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Friends,

My new favorite quote is: "Change moves at the speed of trust." Think about this and please share your thoughts with me.

- **THI Staff quoted in Columbia Journalism Review article on Ebola - Dr. Dennis Andrulis**, Senior Research Scientist, was featured in the [Columbus Journalism Review](#) on October 22, 2014, sharing his sentiments on the heightening accounts of xenophobia following the emergence of Ebola in the United States. He described emerging xenophobic narratives, and the events on the ground that mirrored them, as "threat-based responses." He added: "The 'other' is seen as a threat to me, so I'm going to look at ways to take that threat off the table, either by disallowing people visiting, or staying away from people of other cultures, or casting suspicion upon the motivation or willingness of certain folks to participate." Also featured in the article is a [toolkit](#) that THI staff developed and issued on emergency preparedness for culturally diverse communities in 2011.
- **Learning With Legos** - Small children learn to build structures, buildings, and a wide range of objects by assembling Lego building blocks. THI is connecting several building blocks funded by two recently awarded grants to create our eLearning, or online education structure. HRSA and CDC are funding efforts to extend THI's learning community collaborative framework into the online world of the Internet, smart phones, and tablets as a means to continue improving the health of all Texans using our emerging capacity. To learn more, click [here](#).
- **Mountain States Genetics Regional Collaborative** - Message from the Project Directors, **Celia I. Kaye, MD. PhD**, and **Kathryn Hassell, MD** Click [here](#) for full message.

- **SETMA: Ebola, EMR Herd Immunity and Ethics** - By James L. Holly, MD. Each unit of the United States' healthcare team has a unique function in preparation for protecting our citizens from the threat of Ebola and in the treatment of Ebola. While SETMA will collaborate with the Jefferson, Orange, and Hardin County Health Departments and the Texas Department of Health and the Centers for Disease Control, SETMA will NOT be the place where a person who fears they have been exposed to Ebola, or worse, fears that they may have Ebola, should seek care. Click [here](#) for full article.
- **The 8th Annual Southern Obesity Summit** took place October 5-7 in Louisville, Kentucky presented by Texas Health Institute and Shaping Kentucky's Future Collaborative. Attendees came together to learn, collaborate and to help their state plan their obesity prevention strategy. Click [here](#) for full article.
- **End of Year Contributions** - With the 2014 Tax Season looming, we ask that you consider making a year-end gift to Texas Health Institute. Whether its support for one of our programs, a gift to memorialize a friend, colleague or family member or a deferred gift, your contribution to THI enables us to fulfill our mission to "Improve the Health of Texans and their Communities" Be part of the solution, make a Year-end Contribution to THI by following this link: www.texashealthinstitute.org/donate-now.html.

My very best,



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