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YWCA Metropolitan Chicago partnered with Horizon Therapeutics and the Chicago Bulls to host a Youth Empowerment Event

YWCA Metropolitan Chicago teamed up with Horizon Therapeutics and the Chicago Bulls to host a youth empowerment event at the United Center on Sunday, March 13. 60 Chicago youth, ages 8-14, gathered for a day of fun, fitness, and other activities focused on wellness, including meditation sessions, small group discussions and basketball drills. Children of Chicago Housing Authority (CHA) development residents who participate in YWCA's FamilyWorks program as well as students from the YWCA's other youth enrichment programs were invited to participate in this exclusive and empowering experience.

Latasha Battie, the YWCA's Director of Youth Programming is excited for youth to experience this visit to the United Center.

"The students we serve are so excited for a day of empowerment! For many, this will be their first time visiting the United Center, and after the difficult couple years they've had, they will undoubtedly benefit from an event focused on their wellbeing. YWCA Metropolitan Chicago is grateful to Horizon Therapeutics and the Chicago Bulls for partnering with us to provide this incredible experience."

This event will focus on engaging youth in a day of activities focused on the mind, body, and spirit and celebrating their perseverance while navigating the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic over the last two years. The event, which focused on restorative healing, also provided an opportunity for participants to connect with their peers.

"We're honored to have partnered with YWCA and Horizon Therapeutics to provide Chicago's youth a safe space to heal and learn the value of maintaining health and wellness," said Matthew Kobe, Chicago Bulls executive vice president of revenue and strategy. "We hope Sunday's event resonated with participants and inspired them to use and share these healing practices with their loved ones."

Irina Konstantinovskiy, Horizon's executive vice president, chief human resources and chief diversity officer said, "The last couple of years have been challenging for all of us,

particularly from a health and wellness perspective. At Horizon, we believe in the importance of prioritizing you and your family's health and well-being. That is why we are proud to have brought this unique program to Chicago area youth in partnership with the YWCA and the Chicago Bulls.”

Participation in this event was limited to the children of families served by YWCA Metropolitan Chicago, all of whom were vaccinated or provided negative COVID-19 test results. Registration details will be provided directly to these targeted families.

About YWCA Metropolitan Chicago

Founded in 1876, YWCA Metropolitan Chicago is a social enterprise committed to eliminating racism, empowering women and promoting peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all. As a leading association among a national network of more than 200 YWCAs, YWCA Metropolitan Chicago impacts tens of thousands of women and families annually through comprehensive human services provided across the region. YWCA Metropolitan Chicago is a leader in the areas of sexual violence support, early childhood and childcare provider services, family support, youth STEM programming and economic empowerment. A commitment to racial justice, equity and inclusion is foundational to all YWCA programs and services. Located in the third-largest American city, YWCA Metropolitan Chicago serves as a national incubator for innovative programming, outreach and engagement strategies. YWCA Metropolitan Chicago works at both the individual and systems levels to create the truly inclusive marketplace necessary for a diverse and balanced economy. The organization is an active member of many national, state, county and city-level coalitions, advocating for policies that combat racism and positively affect women and families. Learn more at www.ywcachicago.org and follow @ywcachicago on Twitter, Instagram, Facebook, LinkedIn and YouTube.

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About Horizon Therapeutics

Horizon is focused on the discovery, development and commercialization of medicines that address critical needs for people impacted by rare, autoimmune and severe inflammatory diseases. Our pipeline is purposeful: we apply scientific expertise and courage to bring clinically meaningful therapies to patients. We believe science and compassion must work together to transform lives. For more information on how we go to incredible lengths to impact lives, please visit www.horizontherapeutics.com and follow Horizon on [Twitter](#), [LinkedIn](#), [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#).

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