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Partnership for Southern Equity Hosts Just Health Summit 2019

People from around Georgia, the American South, and others will convene to answer a critical question, “Why Health Equity Matters”®?

ATLANTA – The health of people in the American South is in jeopardy with the closing of hospitals, lack of adequate transportation, disparities in health care treatment, and food insecurity among other issues. Both rural and urban communities experience similar health challenges (diabetes, high-blood pressure, women’s health, cancer, etc.), and can share in solutions to create healthier communities. The Partnership for Southern Equity (PSE) and its Just Health Special Project are holding their first **Just Health Summit**, October 25-26, 2019 at the Loudermilk Conference Center, 40 Courtland Street, Atlanta, GA 30303, to empower communities to take action towards addressing health inequities with tools and resources they can take home and implement immediately.

Tickets to the Just Health Summit (JHS) range from \$30 for individuals, \$70 for community-based organizations, \$150 for nonprofit organizations, \$200 for government organizations and \$250 for corporate/philanthropic/foundation organizations. Until October 15, all ticket levels get 15% off of their admission using the code “**EARLYBIRD**”. Additional details, speakers and an updated agenda are available at justhealthsummit.org.

Sponsors include the Georgia Health Foundation, Healthcare Georgia Foundation and Kresge Foundation. Additional sponsorship opportunities are available at justhealthsummit.org.

“The Just Health Summit is about being courageous and if we’re serious about being courageous it’s about addressing the root causes of health inequities,” said Nathaniel Smith, founder and chief equity officer of PSE. “Through attendees’ commitment to health equity we will create the opportunity for all community stakeholders to feel represented and feel like they have a part to play in designing a healthier community.”

The Just Health Summit is central to PSE’s ongoing work and commitment to minimizing the health inequities experienced by low-wealth and communities of color. Toward that end, the JHS goals include:

- Convene a diverse group of state-wide and regional participants to increase health equity knowledge and understanding
- Identify and share promising health equity practices and tools
- Identify champions who will advance health equity in their communities
- Create a space for public policy and decision-makers to network with the people most affected by health inequities

Participants (local, rural, regional and national) will have the opportunity to be in close proximity to have **courageous discussions focused on what “people have said they care about”** and to **uniquely align health equity within the PSE racial and social justice ecosystem to address racial justice, economic opportunity, climate change, economic development and health inequities in rural communities.**

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About the Just Health Special Project

The Partnership for Southern Equity's Just Health Special Project defines health equity as *achieving the highest level of health for all people*. It requires valuing everyone equally, with ongoing efforts to address avoidable inequities, historical and other injustices; and the elimination of health and health care disparities. PSE believes we can advance health equity through collaboration and partnership, both with policy and decision-makers and people who live in communities most affected by health inequities.

About the Partnership for Southern Equity

Empowered by a unified vision and voice across the region, the **Partnership for Southern Equity** advances policies and institutional actions that promote racial equity and shared prosperity for all in the growth of metropolitan Atlanta and the American South. For more information, please visit psequity.org.

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