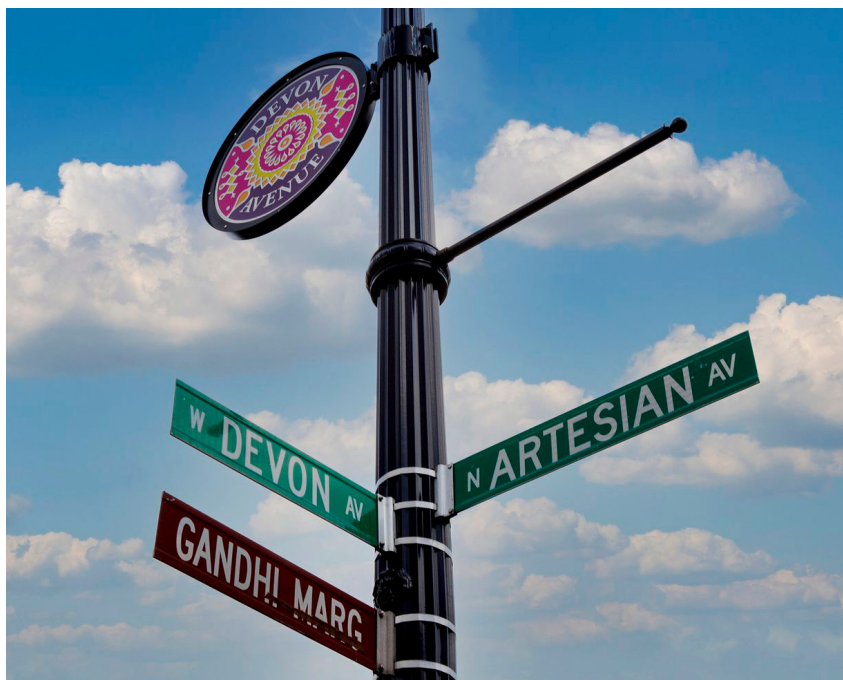


Asian Profile Series: Asian Indian Community

Culture



The Devon neighborhood in Chicago, sometimes referred to as “Little India”, is a multiethnic corridor in the West Ridge neighborhood filled with Indian and Pakistani Culture. In 1974, the first location of Patel Brothers, the largest Indian-American supermarket chain in the United States with 57 locations, opened. Devon Avenue is now lined with South Asian shops, community-based organizations, restaurants, and grocery stores. Devon's Desi corridor is now one of the best-known and largest communities of its kind in North America and is a popular attraction for both Chicago natives and tourists alike.

Health

The Indian Asian population accounts for 20% of all global deaths from coronary heart disease (CHD), also known as Coronary Artery Disease (CAD). Since 1990, CHD deaths on the Indian subcontinent have doubled and are predicted to rise a further 50% by 2030. Additionally, in the US, CHD rates are 3 times higher in Asian Indians than the national average. Symptoms for CHD vary, however many individuals are unaware they have CHD until they experience chest pain, a heart attack, or sudden cardiac arrest. There are many treatment options for individuals with CHD such as medication, surgery, and healthy lifestyle changes.



Center for Asian Health Equity (CAHE) Spotlights



National Community Engagement Partner **PRIDENet**

PRIDENet supports the NIH's All of Us Research Program to be a warm and welcoming place for all LGBTQ+ people. Carolyn Hunt, their Community Engagement Director, enjoys "building relationships with great individuals and LGBTQ+ community centers, health clinics, and advocacy organizations!"

During Pride Month, PRIDENet wants LGBTQ+ communities to know about the opportunities available to be counted and improve health.

CAHE Staff

Nishita Conjeevaram plays a key role as Program Manager on the Behavioral Health Team! Last October, Nishita worked to initiate the Youth Advisory Board, bringing youth to the forefront of CAHE's work and empowering them to bring social change to their communities! Twelve youth are involved on the board and have done amazing work, such as a substance abuse social media campaign and engaging the community in Responsible Beverage Servers trainings!

