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Himmelfarb Library and the GW SMHS Office of Diversity and Inclusion are sponsoring the National Library of Medicine exhibit, Against the Odds: Making a Difference in Global Health this month. The exhibit is on the first floor of Himmelfarb Library.

The exhibit examines stories of the community groups that are making a difference in global health around the world.

“A revolution in global health is taking place in villages and towns around the world. Communities, in collaboration with scientists, advocates, governments, and international organizations, are taking up the challenge to prevent disease and improve quality of life.

Recognizing all the factors that cause illness, they are working on a wide range of issues—from community health to conflict, disease to discrimination. The people who face these problems play an important role in their resolution, and each of us can participate in the search for solutions. As we learn more about the challenges of the past, we join a growing community of people committed to global health.”

Among the stories highlighted in the exhibit are tackling food insecurity and obesity in present day Brazil, how the AIDS Memorial Quilt was started in the 1980s and continues to grow today, the international campaign to ban and eradicate landmines in the 1990s,
and the role of the “barefoot doctors” in preventing and treating common ailments in rural China in the 1960s.

An audio tour that includes interviews with former Surgeon General C. Everett Koop, MD and members of ACT Up accompanies the exhibit and can be accessed via cell phone while viewing or downloaded prior to visiting here.

NLM has also made available accompanying online activities and resources which can be found at the exhibit website

Stop by Himmelfarb Library at any time this month to view the exhibit in person!