

BRIGHT LIGHTS AWARDS

Nomination: Health equity at the centre

Stephen Beckwith, Executive Director – South East Toronto Family Health Team
Making Change in East Toronto with the goal of Health Equity at the Centre



The east and west of Toronto by population health data analysis demonstrate that they have a disproportionate percentage of newcomers to Canada and low-income households, that they have consequently higher than Canadian average burden of chronic diseases and also have been hit harder by the last 2 years of the pandemic with higher percentage of Covid

infections. Stephen Beckwith has and continues to work tirelessly for integrated primary care in the Taylor Massey neighbourhood, one of the neighbourhoods identified. Stephen continues to advocate for resources to bring health equity to this community. Through Stephen's direction the FHT has established services to help the community. These programs and services have and will help to serve a high needs population many of whom have not had access to primary care.