



# Collaborative on Health and the Environment

## December 2014



### Upcoming Partnership Events

**CHE Partnership call:**  
[The State of the Water:  
Linking Ocean Health to  
Human Health](#)

Thurs, Jan 8

**Save the date: CHE  
Partnership call:**  
EDC series call featuring Dr.  
Paige Lawrence - call details  
to be posted soon.  
Wed, Jan 21

Dear CHE Colleagues,



"A good start lasts a lifetime."  
That's what Linda Birnbaum's mother told her when Birnbaum was growing up. Now Dr. Linda Birnbaum is Director of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences and works tirelessly to ensure we all get a good start in life by reducing exposures to toxic chemicals during the prenatal period and on through adolescence-- in fact, across the entire lifespan.

And that's what CHE does too. Prevention is at

**CHE Partnership call: [A Story of Childhood Leukemia, a Story of Health: Genetic and Environmental Risk Factors for Childhood Leukemia](#)**

Thurs, Jan 22

Visit the [CHE Partnership call archives](#) and [CHE Working Group call archives](#) to listen to MP3 recordings of past calls.

**CHE remembers environmental health leader Theo Colborn, 1927 - 2014**

For nearly 30 years Theo Colborn, founder of The Endocrine Disruption Exchange (TEDX),



dedicated herself to revealing the dangers of endocrine disrupting chemicals to wildlife and humans. More recently she alerted us all to

the heart of our work. We know that there are many contributors to a healthy start in life-- socioeconomic, psychosocial, gene-environment interactions, nutrition, and so forth. But what is most often left out of the priority list of many excellent programs designed to protect children's health are chemical contaminants. This means we're not giving the next generation the greatest possible chance at reaching their fullest potential. By integrating this critical piece, CHE is creating a 'win-win' for children, families, and communities.

Over this past year, the [audio-recordings of our exceptional conference calls](#) on the emerging environmental health science have been downloaded 90,000 times, reaching people concerned with these issues around the world. Our [Toxicant and Disease Database](#) continues to be utilized and lauded by those in the federal government as well as researchers, health professionals, and laypeople alike. Our resources on environmental contributors to diabetes/obesity, infertility, cancer, and learning disabilities are consistently accessed on our website. Our publications, such as the ["CHE issue" of San Francisco Medicine](#), the journal of the San Francisco Medical Society, offer useful analyses on cutting edge research and its implications for clinical practice and policy.

recently she alerted us all to the threats posed by chemicals associated with oil and gas development. She wove the two together beautifully in her statement [The Fossil Fuel Connection](#), which she worked on until the day she died.

Theo's visionary leadership and passion shone most brilliantly when she made direct connections between new ideas, scientists whose work confirmed them, impacted individuals, and people in positions to change what needed changing. She will be remembered for many generations to come, generations that she worked tirelessly to protect.

Visit the [TEDX website](#)

[Share your Theo Colborn story](#)

Read a [short bio of Theo Colborn](#) written by Elizabeth Grossman

Read the [CHE Partner](#)

With your generous [donation](#), we will continue to educate and motivate tens of thousands of scientists, health professionals, health affected groups and concerned citizens across the globe who want to improve public health in their respective countries and local communities. With your generous donation, we will continue our efforts to ensure that all children get the best start possible so that they can enjoy healthy, long and productive lives and see their children, grandchildren and even great grandchildren grow and thrive.

With gratitude and warmest wishes for the holidays,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Elise Miller', with a large, sweeping initial 'E'.

Elise Miller, MEd  
Director

*P.S. Remember: [Donating to CHE](#) is an investment in your children's and grandchildren's health--and future.*

[Spotlight interview featuring Theo Colborn](#)

## Working Groups and Initiatives

Visit the webpages of CHE's groups for the latest news, research, and announcements:

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