



December 2017

## Texas Health Institute Monthly Highlights

### Happy Holidays from Texas Health Institute!

We would like to take this time to wish all of you a very happy and healthy holiday season!



### U.S. Sen. Tammy Duckworth and U.S. Rep. Julia Brownley Headline Health of Women Who Have Served Report Release

More than 2.2 million women nationwide have served in the U.S. military. To honor their service, and in recognition of the health challenges they face, the United Health Foundation and Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) released America's Health Rankings Health of Women Who Have Served Report. The report was developed by Texas Health Institute of Austin, TX and Arundel Metrics, Inc. of Saint Paul, MN. Headlining the report's Washington, DC release event were U.S. Senator Tammy Duckworth (IL), who is a retired Army Lieutenant Colonel and Iraq war veteran, and U.S. Representative Julia Brownley (CA), who serves on the House Committee for Veterans Affairs. Texas Health Institute thanks Sen. Duckworth, Rep. Brownley, and all panelists and attendees at the release for their advocacy and efforts to improve the health of women who have served.



To view video of the release event, please visit: <https://www.facebook.com/pg/moaa/videos/>

The Health of Women Who Have Served Report examines the health of women who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces compared to women without military service, and finds several key differences related to the overall health, chronic disease status, and mental health of women who have served

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## Join us for the 6th Annual Texas Primary Care & Health Home Summit



Planning is well underway for the sixth annual Texas Primary Care and Health Home Summit that takes place April 5-6, 2018. The Summit will be held at the beautiful Renaissance Hotel at the Arboretum in Austin.

The 2018 Summit theme is "Primary Care: The Key to a Strong Health System." No matter what happens in Washington or Austin, primary care is still the foundation of our healthcare universe.

Join your fellow health care practitioners, policymakers, academia, government agencies, business representatives, employers, payers, federally qualified health centers (FQHCs) and health systems to share and support the promotion of accessible, continuous and coordinated person-centered primary care for all Texans.

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## Southern Obesity Summit travels to Charleston, West Virginia



Join us for the 12th Annual Southern Obesity Summit next fall in West Virginia! Dates to be announced soon.

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## Remember your 2017 End-of-Year donations to Texas Health Institute



Support Texas Health Institute as it enters a new chapter and revitalizes its commitment to improving health for all in Texas and the United States.

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## Shop with AmazonSmile to support Texas Health Institute this holiday season



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## Thank you!

We would like to thank all those who participated in the #GivingTuesday Facebook campaign on Tuesday, November 28th! For those who missed the opportunity, we have shared other ways to help support Texas Health Institute this season in this newsletter.



## Early Bird Registration extended until January 8th for the 2018 Communities Joined in Action National Conference



The 2018 Communities Joined in Action National Conference will take place February 14-16, 2018 in Atlanta, GA. This year's theme is "Making Connections: Optimizing Health for all." The national conference brings together community and multi sector leaders to learn from one another. Talented and committed local, state, and national leaders come together to share innovations, lessons-learned and inspiration. Together, these forward leaders develop and leave with ideas, tools and action plans that improve health for all people.

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