**CANTA means**

**C – Care (,)**

**A – Assistance (and)**

**N – Nurturing (through)**

**T – Trust (and)**

**A – Accessibility**

**Nuada, first king of the Tuatha Dé Danann. Also known as Airgetlám, meaning “silver arm,” so named for the limb given him by the healer Dian Cécht after the king lost his in battle.**

Dian Cécht, also known as Canta, was the mythological

Irish god of healing. He restored his ailing brethren

to good health, and it is said that he could save the

lives of even the most grievously wounded.

* What is CANTA?
  + CANTA is a mobile web application designed to quickly provide access to nearby medical aid and support services.
* Who is CANTA for?
  + Everyone! This project was envisioned with the transient population in mind, for those seeking critical resources in unfamiliar surroundings with limited contacts. However, all are welcome to make use of the website!
* What does CANTA mean?
  + **Care –** Contact info and maps to local emergency, and urgent medical services
  + **Assistance –** Housing, welfare, and social services for the homeless and struggling
  + **Nurturing –** Curate a spirit of ongoing help and outreach to the disadvantaged
  + **Trust –** As expounded upon below\*, building mutual trust between CANTA and local service providers will in turn allow us to foster that same trust with the communities we wish to serve.
  + **Accessibility –** Above all else, this platform needs to be easy to use by a wide range of users in order to be successful.

CANTA gathers a user’s geographical data and uses previously-specified criteria to populate links and contacts to nearby aid services in an intuitive, easy to read format. CANTA will guide users to various local services, such as:

* Hospitals/ER/urgent care
* Counseling services
* Social service organizations (YMCA, Boys and Girls Club, etc.)
* Homeless shelters
* Domestic violence shelters
* Drug treatment centers
* Various hotlines for emergency or ongoing assistance

…and many more!

\*Beyond the scope of this initial project, a long-term goal of CANTA is to form bonds with local service providers in towns and cities across the country. These loose partnerships would allow for quicker, safer connections made between providers and the users of our service.