Dear LifeLong Supporter,

Thank you for joining us in March as we celebrated 40 years of providing high-quality health and social services to underserved people of all ages, regardless of income. Our supporters helped to make LifeLong Medical Care’s 40th Anniversary Gala a success, raising $165,000 — more than ever before!

I wanted to personally share with you some of our recent news. We just learned the AmeriCorps program, which places 500 people in community health centers, including 17 LifeLong sites, is being defunded. AmeriCorps has been a fantastic pipeline program for us, attracting people to community health careers, including future primary care physicians, as well as providing very important community services, such as: help with Medi-Cal enrollment, nutrition, school health, community building, chronic care management, etc. Unfortunately, it is also a grant program and we will lose services if we cannot replace it. We’re working hard to come up with a plan to address this critical issue for both LifeLong and the communities we serve.

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

We’re also happy to let you know that LifeLong is pursuing a green health care strategy. Environmental issues are interwoven with the health of our communities and LifeLong needs to assure that we are conscious of our own practices. The strategy includes green purchasing, thoughtful approaches to medical and other kinds of waste generation, as well as utilizing renewable energy.

Sincerely,

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 17 health centers in Alameda, Contra Costa, and Marin Counties, and currently serve more than 52,000 patients.

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!
Lucinda Bazile Named to Contra Costa Commission Women's Hall of Fame

LifeLong’s Deputy Director Lucinda Bazile was inducted into the Contra Costa Commission for Women’s Hall of Fame for her work in improving women’s health. As a LifeLong Medical Care employee for 22 years, Bazile has dedicated her career to helping others in underserved communities. In the past year, especially, she has worked to develop urgent care services for people in Contra Costa County.

Chabot College Gives Walter Wilson Faculty Excellence Award

Chabot College has selected Walter Wilson, LifeLong Medical Care’s Pharmacy Program Compliance Coordinator, to receive the college’s faculty award for excellence as an outstanding business student in their health care leadership course. The award is based on Wilson’s “excellent academic performance and positive professional contributions inside and outside of class,” according to Rob Leadbeater, Health Care Instructor at Chabot.

Hana Shirriel Awarded San Francisco Bay Area Albert Schweitzer Fellowship

Hana Shirriel, who manages LifeLong’s food pantry at the West Oakland Middle School, has been awarded a highly competitive SF Bay Area Albert Schweitzer Fellowship. As her Fellowship project, the San Francisco State University Master of Public Health student will work with West Oakland families to create a healthy community cookbook using the families’ recipes. Shirriel hopes to obtain funding to publish the cookbook.

City of Berkeley’s May is Mental Health Month Award

Brenda Goldstein Receives Honorable Mention

Brenda Goldstein, LifeLong Medical Care’s Director of Psychosocial Services, received honorable mention for the City of Berkeley’s May is Mental Health Month 2016 Achievement Award. “Brenda has been a leader at LifeLong and among community health centers in improving integrated mental health and primary care for both the homeless population and the severely mentally ill,” says LifeLong Medical Care’s Executive Director, Marty Lynch.

SF Chronical, East Bay Times Cover 1st Anniversary of Doctors Med Center Closure

Many non-emergency patients now go to LifeLong’s Urgent Care Center

The first anniversary of the closure of Doctors Medical Center (DMC) in San Pablo prompted local media to publish articles on how LifeLong Medical Care is helping patients in West Contra Costa County get needed care. LifeLong’s Brookside Health Center, which is located across the street from the DMC hospital, opened an urgent care facility the same day the medical center closed last April. The urgent care facility, staffed by some of DMC’s emergency physicians, gets about 1,200 urgent care visits a month. The clinic received one-time financing from Kaiser and to a lesser extent John Muir, along with about $2 million from the state. The county has added 1,200 ambulance hours per month and a 24-hour advice line.

LifeLong Medical Care CEO Marty Lynch was honored with a Burning Flame Award for keeping the flames burning at LifeLong Medical Care for 36 years. A special video tribute to Marty and LifeLong Medical Care on its 40th Anniversary also was shown. You can see it on LifeLong’s YouTube page or on our homepage: www.lifelongmedical.org.

Ways to Support LifeLong

- **Give a Monetary Gift Today!**
- **Get Your Employer Involved.** Double your gift through our matching gifts program.
- **Donate Your Car, Truck, Van, Motorcycle, RV, or Boat.** This tax-deductible gift makes a difference. It’s easy, just call: car donation services at 888.686.4483 and reference Lifelong Medical Care.
- **Shop Online with AmazonSmile and/or E-Scrip.** Visit www.lifelongmedical.org for more information.
- **Hold a Fundraiser for LifeLong Medical Care.** This type of event helps to spread the word about our cause — and yours.
- **Leave a Legacy.** Set up a lasting gift today.
- **Donate online:** www.lifelongmedical.org.

If you have any questions, please contact LifeLong’s Director of Development & External Communications, Katherine S. O’Donnell at 510.981.4113 or kodonnell@lifelongmedical.org.

2016 Community Mosaic

LifeLong West Berkeley is half way to reaching our fundraising goal for the Community Mosaic. The purpose of this project is to bring the community together — from all walks of life — to participate in creating an art piece that will be appreciated by patients and community members for many years to come. Please use the enclosed remit and indicate if you would like your gift to be designated to this fundraising effort.

Thank You for Your Support!