Transcript: Our Vision for Health Equity

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It starts with a shared idea. The idea that we can live in a world where everyone has an equal opportunity to thrive, for generations to come.

But this shared idea is not our shared reality.

For people from historically marginalized communities, centuries of unequal access to health and wellbeing negatively impacts almost every part of life.

Health is about more than our vital signs. It's about inclusion. Economic opportunity. Affordable healthcare, and more.

At the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, we've set ambitious goals to tackle the root of the problem. By amplifying community wisdom and challenging institutions to fully realize their promise to disrupt the current state of health across America.

We are redoubling our commitment to challenge and reshape deeply rooted institutions, laws, and policies and practices that obstruct progress and equal opportunity.

We're paving the way together to a better future by building and bridging power, cultivating leaders, influencing policies, and making bold and lasting change backed by the best available evidence, analysis, and science. We're building meaningful relationships with partners in our communities and share their passion for change.

Together, we amplify each other's impacts and reimagine the future of health and wellbeing, becoming an unstoppable force in dismantling structural racism.

Together, we will transform healthcare, government, the media, community development, economic supports for families, health science knowledge, and public health to ensure that everyone has a path to living their healthiest life.

Our vision is a future where all families have the resources they need to raise thriving children, where institutions dedicated to community wellbeing, including our own, are held accountable to the communities they serve, and a future where, no matter where we come from, who we are, or how much money we have, everyone has the chance to become the best version of themselves.

Our promise is a long-term commitment to turn ideas into reality. We know it won't be easy, but when we come together with a common vision, innovation flourishes and change happens.

It's about humanity. It's about justice. It's about the courage to build a better future. And it starts with an idea. The idea that we can build a world where health is no longer a privilege, but a right.

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