

# ADVOCACY NEWSLETTER

## Voter Registration

**Purpose:** help family members and patients to register to vote

**Plan:** signs in the CUC and Adolescent clinic and blank registration forms in English/Spanish in patient areas. Links to registration forms on Genpeds.com. Clear plastic boxes for completed forms at phlebotomy on 2nd floor and the main entrance and in 2nd floor workroom. We will be delivering completed forms weekly.

**Participate:** We're hoping residents will feel comfortable advocating for voter enfranchisement during office visits if they have time

**Contact:** **Matt MacDougall** [email](#) or (315) 558 - 1431

## Gun Buyback (in development)

**Purpose:** to help reduce the number of firearms in our community and offer a safe, no questions asked method of discarding of firearms

**Plan:** ask all patients and families if interested and offer free gun lock if not

**Participate:** see above

**Contact:** **Tim Klouda** [email](#)

## Opioid Crisis (in development)

**Purpose:** to better understand and address the crisis and limit its effect on our patient population

**Plan:** ask all patients and families and work with Apple Pharmacy to prescribe narcan. Plan still in development.

**Participate:** ask all patients and families if they themselves or anyone they know are struggling with pain meds or heroin

**Contact:** **Brian Novi** [email](#) or (614) 546 - 6776

## Some Updates

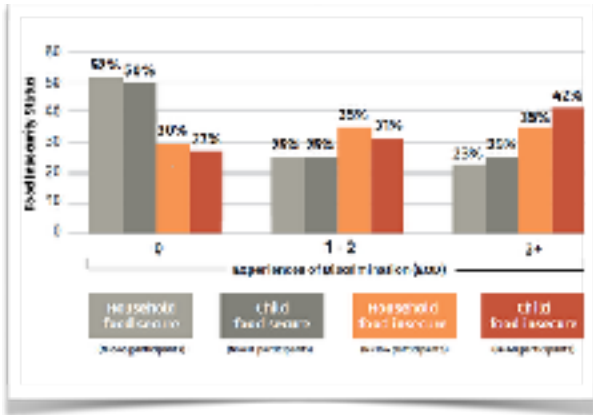
### Welcome to the first advocacy newsletter!

The purpose of this newsletter is to bring attention to the many incredible efforts being made by St. Chris residents, faculty and staff (SW, MLP, etc.) to advocate for our patient population. To the left you will find three new advocacy efforts that are now in motion and could use your help. Each project has details about the purpose and plan as well as what the organizers expect or hope from you all as residents. Contact information is provided for each in case you want additional information.



On the next page is further action to take if you're feeling so inspired. As many are already aware, being a physician earns you a certain level of respect and authority, especially when it comes to the health and wellbeing of





## TAKE ACTION

Below you will find three actions we, as the advocacy committee, feel are important to be aware of and to participate in. There is one for each level of impact. We are adding these to our newsletter to inform as much as possible about the larger role and impact we can all have as Pediatricians.

### Federal

While we push to register our patient population, it's important to remember to register ourselves. The AAP is asking that we all "put children first" and [Vote Kids](#).

### State

The above figure is from Children's Healthwatch's Philadelphia site documenting differences in food insecurity in relation to experiences with racial and ethnic discrimination. The findings showed lifetime experiences of discrimination are strongly linked to reports of household and child food insecurity.

### Community

Philadelphia ACE Task Force works with communities to build awareness about ACEs, trauma, and healing; increase collaboration among health and human serving organizations; and deepen systemic capacity to prevent and mitigate ACEs and trauma and build resistance. [Click here](#) to sign up for their email newsletter.

children. We, as the advocacy committee, believe it is our responsibility to use that position to speak up for our patient population who do not yet have a voice of their own. This means taking action at the community, state and federal level. Look to this section to the left each month for one action at each level that we feel will make a larger impact on the population we choose to care for.

As we move forward, the advocacy committee will function as braintrust, support system and catalog for all ongoing and future advocacy projects. If you have a project you are interested in starting, please let the advocacy committee know and we will ask you to join our next meeting, if available, to help plan and execute your idea. Our hope is to take on all communication, regulatory and efficacy assessment aspects of advocacy projects. Contact [Eric Belser](#) if interested in joining.

### Projects Looking for a Home

Below is a list of projects that were previously led and put into action here at St. Chris. If you are interested, please contact [Dr. Taylor](#) for additional information and we will be sure to add the details to next months' newsletter.

1. MFP partnership / Street Cred - Emily Spengler
2. LGBTQA+ Committee
3. CASHI QI Project - Kelly Courts
4. Dental Advocacy - Dr. Patel
5. MLP/Resident partnership for teaching
6. LARC/unintended pregnancy
7. Philadelphia ACE Taskforce
8. AAP FACE Poverty Taskforce
9. Reach Out and Read
10. Local school needs assessment