



HEALTHCARE IN- AFFORDABILITY IN AMERICA

America ranks number one in the most expensive healthcare system in the world. In spite of this massive spending, the United States lags behind in both life expectancy and mortality rate. The disparities between social classes and accessibility to healthcare is also wide.

OUR GOAL

Ensure that every one residing in our great country has access to equal and top quality healthcare without hindering families financially.

OUR VISION

Our vision is to educate and fight for a healthcare system that promotes an optimal state of well-being and health while focusing on patient oriented care and not money earned from those who are ill.

FACTS ABOUT HEALTHCARE IN AMERICA



Americans have the most difficulty paying for healthcare, dental, and vision or dental care compared to many other necessities like rent, food, and transportation costs.



Half of U.S adults report skipping or delay healthcare due to the in-affordability of care in America.



Medication in the U.S is the most expensive compared to anywhere else in the world. 3 in 10 people have reported skipping medication due to costs.



Minorities like Hispanics and African-americans have the most trouble acquiring affordable and high quality healthcare in America.

Healthcare Resources for New Yorkers.



Low income families can apply for low cost health insurance through the NYC Healthcare Marketplace.

<https://nystateofhealth.ny.gov/>



New York City provides access to all with free health clinics all around the city. They accept both new patients and volunteers.

<https://nycfreeclinic.com/>



New York City also has a medication payment assistance program that offers discounted or free medication for those who meet the requirements.

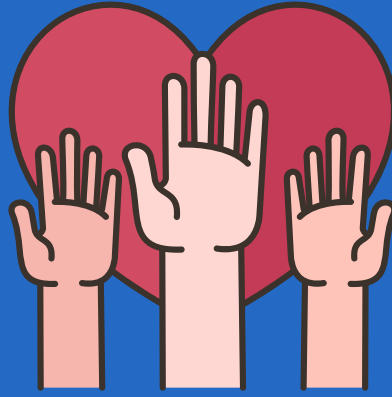
<https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/ochi/a/downloads/pdf/prescription-drug-assistance.pdf>

FIGHTING FOR A GOOD CAUSE

ALTHOUGH RESOURCES ARE AVAILABLE FOR SOME, THE END GOAL IS TO PROVIDE AFFORDABLE AND QUALITY HEALTHCARE FOR ALL. IT ALL STARTS WITH ADVOCATING AND FIGHTING FOR HEALTHCARE RIGHTS AND REGULATIONS.



WHAT YOU CAN DO:



CONTACT YOUR STATE POLITICIANS

Find out who your local and state politicians are and let your voice be heard. Advocate for those who need healthcare now.

<https://www.ny.gov/new-york-state-congressional-delegation>

VOLUNTEER AT FREE OR COMMUNITY CLINICS

Free or low cost clinics are funded mostly by donations and volunteers. Please volunteer if you have time.

<https://www.nychealthandhospitals.org/volunteering/>

SHARE THIS RESOURCE

If you know someone who can utilize this resource please spread the word and help those who require these resources.



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Artist Statement

When I began my 2nd writing assignment, I wanted to write about something that really mattered to me. I wanted to write about something that disturbed me deeply, and something I truly wanted to change for the sake of people who are living here. I was heavily influenced to write about the healthcare system in America by the passing of my friend's son, who passed from a rare type of cancer. Knowing that if he hadn't had the health insurance that he did, it possibly would've bankrupted him did not sit well with me. He was someone who followed all the rules, and was a great human being, yet an unfortunate event which he had no control of could've caused irreparable damage. This wasn't a tornado or hurricane, which was a natural disaster. The disaster was the system itself trying to profit off others misfortunes. As a father, this is something that troubles me deeply, for both my family and other people's families. I figured if I stood idly by without trying to bring this issue to light, I would be complicit in how broken the system is.

I knew I wanted to write about the disparities in our healthcare system, and I wanted to raise awareness. For this multimodal assignment, I wanted to put a visual aid to all the words and research I've done. I also believe that it fits in a healthcare setting, since you see brochures all the time in hospitals and clinics. Using a visual aid also streamlines the learning experience in my

opinion. Being able to see and relate to certain issues is not only a faster, and more efficient way of delivering information, but it also communicates to a wider variety of people. I believe that our current generation of adults are so used to receiving everything at such a fast pace, that a large piece of literature explaining these injustices in our system would just be thrown to the wayside. Because of this, I elected to use a visual aid to help spread my message.

The audience that I wanted to reach in this assignment was anybody who has been struggling with our healthcare system or those who need resources to plan for medical emergencies. I really wanted this assignment to be relevant for those who are struggling through these healthcare disparities, and I also wanted to provide them with resources instead of only what's wrong with the system. I feel that it is critical to present a problem, but presenting a problem without a solution will only kick them while they are down. Providing a possible solution or resource to help these people, will raise awareness and also provide some sort of care. I will admit though, finding the resources that fit everyone's personal criteria is difficult. Everyone's economic and healthcare situation is different, and because our healthcare system is based mostly on monetization, locating the proper resources was difficult.