

**Community Benefit Program:** Geaux Get Healthy Clinical Program (launched 2019)

**Hospital (City, State):** Our Lady of the Lake (LOL) Health Baton Rouge, Louisiana

**CHNA Identified Priority Need:**

**Program Goal:** Improvement in food insecurity scores in our food-insecure community members.

**Program Strategy (What are you doing to achieve your goal?)**

We screen patients and community members for food insecurity and enroll them into our Geaux Get Healthy (GGH) Program if interested. GGH is an 8-week program that provides access to community resources, support from a community health worker and nutrition education through cooking classes, a nutrition class, and a grocery store tour.

**Hospital Resources & Funding**

- OLOL Health provides facilities and management of the program
- Funding comes mostly from Healthy Blue with a small amount from Capital Area United Way

**Other/Partner Resources & Funding Sources**

- We utilize the Food is Medicine program as another resource at OLOL Health to provide to our patients in need

**Key Partnerships**

- LSU Health
- HealthyBR (The Mayor's Office)
- American Heart Association
- Top Box Foods
- Baton Roots
- Dollar General
- Ideal Market

**Impact & why is this important:**

Within the first 2 years of the program:

- 845 people screened for food insecurity
- 388 people enrolled into the Geaux Ger Health Clinical Program at OLOL Health
- Incorporated FranU Registered Dietician training and LSU Internal Medicine Resident volunteering to enhance SDOH and community impact education
- Improved food insecurity scores with statistical significance
- Improved many eating (increased vegetable intake). Food prep (increased confidence in following a recipe) and shopping behaviors (increase reading food labels) with statistical significance
- Decreased depression scores (PHQ-9) with statistical significance
- The program has grown to include two location, two community health workers, one registered dietician, one program manager, and one program director

