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Social Entrepreneur & Farmer

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📍 Chicago, IL and Gardner, IL



SUMMARY

The development of our community relies upon the service of its citizens. My mission is to be a friendly neighbor to those who are experiencing pain--the sick, hungry and those facing trauma. I am grateful for the opportunity to create scalable programs that serve my fellow citizens of Chicago, Illinois and the Midwest.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

Established a free, subspecialty medical clinic for the uninsured

The Strength to Love Foundation Asthma & Allergy Free Clinic is dedicated to serving the uninsured.

Fed over 100,000 food insecure individuals in IL & Midwest in 2022

Nayak Farms Food Insecurity Initiative is successfully tackling hunger in Illinois and the Midwest.

Authored and Passed bipartisan legislation in the State of Illinois

The Mychal Moulty Jr. Funeral & Burial Assistance Act provides up to \$10,000 for funerals and burials of children who are murdered by gun violence.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2019 - Ongoing

Chicago, IL

Founder & President

Strength to Love Foundation

🌐 <https://strengthtolove.org/>

501c3 Illinois non-profit focusing on access to health care, tackling food insecurity and gun violence.

- Asthma & Allergy Free Clinic
- Funeral & Burial Assistance Program for children murdered by gun violence
- Provides logistical support for Nayak Farms Food Insecurity Initiative

2020 - Ongoing

Chicago, IL

Founder & Attending Physician

Strength to Love Foundation Asthma & Allergy Free Clinic

🌐 <https://strengthtolove.org/clinic/>

Free, subspecialty medical clinic serving uninsured patients in Chicagoland.

- Complimentary subspecialty evaluations in the field of Allergy-Immunology including testing, medications, labs and imaging to provide stable continuity of specialty care
- Developed partnerships with community free clinics, industry and hospitals

2021 - Ongoing

Gardner, IL

Founder & Manager

Nayak Farms LLC

🌐 <https://www.nayakfarms.com/>

Commercial agricultural farm tackling food insecurity in Illinois and the Midwest.

- Agricultural growth of sweet corn, commercial corn, soybeans and green beans
- The largest private donor of sweet corn to food insecure individuals in Illinois and the Midwest
- Near-future organic transition, speciality crop scaling and increased food donation

2020 - 2021

Chicago, IL

Founder, Podcaster

Dr. Dave On Call

🌐 <https://drdaveoncall.com/>

- Created and implemented Standard Operating Procedures for Chicago small businesses and schools to operate safely during the early phases of the COVID-19 pandemic
- Host & Producer of *Dr. Dave On Call*, a 25 episode podcast interviewing health experts and public figures

2010 - Ongoing

Chicago, IL

Physician

- Attending Physician (2020-Ongoing): Strength to Love Foundation Asthma & Allergy Free Clinic, Chicago, IL
- Attending Physician (2015-2021): Edward Hines Jr. VA Hospital, US Dept. of Veteran Affairs, Maywood, IL
- Fellow Physician (2013-2015): Northwestern University, Division of Allergy-Immunology, Chicago, IL
- Resident Physician (2010-2013): Rush University, Dept. of Internal Medicine, Chicago, IL

PUBLIC SERVICE

Legislator, State of Illinois

Strength to Love Foundation & Nayak Farms

📍 Springfield, IL

- Author, Mychal Moultry Jr. Funeral & Burial Assistance Act, Passed, Public Act on May 10, 2022, State of Illinois 102nd General Assembly
- Author, Illinois Farmers Who Fight Food Insecurity Act, Introduced in State of Illinois 103rd General Assembly

Founder, Nayak Farms Food Insecurity Initiative

Nayak Farms

📍 Gardner, IL

- Created infrastructure, logistics and operations to donate over 100,000 pounds of sweet corn to the food insecure of IL, IA, MO, and IN via 8 Member Illinois Food Banks under *Feeding Illinois* and Illinois food pantries
- Increase food donation goals with additional specialty crops over the next 4 years
- Created and implemented legislative policy initiatives in food insecurity
- Recognized at the *2022 White House Conference on Hunger, Nutrition & Health*, Biden-Harris Administration, Washington DC

Deacon

First Presbyterian Church of Evanston

📍 Evanston, IL

- Ordained 2022
- Leader, Men's Bible Study, *New Testament*
- Home bound Communion Server

Community Advisor & Teacher

University Without Walls-PNAP Program

📍 Chicago, IL & Crest Hill, IL

Northeastern Illinois University & Stateville Correctional Center

- Advising and teaching adult incarcerated students
- Competency-based degree completion program

Visiting Lecturer

Cornell University

📍 Ithaca, NY

- SC Johnson School of Business, Nolan School of Hotel Administration, HADM4315: Non-profit social enterprise, Food Justice
- Charles Dyson School of Applied Economics & Management, AEM3270: Supply chain

EDUCATION

2015

Chicago, IL

- **Fellow Physician**
Northwestern University, Division of Allergy-Immunology

2013

Chicago, IL

- **Resident Physician**
Rush University, Department of Internal Medicine

2010

Chicago, IL

- **Doctor of Medicine**
University of Illinois at Chicago College of Medicine

2005

Philadelphia, PA

- **Master of Public Health**
Drexel University School of Public Health

2003

Ithaca, NY

- **Bachelor of Arts, Psychology, With Honors, Cum Laude**
Cornell University, College of Arts & Sciences

1998

Exeter, NH

- **High School Diploma**
Phillips Exeter Academy

CERTIFICATION

American Board of Internal Medicine

Board Certified, Aug 2014

American Board of Allergy-Immunology

Board Certified, Nov 2016

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