

December 7, 2020

Dear Liz,

We have been thinking a lot about our history this year, our roots in activism, the civil rights and anti-war protests that gave rise to our clinics and the movement for equity and justice through community health.

Fifty years ago, the Seattle chapter of the Black Panther Party founded a clinic offering free well-baby checkups, prenatal care, sickle cell screening and other services. The following year, members of Seattle Liberation Front protesting the Vietnam war opened Country Doctor Community Clinic.

Looking back on our history gave us strength as we grappled with one struggle after another. A global pandemic taking a disproportionately brutal toll on low-income families and communities of color. Uprisings against systemic racism and police violence. We reminded ourselves that we have faced tough times before. Our founders met resistance from authorities who branded them radicals. And through all of this, we hold true to the principle that guides everything we do: provide high quality, caring, culturally appropriate health care (primary, behavioral & dental) to all regardless of ability to pay.

We are proud of our roots, committed to furthering our impact for decades to come, and grateful for supporters like you, who fuel our fight for equity and justice through community health.

Throughout this historic year the community came together and supported us. You donated resources to support our mission. You donated face masks that help to protect our unsheltered families from COVID-19. You sent thank-you cards that gave us the strength to carry-on. You showed your support in so many ways.

As this difficult year draws to a close, please show your support once more with a year-end gift.

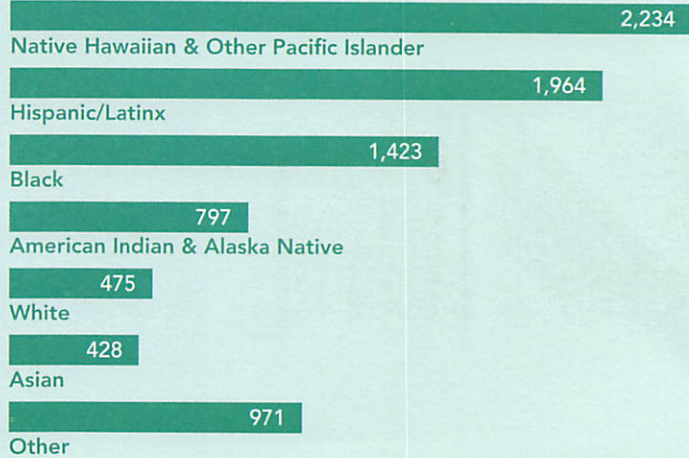
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COVID-19 is hitting communities of color significantly harder than the white population.

Age-adjusted rate of confirmed cases in King County per 100,000 residents

Source: COVID-19 cases among King County, WA residents by race and ethnicity, Public Health – Seattle & King County as of September 24, 2020



Your support gives us the agility to innovate quickly, like we did this year when we pivoted to provide most of our care through telehealth faster than any community health center in Washington state.



Your support builds our resilience to respond to the ongoing challenges posed by the coronavirus pandemic.



Your support sustains our mission to provide high-quality, compassionate, culturally responsive care to those marginalized from the mainstream medical system.

We know that not everyone in our community can give this year. If you can, your support will make that much more of a difference.

Thank you for caring and honoring our legacy, so we can continue to make our community healthier for all. Stay healthy. Stay safe. And know that your support means everything.

With Gratitude,

Michael Lee Craig
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P.S. Be sure to make your tax-deductible gift by December 31 to help us end 2020 strong! Send your contribution in the enclosed envelope or make your gift online at cdchc.org/donate.



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