# Champions of Change

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### Hopeful Change

“The CDC and the American Public Health Association laid the blueprint of collaboration when they put together the Champions of Change cohort. It ties back into my day-to-day work, because with HopefulChange, we do a lot, but we don't do it alone and we're better together.

So taking that message away, showing two organizations at such a high level that can work collaboratively gives hope to organizations that are community-based in Atlanta, throughout the UnitedStates, that we can truly work together as a group project and make this our problem instead of his problem or her problem.”