

AN EVENING WITH

DR. MONA HANNA-ATTISHA

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PHYSICIAN, SCIENTIST + ACTIVIST
WHO EXPOSED THE FLINT WATER CRISIS

SAVE THE DATE!

FRIDAY

MAY 1 • 7 P.M.

SOUTH WHIDBEY HIGH SCHOOL
5675 Maxwelton Rd., Langley

AND

SATURDAY

MAY 2 • 7 P.M.

OAK HARBOR ELKS LODGE
155 NE Ernst St., Oak Harbor



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Dr. Mona Hanna-Attisha is a pediatrician, professor, and public health advocate who spearheaded efforts to address Flint, Michigan's water crisis. In 2014, a change in the city's water source resulted in astronomical amounts of lead leaching into the drinking water, causing irreversible damage to Flint's residents. As a local pediatrician, Dr. Hanna-Attisha was shocked that the government ignored complaints, protests, and reports from citizens, journalists, and experts about Flint's water. She decided that the only way to stop the lead poisoning would be to present undeniable proof on a national platform.

Dr. Hanna-Attisha assembled a team to analyze the water in Flint, and revealed her findings at a press conference, prioritizing the health of her community over the risk to her career. Dr. Hanna-Attisha faced a brutal backlash, but her persistence paid off: the city switched the water back to its original source and President Barack Obama declared a federal emergency. She has since been called to testify twice before the United States Congress, was awarded the Freedom of Expression Courage Award by PEN America and was named one of Time magazine's "100 Most Influential People in the World" for her role in uncovering the Flint Water Crisis and leading recovery efforts.

Dr. Hanna-Attisha's powerful book, *What the Eyes Don't See*, is a dramatic first-hand account of the signature environmental disaster of our time and a riveting narrative of personal advocacy. She has appeared on CNN, MSNBC, BBC and countless other media outlets championing the cause of children in Flint and beyond.

A passionate activist, Dr. Hanna-Attisha created the Michigan State University and Hurley Children's Hospital Pediatric Public Health Initiative, a model program to mitigate the impact of the Flint water crisis. As founder and director of this organization, she combines community and clinical programs, childhood health policy and advocacy, and robust evaluation so that all Flint children grow up healthy and thrive.

"It's one thing to point out a problem. It is another thing altogether to step up and work to fix it. Mona Hanna-Attisha is a true American hero."—Erin Brockovich