Dear LifeLong Supporter,

I recently had the opportunity to attend the National Association of Community Health Centers meeting in Washington DC. While there, I participated in a celebration of the founding of community health centers 50 years ago as part of the war on poverty. That was the same era that brought us Medicare, Medicaid and many of the social programs that are critical to our communities today. The celebration was quite inspiring with speakers who discussed the program and its roots in meeting the unmet health needs of our communities and our needed role in improving the social determinants of health.

Today’s focus on population health reminds us that we cannot forget these same social determinants. Our communities deserve jobs, housing, education, safe environments, nutritious food, freedom from discrimination, and opportunities to grow and be healthy… as well as great affordable health care. Community Health Centers serve 23 million people annually and have provided invaluable support to the people who need it most. At LifeLong Medical Care, we’ve done a fantastic job contributing to that success and we’re constantly working to improve our services.

We also have news to share with you. LifeLong Berkeley Primary Care, now called LifeLong Ashby Health Center, opened (at the Ed Roberts Campus near Ashby BART in South Berkeley). It’s a beautiful new facility and we hope you can join us for the Grand Opening and Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony on September 22, 2015. LifeLong Urgent Care San Pablo opened April 20, 2015, the day before Doctors Medical Center closed in San Pablo. Urgent care is now offered on a walk-in basis, seven days per week. We continue to be concerned about the loss of the hospital, ER, and specialty care in our West Contra Costa community and have worked hard to play our part in assuring basic primary and urgent care. Urgent Care will also speak to our patients’ desire for immediate access and remove some pressure from our Contra Costa health care sites in terms of requests for urgent care/same day help.

Thank you to our staff, volunteers and many supporters for all that you do to make our work possible.

Here’s to another 50 years!

Marty Lynch
Executive Director, CEO

LifeLong Medical Care provides high-quality health and social services to underserved people of all ages; creates models of care for the elderly, people with disabilities and families; and advocates for continuous improvements in the health of our communities. We operate 14 health centers in Alameda, Contra Costa and Marin Counties, and currently serve more than 45,000 patients in 234,000 visits annually.

Thank you for joining us in our lifesaving efforts, and we look forward to keeping you up to date on ways you can help sustain our work.

You can support LifeLong Medical Care’s programs and services for people of all ages by donating online! Visit us at www.lifelongmedical.org. Don’t forget to subscribe to our e-newsletter and be sure to “Like” us on Facebook!
Urgent Care – San Pablo
Open House

We held an open house celebrating the addition of Urgent Care Services on May 9, 2015. Community members joined the LifeLong Medical Care team to learn more about our health services and have their insurance enrollment questions answered. Many city council members joined us, as well as LifeLong Board Members and Supervisor, John Gioia.

Our Annual Fundraiser
Crab & Cocktails

Crab & Cocktails was held on Saturday, February 28, 2015 with KTVU’s award-winning journalist, Frank Somerville serving as our Master of Ceremonies. This year’s event was held at a new location, at the Ed Roberts Campus in Berkeley. Guests enjoyed a fun and inspiring program, as we celebrated our Bobbie Awardee, José Joel Garcia, who was honored for his lifelong commitment to improving community health. The Fund-A-Need portion of the event highlighted the important services provided by our Supportive Housing Program. The event was an overall success and through your generosity we were able to raise over $111,000 for LifeLong Medical Care. Thank You.

Golf Tournament Fundraiser
San Pablo Lytton Casino’s Annual Golf Tournament benefiting LifeLong Brookside Health and Urgent Care Center is going to be held at the Richmond Country Club on Monday, October 12, 2015. If you are interested in being an event sponsor or playing to support LifeLong Medical Care, please visit www.lifelongmedical.org.

Grand Opening and Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony
Please join us at the LifeLong Ashby Health Center, Ed Roberts Campus, 3075 Adeline Street, in Berkeley on Tuesday, September 22, 2015 from 5:00 – 7:00 PM. We will have refreshments, tours of the health center, program and a ribbon-cutting ceremony – all to mark the opening of the LifeLong Ashby Health Center.