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Welcome to the inaugural publication of **ENGAGE!** IUPUI's first journal dedicated to community-engaged and community-based participatory research. IUPUI is recognized locally, nationally, and internationally as an urban-serving research and health sciences university. This issue is dedicated to celebrating the campus' 50th anniversary and recognizing its decades of public facing scholarship.

Community-engaged research (CER) in city settings is focused on the processes and results of inquiry-focused relationships between community partners and representatives of the university. Guiding principles of social justice, mutuality, and reciprocity are practiced through dialogue, co-learning, and long-term commitments to participation. In the urban setting, community-engaged research is attentive to the rich diversity of cultures and languages as well as poverty and wealth; to privilege and marginalization. CER practices are equity-driven and intentionally change-oriented. This means acknowledging issues of power and the critical importance of cultural humility.

The external peer reviewers were deliberate in their assessments of submissions that were attentive to these issues. Manuscripts that demonstrated the central involvement of community partners and advanced the guiding principles of community-engaged scholarship were given favorable consideration. This resulted in the contributing authors for this issue making a strong case for community/university trust building and community

self-determination. The articles demonstrate how working together, we can better support the well-being of families, from the infant to the elder.

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Enjoy, **ENGAGE!** and give us feedback at engagejo@iupui.edu.