursing and physician assistant.

Service Days: Students provided 302 days of health-related service.

Participating Institutions: DeSales University, Moravian College, University of Pittsburgh.

Student Activities:* Planning health activities, health-related client education, oral health activities, assessing community resources, community outreach, community social activities, research on health issues, client interviews, advocacy activities, evaluation of existing programs, literacy activities, development or administration of surveys, linking clients with health resources.

Community Health Issues:* Diet and nutrition, cardiovascular health, access to health care, communication, exercise, oral health, homelessness, poverty, substance abuse, mental health, obesity, transportation, budgeting and personal finances, diabetes, insurance/social services, personal hygiene, physical disability, race/ethnicity, cancer, immunizations, STDs.

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I greatly value having BTG interns for their maturity, reliability and enthusiasm. They have skills that are drawn upon during the course of the summer, such as the ability to teach basic health and life skills. The 2017 interns were a great asset to the Alliance Hall summer recreation program.

Tina Amato
Alliance Hall Summer Camp
BTG Community Preceptor

BTG was everything and more that I wanted for this summer. I wanted to explore community health and step away from the hospital setting. I learned that making steps to improve communities can help people’s overall health. I believe the information and experiences from this internship are going to help me be a better nurse. I am leaving with thousands of amazing memories I can cherish for the rest of my life, and I could not be any more grateful.

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Lehigh Valley Health Network, Department of Community Health Neighborhood Health Centers of the Lehigh Valley
Sixth Street Shelter
Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey

Students/Projects/Sites: 23 students worked on 13 projects at 13 community sites in Camden, New Brunswick, Newark, Pennsauken and Trenton, New Jersey.

Professional Disciplines: Medicine, pharmacy, public health.

Service Days: Students provided 606 days of health-related service.

Student Activities:* Research on health issues, development or administration of surveys, planning health activities, health-related client education, assessing community resources, evaluation of existing programs, client interviews, community outreach, community social activities, linking clients with health resources, oral health activities.

Community Health Issues:* Access to health care, diet and nutrition, mental health, exercise, insurance/social services, oral health, homelessness, personal hygiene.

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The student was instrumental in researching an online scheduling program that has had a significant impact on organizing the implementation of our Dove Learning Center. This software has allowed our youth to take responsibility and to be accountable for scheduling learning activities that they want to engage in. [Our BTG intern] was truly a blessing.

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Roslyn Talley
Covenant House/Atlantic City
BTG Community Preceptor
University of Pittsburgh

Students/Projects/Sites: 18 students worked on 9 projects at 9 community sites in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Professional Disciplines: Medicine, nursing, pharmacy, public health, social work.

Service Days: Students provided 500 days of health-related service.

Student Activities: * Planning health activities, assessing community resources, community social activities, client interviews, development or administration of surveys, health-related client education, oral health activities, evaluation of existing programs, research on health issues, community outreach, linking clients with health resources, advocacy activities, literacy activities.

Community Health Issues: * Diet and nutrition, poverty, oral health, access to health care, child care, cultural beliefs and practices, exercise, mental health, race/ethnicity, budgeting and personal finances, communication, homelessness, violence, insurance/social services, obesity, personal hygiene, transportation, environmental health.

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Sojourner House, Inc. - MOMS
South Hills Interfaith Movement - Prospect Park Family Center

BTG has given me an up-close look at the struggles residents have as they live with mental health issues and addiction. The combination of my site work and the reflective sessions have helped me to better understand underserved populations and the challenges they face. This experience … further confirm(s) my desires to work with populations that are marginalized.

Todd McLaughlin
University of Pittsburgh
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The experience with BTG and Community Human Services was a great opportunity to witness how both disease and negative social determinants can push individuals and families to the margins of our society and … [increase their risk of] adverse health outcomes and situations like homelessness as a consequence.

William Louth
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BTG interns were instrumental in advancing the current mission and future vision of our organization. They embraced new ideas while enhancing and expanding existing projects and programs.

Laura Kelley, MSW
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