The Johns Hopkins Urban Health Institute (UHI) serves as a bridge between Johns Hopkins University and the East Baltimore community. Our mission is to strengthen and support university-community collaborations to improve the health and well-being of Baltimore city residents.

Through our activities and events we aim to strengthen and support collaborations between the Baltimore community and Johns Hopkins through the following four objectives:

- Facilitate and recognize collaborations between Johns Hopkins and Baltimore communities
- Serve as a bridge between Johns Hopkins and Baltimore communities
- Strengthen the capacity of Baltimore communities
- Establish programs to improve the health and well-being of Baltimore communities

**BALTIMORE DIALOGUES**
These community gatherings use a book club format to encourage discussions about the impact of racial inequities, poverty, and trauma on life in Baltimore.

**BALTIMORE RESEARCHERS DINNER**
Faculty and students from colleges and universities across Baltimore attend this quarterly dinner to network and share both findings and next steps on the research they are conducting in Baltimore.

**BUNTING NEIGHBORHOOD LEADERSHIP PROGRAM**
This program provides Baltimore emerging leaders with an intense year of training and networking to provide them with the knowledge, skills, and mentorship needed to improve neighborhood health outcomes.

**CAPACITY BUILDING WORKSHOPS FOR COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS**
These day-long workshops are offered as an opportunity for community-based organizations to refine their skills in areas such as grant writing, financial management, and program evaluation.

**HENRIETTA LACKS MEMORIAL AWARD**
This $15,000 award highlights the importance of community-university collaborations, recognizes the accomplishments which can be achieved by such partnerships, and continues to support the efforts of the partnership. Award recipients are announced at the Johns Hopkins ICTR’s Henrietta Lacks Lecture.

**SMALL GRANTS PROGRAM**
Grants are awarded to collaborations between Johns Hopkins faculty, students, and community-based organizations that most successfully demonstrate the potential for advancing the health and well-being of the residents of Baltimore.

**SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH SYMPOSIUM**
This annual day-long event brings together national experts, local community leaders, city residents, and faculty and students from colleges and universities across Baltimore to discuss a pressing topic related to the root causes of health.