This presentation will highlight 2 case studies of public health campaigns developed by Designmatters, the social innovation department of ArtCenter College of Design. Both cases exemplify the value of adapting innovative collaborative methodologies and an evidence-based approach to integrating design thinking and a human-centered research into strategic communication for public health efforts. The first case study, Es Tiempo, is a campaign raising awareness and support for prevention and treatment of cervical cancer that is an initiative of the USC Norris Comprehensive Cancer Center, the Keck School of Medicine, the Annenberg School of Communication and Journalism. The second case study, Santi the Mascot, is a public health campaign targeting young children and their caregivers for prevention of severe burns and is an ongoing collaboration with Coaniquem, one of the leading rehabilitation and medical care centers for children who are victims of severe burns in Chile.

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