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The National Library of Medicine produced *Making a World of Difference: Stories About Global Health*, guest curated by public historian and educator Ashley Bowen, PhD (editor of *Perspectives on History*).

The traveling banner exhibition and companion website tell stories of people who work on a wide range of issues—from community health to conflict, disease to discrimination—to improve health in their areas and beyond. Around the world, communities, in collaboration with scientists, activists, governments, and international organizations, are taking up the challenge to prevent disease and improve quality of life. *Making a World of Difference* highlights how powerful our shared desire for health can be—a unifying force across political and national divides.

Making a World of Difference includes an [education component](#) with a university module and a [digital gallery](#) that features a curated selection of fully digitized items from the historical collections of the NLM, which are also available in their entirety in [NLM Digital Collections](#).

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In August 2005, Hurricane Katrina devastated the United States' Gulf Coast, including the area's medical infrastructure, and created a health care crisis for the region. Disaster response teams from other states and staff from community health centers provided residents of New Orleans everything from emergency evacuation to temporary clinics.

Evacuating patients after Hurricane Katrina, New Orleans, 2005
Courtesy DMAT San Diego CA-4



Doctors Sydney and Emily Kark founded the Pholela Health Center on a Zulu tribal reserve in Natal, South Africa in 1942. The Center provided medical care to people, which included improving sanitation and access to food. This innovative approach to health and wellbeing inspired community-based health projects in the United States and around the world.

Doctors. Sidney and Emily Kark in South Africa, early 1940s
Courtesy Jeremy D. Kark, MD, PhD



Leaders in the community and the Delta Health Center in Mound Bayou, Mississippi worked with residents to address a range of issues that affected health and wellbeing in the area like the delivery of care at home for those unable to visit the clinic.

Delta Health Center nurses making a home visit, ca. 1960s
Courtesy Dan Bernstein



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