

# BRIGHT LIGHTS AWARDS 2021

**Nomination: Demonstrating a community response to COVID-19**

**Sherbourne Health Centre FHT, Inner City FHT and St. Michael's Hospital Academic FHT  
Family Health Teams working collaboratively to meet the needs of the  
Downtown Toronto East Community and beyond during COVID**



Three Family Health Teams worked collaboratively and led the efforts to meet the needs of the most vulnerable in Down Town East Toronto, extending well beyond their organizational mandates to ensure those most vulnerable had access to primary care, Covid assessments, navigation to recovery sites and community resources, safe spaces for isolating, and access to vaccines in accessible locations including encampments, shelters, boarding houses, and Toronto Community Housing buildings. St. Michaels AFHT, Sherbourne Health FHT and Inner City FHT, all played significant leadership roles working together and partnering with organizations in the community while also ensuring that their own population of patients had continuity of services both in person and virtually throughout the lengthy pandemic. The partnerships illustrated the success of integrated service delivery with an emphasis on equity and have led to new ways to work together in a community with significant health needs.