Promise Zone PZRC Research Connection

West Philadelphia Research Day 2026 Compendium

Event Summary



More than 100 community members, researchers, students, and organizational partners gathered on May 28, 2026, for the second annual West Philly Research Day at Drexel University's Health Sciences Building. Hosted by the Promise Zone Research Connection (PZRC), the event focused on strengthening community-research partnerships and advancing community-engaged research in West Philadelphia.

The program featured a keynote address by Tyrique Glasgow, founder and executive director of the Young Chances Foundation, and a panel discussion on building and sustaining effective research partnerships. Throughout the event, speakers emphasized the importance of trust, transparency, equitable collaboration, and ensuring that research reflects community priorities and lived experiences.

The event concluded with a networking and resource-sharing session featuring more than 20 community-based organizations and institutional partners. The strong turnout and engagement highlighted the continued need for spaces where community members and researchers can connect, collaborate, and advance shared goals.

See more detail here: https://drexel.edu/cnhp/news/current/2026/June/west-philly-research-day-2026/

Date, Location, and Time

Date/Time: May 28th, 2026, from 3:00-6:00 PM

Location: **Drexel University Health Sciences Building** (60 N. 36th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104)



Agenda Recap

3:00 PM – Registration, Light Refreshments, Networking, and Resource Tables

3:45 PM – Opening Remarks

3:50 PM – Overview of PZRC's History and Mission

4:00 PM – Presentation: *Community Ethics in Research and Why It Matters*

4:15 PM – Panel Discussion: *Research in West Philadelphia: Perspectives from Community and Research Partners*

5:15 PM – Resource Tables and Networking

5:55 PM – Closing Remarks

Community Research Review Board

The PZRC operates Philadelphia's only Community Research Review Board (CRRB) that is community-led. The CRRB is composed of community residents and institutional allies who are trained and certified in research ethics. The board provides feedback to researchers planning studies in West Philadelphia and either endorses them or suggests changes. The PZRC encourages researchers to view the CRRB not as a requirement, but as a collaborative partner in designing research that is ethical, relevant, and beneficial to the communities it seeks to serve.

If you are a researcher hoping to schedule a time for your research to be reviewed by the CRRB, sscanthe QR code or visit the link to access the CRRB Proposal Submission Form.

Participating Community-Based Organizations

Anti-Violence Partnership

Address: 4946 Parkside Avenue. Philadelphia, PA 19131

Phone number: 215-567-6776

Website: https://avpphila.org/

Mission Statement: Since 1983, the mission of Anti-Violence Partnership of Philadelphia has been to reduce the cycle of violence by providing an array of services to victims and survivors in the aftermath of violence that promote healing and safety in their lives and communities. Our mission is guided by our vision of a safe Philadelphia where all individuals and communities can grow and prosper.

Betty Ann Moore Foundation, INC.

Address: Philadelphia, PA

Website: https://bamoorefoundation.org/

Mission Statement: Our mission is to bridge opportunity gaps in underserved communities by fostering creativity, critical thinking, and academic and social-emotional excellence through culturally responsive education and artistic expression.

Ethio-Community Association of Greater Philadelphia

Address: 4400 Chestnut Street Floor# 1 Philadelphia, PA 19104

Phone number: 267-969-3771

Website: https://ethiophilly.org

Mission Statement: ECAGP is committed to promoting the social, economic, educational, health and community wellbeing of its members; Promote and preserve Ethiopian cultures and traditions for children of Ethiopians in diaspora to help them appreciate their heritage.

Fair Housing Rights Center in SE PA

Address: 444 N. 3rd Street, Suite 110 Philadelphia, PA 19123

Phone number: 215-625-0700

Website: http://www.fairhousingrights.org

Mission Statement: The mission of the Fair Housing Rights Center in Southeastern Pennsylvania (FHRC) is to ensure **equal access to housing opportunities** for all people.

Hepatitis B Foundation

Address: 3805 Old Easton Road, Doylestown, PA 18902

Email address: info@hepb.org

Website: www.hepb.org

Mission Statement: The Hepatitis B Foundation is a national nonprofit organization dedicated to finding a cure and improving the quality of life for those affected by hepatitis B worldwide. Our commitment includes funding focused research, promoting disease awareness, supporting immunization and treatment initiatives, and serving as the primary source of information for patients and their families, the medical and scientific community, and the general public.

Indigenous Education

Address: Philadelphia, PA

Email Address: indeed.edu@gmail.com

Website: https://indedu.org/

Mission Statement: To preserve, revitalize, and teach the rich cultural heritage and ancestral knowledge of Indigenous peoples, with a special focus on the often-erased histories of dark-skinned Indigenous communities of the Americas.

Mill Creek Advisory Council

Address: 4700 Brown Street Philadelphia, PA 19104

Phone Number: 215-252-1626

Motivated Community Resource Center

Address: 5646 Cedar Avenue

Phone Number: 215-921-2552

Website: https://www.motivatedcrc.org/

Mission Statement: With the use of Community Outreach, Education, and Advocacy, Motivated aims to ignite the community for change by empowering and improving the quality of life for families.

Mount Vernon Manor CDC

Address: 769 N 39th Street

Phone number: 215-475-9492

Website: https://mvmcdc.org/

Mission Statement: Mt. Vernon Manor's mission is to provide affordable housing, encourage residents to nurture caring families, and champion a robust and sustainable environment and quality of life in West Philadelphia. Mt. Vernon Manor strives to cultivate safe and accessible West Philly neighborhoods for both longtime and newly arrived residents by pursuing strategic projects and partnerships that advance affordable housing opportunities, cultivate green and open space, enhance economic mobility, and improve public health and safety in our communities. We aim to help residents realize a shared vision of equitable development without displacement and ensure that our community remains diverse, inclusive, and welcoming to all.

MOVE The Teacher Network

Phone Number: 215-815-5010

Email address: movetheteachernetwork@gmail.com

Website: https://www.movetheteachernetwork.org/

Mission Statement: M.O.V.E. The Teacher Network is a Christ-centered community of bold and purpose-driven educators committed to disrupt the status quo in education. In a time marked by social unrest, educational inequities, and spiritual drift, we move with intention through Movement, Order, Vision and Equity. Educators are not confined to the four walls of the classroom. We are transformational leaders called to break free from complacency and challenge broken systems. Empowered by faith, we do not just imagine change, we make it happen. Called by God and entrusted with the gifts of teaching and leadership, we serve as His vessels who are empowered to drive meaningful change, uplift communities, transform education, and reflect His nature and glory in every space we serve.

Young Chances Foundation

Address: 2703 Tasker Street

Phone Number: 267-585-2923

Website: https://www.youngchances.org/

Mission Statement: Providing urban children with the opportunity to have fun, strengthen family relationships, build leadership skills through peer-motivated activities, and access resources for general to higher education.

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