

# HIV Testing in Durham

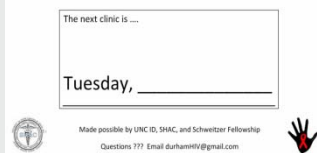
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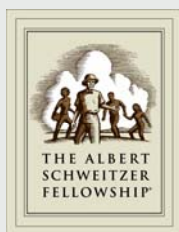
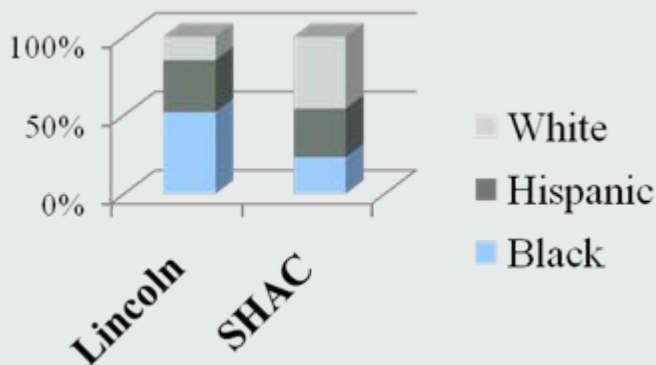
### Background

With the support of the NC Albert Schweitzer Fellowship and UNC School of Medicine, we undertook a project to bring free HIV testing, counseling and education to underserved populations in Durham County. Durham has one of the highest rates of HIV infection in the state, a statistic resulting from poverty and lack of accessible health services. Infection rates are especially high among African-Americans and are growing in Hispanics: groups that make up a large percentage of Durham's population. Lincoln Community Health Center, a large, centrally located provider, allowed us to operate a bimonthly free testing clinic on Tuesday nights. Sixty percent of Lincoln's patients are uninsured.



### Results

- Provided Oraquick Rapid Testing and pre- and post-counseling to 80 people at Lincoln and 90+ at outreach events over a 9 month period
- Identified 3 positives and 4 false positives
- Different population served compared to UNC's student clinic (SHAC).
- Two UNC School of Medicine students will continue to lead the project and are supported by the Kate B. Reynolds Sustainability Grant



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