LifeLong Medical Care steps up for Richmond’s vulnerable amid pandemic

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LifeLong Medical Care is emerging as an essential health care resource for some of Richmond’s most vulnerable residents during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The community health nonprofit, which operates the new LifeLong William Jenkins Health Center at 150 Harbour Way in Richmond, primarily serves patients at or below the federal poverty level. Regardless of a person’s ability to pay or immigration status, the nonprofit serves everyone and offers assistance in helping patients apply for insurance.

Throughout the pandemic, the Richmond center has been providing an array of resources to all community members, ranging from essential medical services and urgent care, to emergency dental, to COVID-19 testing.

As part of LifeLong’s interventive outreach in Richmond, they’re also mobilizing with extensive services for seniors and people with disabilities.

On Mondays throughout May, the nonprofit is partnering with Bridge Storage and ArtSpace’s Bridge Commissary Kitchen to deliver food to seniors and people with disabilities living in public housing in Richmond. Also on the nutritional home front, LifeLong is delivering bags of food to at-risk seniors throughout Richmond on an ongoing basis.

In its commitment to full-body wellness, the nonprofit has pursued—and received—a Local Impact Grant from the California Arts Council to provide a program of movement and music for seniors and adults with disabilities living in public housing in Richmond.

“We are thrilled to partner with BrasArte to bring Afro-Brazilian music and movement to our program participants,” said Kathryn Stambaugh, LifeLong Medical Care’s Geriatric Services director.

“Our wellness programs address loneliness and isolation by bringing people together for fun, engaging, creative activities.”

To learn more about the LifeLong William Jenkins Health Center’s services for Richmond residents, call (510) 215-5001.

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