

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The Office of Community Engagement (OCE) serves as a central hub for fostering meaningful partnerships between the University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC) and the broader community. Grounded in mutual respect, equity, and collaboration, OCE advances UNMC's mission by supporting academic and community initiatives that address social determinants of health and strengthen community well-being.

OCE facilitates community-engaged learning and research opportunities, connects students and faculty to local organizations, and supports programs that promote health equity across Nebraska. The office also helps build institutional capacity for engagement through training, consultation and technical assistance.

In addition, OCE supports five legacy projects — student-led initiatives that serve as sustained models of community partnership and leadership development through direct service, education, and advocacy.

With a focus on sustainable relationships, OCE encourages UNMC learners, faculty and staff to become active participants in improving the health and vibrancy of the communities we serve.

For more information or to explore partnership opportunities, visit [unmc.edu/oce](https://www.unmc.edu/oce/) (<https://www.unmc.edu/oce/>) or contact oce@unmc.edu.

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