

Announcing RIP Medical Debt & Communities Joined in Action Partnership and Free Webinar Series

[March 15, 2022] -- RIP Medical Debt (RIP), a 501(c)(3) national nonprofit whose mission is to end medical debt is pleased to partner with Communities Joined in Action (CJA), a nonprofit organization whose mission is to improve health access and eliminate disparities in the communities of its members, in a year-long collaboration that will focus on localized debt relief and policy work.

The goals of this partnership are to empower CJA's members with an understanding of RIP's work and how medical debt impacts communities in need; and also, to pilot three localized collaborative actions where RIP and selected CJA members will learn from one another, push for imminent debt relief, and promote systemic change at the local level.

To launch the partnership, RIP and CJA will host a free series of three Catalyst Conversations via webinar: **From Kitchen Tables to Corporate Boardrooms: Finding Local Solutions to Eradicate Medical Debt, Increase Economic Opportunity, and Improve Health in Our Backyards**

The sessions will provide context on how RIP's model works and also how the nonprofit works with partners.

- April 13th, 2022: Scope and impact of medical debt as a social determinant of health
- April 27th, 2022: Interventions and policies to relieve medical debt
- May 11th, 2022: RIP's Community Impact Pilot Program and opportunities for further learning on medical debt

[Follow this link to](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_FdifrjloTh-Zea-dS4nGtw) learn more about the first Catalyst Conversation on April 13th, 2022, at 12:30pm CT and register: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_FdifrjloTh-Zea-dS4nGtw

Resources:

- [RIP Medical Debt Program](#)
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About RIP Medical Debt

Since being founded in 2014 by two former debt collectors, RIP Medical Debt has acquired -- and abolished -- more than \$5.6 billion of burdensome medical debt, helping over 3.1 million families by addressing a major social determinant of health: financial hardship. RIP partners with individuals, faith-based organizations, foundations, and corporations and empowers their donors by converting every dollar donated into an average of \$100 of medical debt abolished. RIP also partners with hospitals and health systems, physicians, and other organizations to acquire medical debt for abolishment. RIP rose to national prominence on an episode of HBO's "Last Week Tonight" with John Oliver in which RIP

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facilitated the abolishment of \$15M in medical debt. In December of 2020 philanthropist MacKenzie Scott donated \$50 million to the nonprofit to help uplift struggling communities. To learn more, visit <https://ripmedicaldebt.org>.