

A Message from Marin Community Clinics' CEO July 2, 2020

Dear Marin Community Clinics Family,

Last week Marin Community Clinics' held its annual Summer Solstice Celebration virtually. Many of our guests reached out to let me know that they had fun, felt connected to our mission that ensures equitable health care for all, and were inspired by the 2020 Community Health Champions - Dr. Tim Sowerby, Dr. Matt Willis, and youth honoree Melissa Osheroff.

The event was recorded, you can meet our Community Health Champions, listen to a discussion of public health between Dr. Willis and me, and see a very lively and entertaining Fund-a-Need with Dr. Jose Chibras and Dr. Lizzie Horevitz to support Marin Community Clinics' COVID response efforts. Other guests include State Senator Mike McGuire and Marin County Director of Health & Human Services Benita McLarin.

So far the Fund-a-Need has raised approximately \$54,000 which will directly support Marin Community Clinics' ongoing COVID-19 response. More contributions are being accepted and we hope to reach our goal of \$100,000. We are still accepting pledges and you can donate here. I know that there are many worthy organizations asking for your contributions; I want to assure you that your gift to our Clinics is a worthwhile investment in the health of our community. The number of Marin residents testing positive for COVID-19, particularly those who are essential workers and suffering social inequities, is growing and we need your help to serve them.

In addition to watching the Celebration yourself, I hope you will share the link with friends, family and colleagues. Help us to grow our circle of supporters for the excellent, compassionate health care we deliver to over 38,000 Marin residents, most of whom have incomes below the poverty level.

The Marin Independent Journal recently published a Marin Voice opinion piece authored by Associate Medical Director of Pediatrics Dr. Tracey Hessel and Lead Pediatrician Dr. Lisa Leavitt. Dr. Hessel and Dr. Leavitt note that "During the pandemic, at-risk children in Marin are getting needed help."

As they noted, "working together and supporting each other, our community can get through this."

We are all in this together,

Mitesh Popat, MD, MPH Chief Executive Officer