

**Title: Director, Community Engagement & Partnerships****Reports to:** Chief Mission Officer**Department:****Location:** Norwalk, CT (or Remote)**MMRF OVERVIEW:**

A pioneer in precision medicine, the Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation (MMRF) seeks to find a cure for all multiple myeloma patients by relentlessly pursuing innovations that accelerate the development of precision treatments for cancer. Founded in 1998 by Kathy Giusti, a multiple myeloma patient, and her twin sister Karen Andrews as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, the MMRF has created the business model around cancer—from data to analytics to the clinic. The MMRF identifies barriers and then finds the solutions to overcome them, bringing in the best partners and aligning incentives in the industry to drive better outcomes for patients. Since its inception, the organization has collected thousands of samples and tissues, opened nearly 100 trials, helped bring 13 FDA-approved therapies to market, and built CoMMpass, the single largest genomic dataset for any cancer. Today, the MMRF is building on its legacy in genomics and is expanding into immune oncology, as the combination of these two fields will be critical to making precision medicine possible for all patients. The MMRF has raised nearly \$500 million and directs nearly 90% of the total funds to research and related programs. To learn more, visit [www.themmr.org](http://www.themmr.org)

The mission of the MMRF has always been to provide a cure for each and every patient. We know that multiple myeloma is different in every patient. Our goal is to generate and collect as much patient data as possible and make it available to researchers worldwide, to speed new discoveries and propel new clinical options for myeloma patients into the clinic as quickly as possible.

**MMRF Core Values:**

At the MMRF our core values define both who we are and how we work together as an organization. We believe in investing in our team and building a culture that will help us pursue our highest level mission to accelerate a cure for each and every multiple myeloma patient. Our five core values are expressed below:

1. **Prioritize Patients** - Patients are at the center of everything we do. Every decision we make is grounded in the needs and best interests of the patients we serve.
2. **Drive Innovation** - We are committed to pursuing big, bold ideas. Taking risks, trying new approaches, and challenging the status quo are necessary to speed new discoveries.
3. **Deliver Solutions** - Taking on complicated challenges is what sets us apart. To deliver results, we must be decisive, take action, and act with urgency on behalf of the myeloma community.
4. **Do It Together** - We know that together, we are stronger. We work cross-functionally with the entire community to achieve our mission and are invested in the success of others.
5. **Build Trust** - We build trust-based relationships. We advocate for each and every myeloma patient by committing to diversity, equity, and inclusion and treating others with respect.

**Position Overview:**

The MMRF seeks a passionate, committed candidate who has experience with community outreach, engagement, and activation in a healthcare context. Critical to this role is building trust and gaining a deeper understanding of barriers, needs, and solutions to reach and engage underserved patients, with a focus on the Black community which has a higher incidence of myeloma compared with other racial groups, with an understanding and appreciation of the impact systemic and institutional racism have on patient experience and health outcomes. This individual will build, grow, foster, and sustain multi-stakeholder, community-based relationships to further the MMRF mission and further its DEI goals. Stakeholders include but are not limited to representatives from academic medical centers, community health systems, as well as national- and community-based organizations that are trusted advisors for health-related matters in the target communities.

**Essential Functions:**

- Work with Leadership Team to develop and implement strategy to build trust, broaden reach, and inspire engagement in service of improved outcomes for traditionally underserved patients (particularly in the Black community)
- Build and maintain relationships with key stakeholders, including but not limited to academic medical centers that see a high proportion of underserved patients, community health systems, trusted advisors on health matters outside of the provider setting at the national and local level, and/or targeted media
- Build multi-stakeholder engagement plan based on needs of the community
- Identify resource needs at the community level needed to support our partners
- Work with stakeholders to identify communications and educational assets that resonate with the targeted communities; work with the stakeholders to disseminate those assets and measure impact
- Work with the Marketing and Education teams to develop general patient- and physician-facing materials as well as ones specific to research – clinical trials and registries, eg, CureCloud
  - Development includes working with Marketing and/or Patient Ed to create content
  - Review includes internal review, external review (varies by piece but should always include patients and/or physicians)
  - Approval includes coordinating and securing internal approvals and IRB (liaise with Research for submission)
- Oversee evaluation of outreach strategies to understand what is working/not working and make recommendations for modifications and/or changing course as needed
- Liaise with Research/Clinical to ensure community feedback is considered in updates to research protocols, ICFs, etc. amendments as needed
- Gain understanding of landscape of technologies, approaches, etc to promoting inclusive research and provide recommendations for modifications, enhancements, etc as needed

**Qualifications:**

- Master of Public Health (MPH) or similar preferred, Bachelors degree in related field required
- 3+ years of experience working in a similar position for a healthcare organization required
- Successful track record in building partnerships, coalitions, etc. with measurable impact
- Understands impact of structural isms, including racism on underserved communities
- Understands how dynamics related to identity impact community engagement and organizational culture



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- Self-starter who enjoys developing and implementing new approaches and interventions
- Connector who brings people together in a meaningful and positive way
- Aware of multiple group identities and their dynamics, and brings a high level of self-awareness, empathy, and humility to interpersonal interactions
- Holds oneself and others accountable for racial equity practice
- Strong oral and written communications skills
- Highly organized; proven project management skills and ability to multi-task and work cross-functionally

### **EEO Statement**

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