Advancing Community Partnerships to Increase Food Access in Southern Dallas

All In: Data for Community Health 2020



Who Are We?

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BUILD Overview & Collaborative Partners

BUILD Health Challenge®

National award & funding collaborative program that strengthens partnerships between local nonprofit organizations, hospitals & health systems, and local health departments to drive sustainable improvements in reducing health disparities caused by system-based or social inequity











Our Goals

Embed
health
programs
& safety
net
services

Refer clients to closest distribution site based on address Refer health
system
patients with
foodsensitive
conditions

Multi-sector data to locate & expand in high need areas







- Crossroads mission to nourish our community
- Parkland completed Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA), embedded aspects of BUILD project into planning

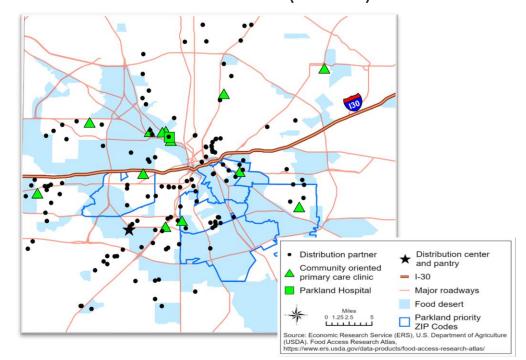
Plan A

Parkland

- 1st Saturday/month
- Clinic patients identified with uncontrolled diabetes & food insecure could come to the clinic to pick up pre-packaged food boxes
- Driving factor: accessibility!

Crossroads

 100+ organizations pick up food from Crossroads and distribute to their community – called Community Distribution Partners (CDPs)



Challenges

What Software Do We Use?

- Salesforce CRM concurrent implementations for both organizations
- **Aunt Bertha**

Crossroads Client Survey

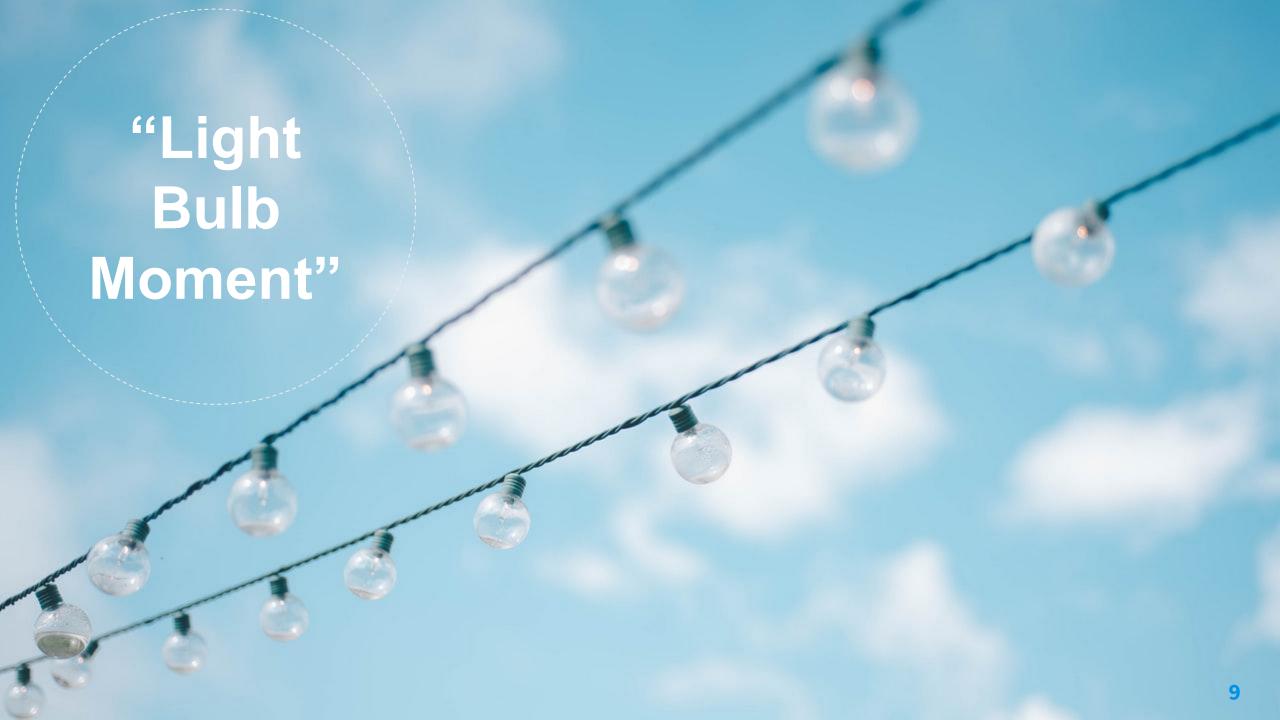
Balancing program evaluation & patient privacy (HIPPA/PII concerns)

Volunteers vs. Employees

- Not sustainable long term
- Access to patient data
- Trust & relationship building with patients

Addressing the Issues

- Mutual understanding we're walking through uncharted territory
 - Rolling out a program for the sake of the program isn't worth it we want it to be sustainable and scalable
- Keeping our ultimate mission & vision at top of mind
 - Actively combat "tunnel vision" around launching original CDP we want to give hungry people food!
 - Recognized we need to loop in more people to move forward
- IT partners & legal meetings → better understanding of needs, issues, and how to move forward efficiently



- Reconfigured Plan A while still meeting all goals
- No longer providing food onsite; Registered Dietician uses Salesforce to order food for the client and client sets up appointment to pick up at Crossroads
- Elevates client voice they actually get to pick their food w/ the help from RD
- Moved forward with Aunt Bertha instead of Salesforce Aunt Bertha is widely used in North Texas
- Both changes allowed for improved scalability and sustainability

What Did We Learn?



- Patience & flexibility!!
- Ocollaborative problem solving sometimes you need more people on your team
- Thinking outside of the box
- Funders will understand if we have to adopt a "Plan B" to meet our community impact goals vs operational goals

Future Goals

- Expand Remote Ordering Sites at Parkland Clinics
- Expand use of Aunt Bertha throughout entire distribution network



Thank you!

Any questions?

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