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- Provides blood pressure screening door-to-door in two local impoverished neighborhoods.
- If elevated, the individual is referred to the Health Department.

Health
Department

- Clinical staff provide a follow up screening.
- If elevated blood pressure is confirmed, the individual is referred to Jordan Valley CHC or Ozark Community Hospital.

2 Local
Community
Health Centers

- Complete patient intake.
- Begin care with a provider.

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- Follow-up with referred individuals at their home.

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Weller Neighborhood

Results, initial 8 weeks of screening

- ♥ 223 blood pressures (~8% of neighborhood population)
- ♥ 29% were elevated
- ♥ 29% with an elevated reading had not seen a doctor in the previous 12 months.

Follow-up screening with the Health Department

- ♥ 5 individuals, 26% elevated and no doctor, have been screened with 4 being referred.

Grant Beach Neighborhood

- ♥ Just began work
- ♥ Highest geographical rate of heart disease in Springfield