Dealing with adversity: A snapshot of where our women live

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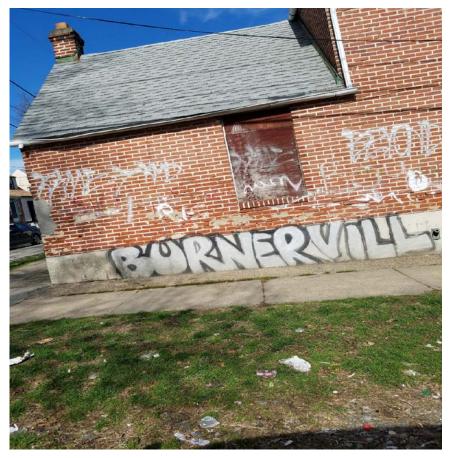
Key theme: Chester Gun violence / Youth needs



This is a garden originally designed for the youth in the neighborhood to escape the violence and grow vegetables and sell. And a basketball court for the youth to have an outlet.



Key theme: Chester Gun violence



BURNERVILLE 'Sun village' is the crime capital area of Chester where some of our patients reside.



Key theme: Chester Poverty

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Remnants of what Chester used to be: an industrial hub in Southeast PA

Key theme Revitalization



Main street in Chester city. The flowers painting was done by kids in Chester to represent what spring feels like to them.

Key theme Revitalization



Chester Made is a local organization that is humanities based initiative to recognize and promote arts and culture in Chester and harness their power as a force for community revitalization.

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MJ Freed studio is a safe place for the youth to engage in arts and culture.

Located on main street of Chester which is now largely characterized by revitalization of arts which is providing a new source of revenue for the city residents.

Key theme: Chester Gun violence / Youth needs: Role of the Church



Outside a church building commemorating youth who have died due to gun violence. The role of the church in the community against violence.

Key theme: West Philly Gun violence / Youth needs: Role of Church



Outside a church building T-shirts commemorating youth who have died due to senseless gun violence.

The shirts show the ages and dates of the victims who lost their lives to gun violence.

The role of the church in the community against violence.



Symbol of "Little Africa" in South west Philadelphia which is the epicenter of a large West African population settling here since early 1980s. As the immigrant population continues to grow, the more we need to collect data on country of origin to better deliver services to this population.

One of our clinics is located at the very periphery of South West Philadelphia. SHM sees the majority of our African born clients who can easily access the clinic via public transportation.

Africans take pride in their fashion as is evidence by this store where customers can purchase fabric and have it custom made. Newly arrived immigrants tend to come to clinic with their traditional garb, over time we observe that the longer they integrate into the society, they tend to wear less of African garb in everyday life, partly to guard their identity. 'I don't go to the Sharon Hill Clinic because too many Liberians go there and they talk too much'.





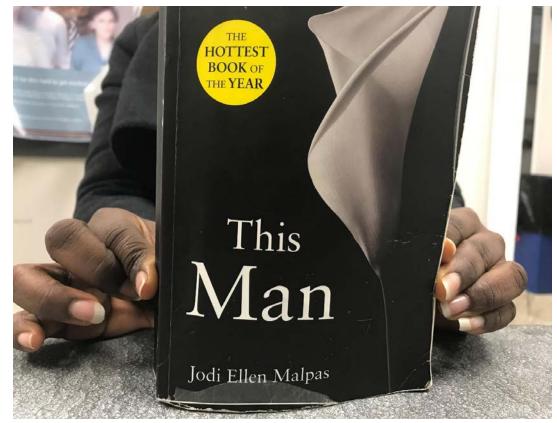
Most Africans who find it hard to integrate socioeconomically to the job market end up opening their own businesses which sometimes proves to be more successful and satisfying.

Hair braiding is one of the main small scale businesses that gives African women a voice and economic backbone. Hair braiding salons have been utilized in various research projects as a conduit to reach and educate women on various health topics.



EVIDENCE-INFORMED INTERVENTIONS

"This Man' strongly resonates with my current life. I am just coming from a tumultuous relationship with the father of my children." client from Sierra Leone, a victim of intimate partner violence which she kept as a hidden problem for years.



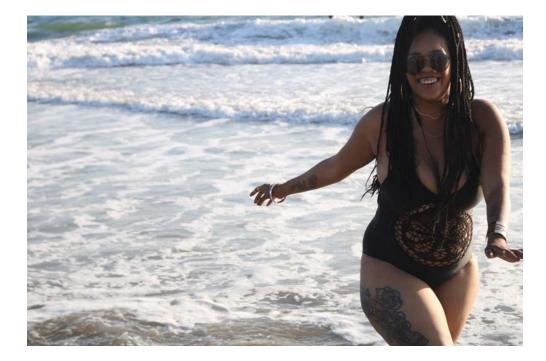
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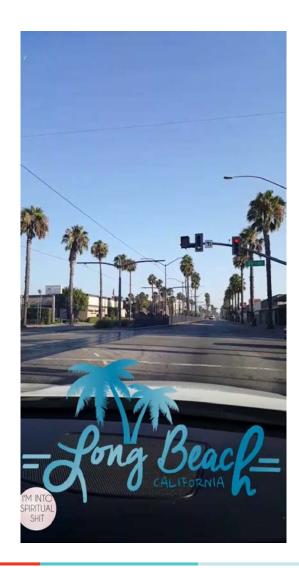
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Great weather and first vacation since starting this role as a peer navigator.





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