



# Center for Children's Healthy Lifestyles & Nutrition

Update – Summer 2017

## Leadership Update

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### Announcing our New CCHLN Equipment Grant

Starting a new line of research or moving your work forward with technological advancements can be challenging. One of the first hurdles you may have to overcome is the purchase of new equipment. And this can be its own challenge when funds do not exist to help you make the purchase. But we have a potential solution!

To help support you in large equipment purchases, the Center for Children's Healthy Lifestyle and Nutrition (CCHLN) has announced its first ever **Call for Proposals for Shared Equipment**. The specific purpose of this call is to seek proposals to fund shared equipment that 1) is related to pediatric healthy lifestyles, 2) promotes cross-site partnerships between KUMC and CMH, and 3) supports or enables research that has a high probability of leading to extramural grant funding or similar metrics of scholarship. The application process requires a non-binding Letter of Intent due by 5pm on September 1, 2017, followed by the final application due October 15, 2017. Applicants need to be a member of CCHLN or be willing to become a member if their proposal is selected for funding. Requests for equipment that show a direct pathway to benefiting more than one CCHLN member are particularly desirable. The total amount of the equipment grant will be \$10,000.

We hope you will consider submitting a proposal or working with another colleague to do so. Contact us for specific directions for the proposal if you have not already received an email.

**July/August Birthdays:** Sarah Owens, Amanda Bruce, Royce Tenney, Holly Zink, Carolina Bejarano, Alyssa Joiner, Janelle Gerling,

## Kudos and Quick Facts

**Halpin, K.**, Noel-MacDonnell, J., Yan, Y. (June 2017). Health Disparities in Insulin-Resistant Youth Referred for Pediatric Endocrine Evaluation. Poster Presentation at the American Diabetes Association 77<sup>th</sup> Annual Scientific Sessions. San Diego, CA.

**Morris, E.M.** (Nov. 2017) Impact of Reduced Liver Mitochondrial Function on Intermittent HFD-induced Adiposity in Young Mice. Oral Presentation at Obesity Week 2017, Washington, D.C. Dr. Morris is the recipient of a 2016 Center Pilot Grant.

**Save the Date:** Sept. 21, 8 am Grand Rounds at Children's Mercy, The Kemper Healthy Lifestyles Lecture Series, Dr. Elissa Jelalian



## A New Face

**Amy Donnelly** is the newest member of the Center's administrative team. After meeting her husband in New York, they moved back to Kansas City and now live in Basehor, Kan. They enjoy boating, camping, riding their motorcycle and keeping up with kids Jenna, age 20, and Dylan, 17.

Favorite Health Habit: "My favorite health habit would have to be my iWatch, because it really keeps me accountable. It tracks my steps so I can see how much I'm moving or 'not moving' and also tracks heart rate and syncs with my phone!"



## A Familiar Face

**Renee VanErp** joined the administrative staff in 2011 after previous experience as an English teacher, TV producer and corporate writer.

Favorite Health Habit: "I enjoy spending time in nature and walking in my east Plaza neighborhood, where my favorite spots include the Nelson Atkins sculpture park, the Kauffman Garden and the pond behind the Kauffman Foundation offices. Much like a nature sanctuary, the pond offers sightings of great blue herons, mink and assorted wildlife right in the heart of the city."