Dear LifeLong Supporter:

A lot has happened since our last newsletter. There’s not enough space to share it all in this edition. However, we want to keep you apprised on a few pressing issues and share a few items we’re currently working on.

**Health Reform:** Attempts in Congress to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act (ACA), also known as Obama Care, have failed after a very close call in the Senate. Three Republican Senators, including Lisa Murkowski of Alaska, Susan Collins of Maine, and John McCain of Arizona, cast the deciding votes in an early morning cliffhanger. The bill would have slashed about a trillion dollars from Medicaid (MediCal in California) and ACA subsidies. The “zombie” bill seems dead for now, but we’re holding our breath about key federal subsidies, called Cost Sharing Subsidies, which benefit health insurers and millions of low-income Americans who depend on the ACA for health care coverage.

Insurers have warned the insurance rates will rise if the subsidies are not funded. President Trump has threatened to cut these subsidies, but a recent federal appeals court ruling could help preserve them even if the president decides to cut them off. We will keep you informed on this issue as it greatly affects LifeLong Medical Care.

**Health Center Funding:** The National Association for Community Health Centers (NACHC) continues to work on the health center funding cliff issue. About 60% of health center grant funding has to be reauthorized in order to continue beyond October of this year. NACHC is working on a bi-partisan effort to get these funds reauthorized and we will certainly take part in the advocacy efforts.

**State Alternative Payment Methodology (APM) Pilot for Health Centers:** Work has slowed down since the election as the State waits for feedback from the new administration on APM. We think the project will go eventually, but it is possible it will be restructured as the feds offer states more flexibility in how they run their Medicaid programs. There is some chance we may need to propose a pilot that involves more risk and a greater move toward value-based reimbursement.

**Berkeley Homeless Planning:** You may have read that new City of Berkeley leadership is making efforts to work on homeless issues. They now are aware that LifeLong is the main provider of medical care to the homeless in Berkeley, and we will participate in these discussions.

**Immigration Issues:** We want LifeLong staff and patients to know their rights and know how to get legal assistance when needed. We are looking into having our waiting rooms and clinic spaces designated as private so that Immigration Customs Enforcement (ICE) cannot enter without a warrant.

Aside from the work we do on a daily basis, we have a group of advocates who are fighting for the 60,000+ people who are in need of our services. Many of these people live below the Federal Poverty Level ($24,250 for a household of four). We have an active advocacy group and if you’re interested in joining it, please contact me at mlych@lifelongmedical.org.

Thank you to our staff, volunteers and supporters for all that you do to make our work possible within our East Bay and Marin communities.

Sincerely,

Marty Lynch
Executive Director/CEO

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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!
Two Years After the Closure of Doctors Medical Center, LifeLong Medical Care is Helping to Fill the Health Care Gap Through Immediate/Urgent Care Centers

On April 21, 2015, Doctors Medical Center closed its doors in San Pablo after more than 60 years. On that same day, LifeLong Medical Care immediately opened a new immediate/urgent care center across the street at LifeLong Brookside Health Center to help fill the health care gap for East Bay communities. More than 1,100 patients are now treated monthly at the Pinole immediate/urgent care facility.

Another LifeLong Immediate/Urgent Care Center also opened in the Herrick Building of Sutter Health Alta Bates Summit Medical Center in Berkeley to accommodate the significant need for same-day medical services.

LifeLong's Annual Gala Raises $185,000 — A New Record!

More than 225 people attended our Annual Gala Feb. 25 at Hs Lordships, raising $185,000 in total — a new record! The dinner-dance and fundraiser also kicked off the LifeLong William Jenkins Health Center Capital Campaign. The “fund-a-need” event at the gala raised $26,000 to start this venture.

A special video honoring Dr. Jenkins, the health center’s namesake, was shown to launch the campaign.

Our sincere appreciation to all those who supported the event — those who attended in person, as well as those who were not able to attend. Many thanks, also, to our generous sponsors, especially our Presenting Sponsor, Sutter Health Alta Bates Summit Medical Center, and our Benefactor, Kaiser Permanente.

If you’d like to see more photos from the event, please visit our website to view the gallery at LifeLongMedical.org.

SAVE THE DATE!
OCT. 16 AT RICHMOND COUNTRY CLUB
San Pablo Lytton Casino Annual Charity Golf Tournament to Benefit LifeLong Brookside Health Center & Urgent Care Center

San Pablo Lytton Casino Charity Annual Golf Tournament benefitting LifeLong Bookside Health Center and LifeLong Urgent Care Center will take place Oct. 16 at the Richmond Country Club.

Sponsorship levels are:
Platinum: $20,000. Includes four foursomes, two hole-sponsor signs, company logo in event program.
Gold: $10,000. Includes two foursomes, one hole-sponsor sign, and company logo in event program.
Silver: $5,000. Includes one foursome, one hole-sponsor sign, company logo in event program.
Foursome: $1,600
Hole Sponsor: $1,000
Individual Golfer: $400
Dinner Only: $75

Registration and brunch take place from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. The tournament starts at 11 a.m. An early dinner and ceremony will follow the tournament. Wear your favorite team's jersey!

For more information, please contact: Michael Gorczynski, 510-620-1522; or Katherine O'Donnell, 510-81-4154.

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✓ 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 510.981.4183 or kodonnell@lifelongmedical.org.