

# DR. DAVE NAYAK

## Social Entrepreneur, Physician & Farmer

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📍 Chicago, IL and Gardner, IL



## SUMMARY

The development of our community relies upon the service of its citizens. My mission is to be a friendly neighbor to those who are experiencing pain--the sick, hungry and those facing trauma. I am grateful for the opportunity to create scalable programs that serve my fellow citizens of the Illinois 20th Senate District, City of Chicago and State of Illinois.

## KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

### Established a free, sub-specialty medical clinic for the uninsured

The Strength to Love Foundation Asthma & Allergy Free Clinic is dedicated to serving the uninsured.

### Fed over 100,000 food insecure individuals in IL & Midwest in 2022 and 250,000 in 2023

Nayak Farms Food Insecurity Initiative is successfully tackling hunger in Illinois and the Midwest.

### Authored and Passed bipartisan legislation in the State of Illinois

The Mychal Moulty Jr. Funeral & Burial Assistance Act provides up to \$10,000 for funerals and burials of children who are murdered by gun violence.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2019 - Present

Chicago, IL

### • Founder & President

#### **Strength to Love Foundation**

🌐 <https://strengthtolove.org/>

501c3 Illinois non-profit focusing on access to health care, tackling food insecurity and gun violence.

- Asthma & Allergy Free Clinic
- Funeral & Burial Assistance Program for children murdered by gun violence
- Provides logistical support for Nayak Farms Food Insecurity Initiative

2020 - Present

Chicago, IL

### • Founder & Attending Physician

#### **Strength to Love Foundation Asthma & Allergy Free Clinic**

🌐 <https://strengthtolove.org/clinic/>

Free, subspecialty medical clinic serving uninsured patients in Chicagoland.

- Complimentary subspecialty evaluations in the field of Allergy-Immunology including testing, medications, labs and imaging to provide stable continuity of specialty care
- Developed partnerships with community free clinics, industry and hospitals

2021 - Present

Gardner, IL

### • Founder & Manager

#### **Nayak Farms LLC**

🌐 <https://www.nayakfarms.com/>

Commercial agricultural farm tackling food insecurity in Illinois and the Midwest.

- Agricultural growth of sweet corn, commercial corn, soybeans and green beans
- The largest private donor of sweet corn to food insecure individuals in Illinois and the Midwest
- Near-future organic transition, speciality crop scaling and increased food donation

2020 - 2021

Chicago, IL

### • Founder, Podcaster

#### **Dr. Dave On Call**

🌐 <https://drdaveoncall.com/>

- Created and implemented Standard Operating Procedures for Chicago small businesses and schools to operate safely during the early phases of the COVID-19 pandemic
- Host & Producer of *Dr. Dave On Call*, a 25 episode podcast interviewing health experts and public figures

2010 - Present

Chicago, IL

### • Physician

- Attending Physician (2020-Ongoing): Strength to Love Foundation Asthma & Allergy Free Clinic, Chicago, IL
- Attending Physician (2015-2021): Edward Hines Jr. VA Hospital, US Dept. of Veteran Affairs, Maywood, IL
- Fellow Physician (2013-2015): Northwestern University, Division of Allergy-Immunology, Chicago, IL
- Resident Physician (2010-2013): Rush University, Dept. of Internal Medicine, Chicago, IL

# PUBLIC SERVICE

## Legislator, State of Illinois

### Strength to Love Foundation & Nayak Farms

📍 Springfield, IL

- Author, Mychal Moultry Jr. Funeral & Burial Assistance Act, Passed, Public Act on May 10, 2022, State of Illinois 102nd General Assembly
- Author, Illinois Farmers Who Fight Food Insecurity Act, Introduced in State of Illinois 103rd General Assembly

## Founder, Nayak Farms Food Insecurity Initiative

### Nayak Farms

📍 Gardner, IL

- Created infrastructure, logistics and operations to donate over 100,000 pounds of sweet corn to the food insecure of IL, IA, MO, and IN via 8 Member Illinois Food Banks under *Feeding Illinois* and Illinois food pantries
- Increase food donation goals with additional specialty crops over next 4 years
- Created and implemented legislative policy initiatives in food insecurity
- Recognized at the *2022 White House Conference on Hunger, Nutrition & Health*, Biden-Harris Administration, Washington DC

## Deacon

### First Presbyterian Church of Evanston

📍 Evanston, IL

- Ordained 2022
- Leader, Men's Bible Study, *New Testament*
- Home bound Communion Server

## Community Advisor & Teacher

### University Without Walls-PNAP Program

📍 Chicago, IL & Crest Hill, IL

Northeastern Illinois University & Stateville Correctional Center

- Advising and teaching adult incarcerated students
- Competency-based degree completion program

## Visiting Lecturer

### Cornell University

📍 Ithaca, NY

- SC Johnson School of Business, Nolan School of Hotel Administration, HADM4315: Non-profit social enterprise, Food Justice
- Charles Dyson School of Applied Economics & Management, AEM3270: Supply chain

# EDUCATION

2015

Chicago, IL

- Fellow Physician  
[Northwestern University, Division of Allergy-Immunology](#)

2013

Chicago, IL

- Resident Physician  
[Rush University, Department of Internal Medicine](#)

2010

Chicago, IL

- Doctor of Medicine  
[University of Illinois at Chicago College of Medicine](#)

2005

Philadelphia, PA

- Master of Public Health  
[Drexel University School of Public Health](#)

2003

Ithaca, NY

- Bachelor of Arts, Psychology, With Honors, Cum Laude  
[Cornell University, College of Arts & Sciences](#)

1998

Exeter, NH

- High School Diploma  
[Phillips Exeter Academy](#)

# CERTIFICATION

[American Board of Internal Medicine](#)

Board Certified, Aug 2014

[American Board of Allergy-Immunology](#)

Board Certified, Nov 2016

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