



Students for Partners In Health Canada: An Overview

Who Are We?

Partners In Health (PIH) is a non-profit global health organization that works to provide high quality health care to people living in resource-poor settings, currently in 10 countries world-wide. **Partners In Health Canada** (PIHC) opened in 2011, based in Toronto, and is the first national fundraising and awareness office in the PIH family outside of the United States.

Students for Partners In Health Canada (SPIHC) is a student-led movement for global health equity and social justice in support of PIH Canada. In 2012, students at McGill University established the inaugural Students for Partners In Health Canada university chapter. Since then, the network has expanded to nine chapters on campuses across the country. In 2015, these chapters organized more than 60 planning, executive, and general meetings, held 20 fundraising events, and raised more than \$4,200 for PIH Canada and communities we serve.

Why Get Involved?

PIH Canada is a young organization working to raise awareness about global health equity to fellow students and the broader Canadian public. Students who are passionate about social justice, healthcare, and development – a cohort that PIH co-founder Dr. Paul Farmer refers to as his “retirement plan” – have a unique opportunity to help inspire a generation of global health advocates and practitioners who believe in health as a human right.

What do we do?

Supported by both the PIHC office and the network as a whole, student chapters set and work toward a number of goals over the course of a school year, typically relating to fundraising, awareness and education campaigns. Every summer, chapter representatives attend the SPIHC Conference, an intensive two-day weekend dedicated to the work of Partners In Health and student mobilization, goal-setting, and leadership.

“PIH is the best model for students to learn about how to work toward eliminating the global health equity crisis and truly make a positive difference.”

– Raksha Sule, former SPIHC outreach coordinator and current Global Health, M.Sc. candidate, McMaster University

Next Steps

If you're interested in getting involved, check out the links below and contact us by email (pihcanada@pih.org) or phone (1-416-646-0666). We're happy to answer any questions and help get you started.

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