



A Message from LifeLong's CEO, Marty Lynch

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Dear LifeLong Supporters,

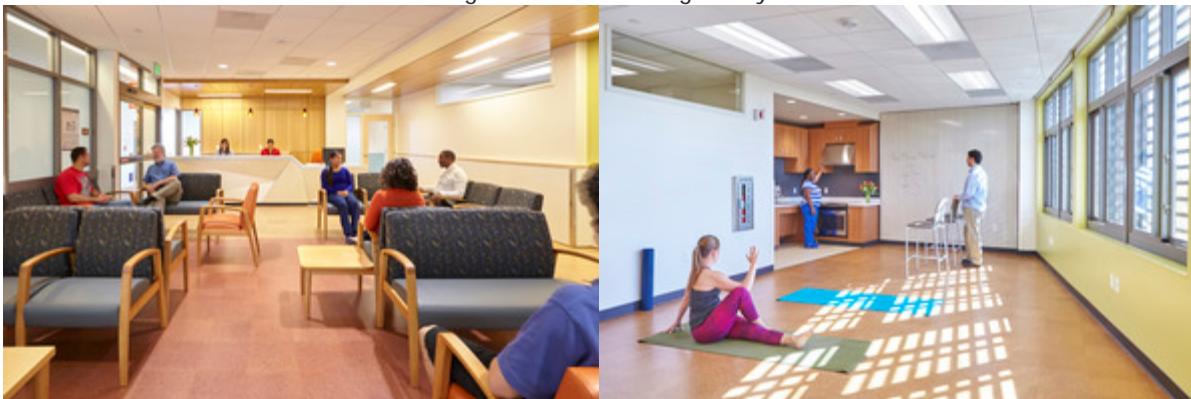
We wanted to keep you up-to-date on our recent news. We have had a lot happening, especially this week. As you might have seen or heard in the news today, Doctor's Medical Center (DMC) in San Pablo officially closed at 7:00 a.m. This was the only public hospital that served 250,000 residents in West Contra Costa.

Our LifeLong Brookside Community Health Center is located across the street from Doctor's Medical Center. At this site we provide primary care, prenatal care, pediatrics and dental services, and over the past few months we have been working hard to renovate space on the first floor to accommodate Urgent Care services, once we learned that the hospital was about to close. This would allow for patients who visited DMC for non-life threatening illnesses or concerns to still have access to immediate medical care. In addition to serving the community in general, LifeLong Urgent Care will also provide additional access to immediate care for our existing patients as well.

LifeLong Urgent Care is not a replacement to the Emergency Department. Patients with true life-threatening emergencies should call 911. However, it is our expectation that we will initially be able to accommodate up to 48 patients per day for urgent medical needs. We will be open seven days a week from noon to 8:00 p.m. based on the busiest hours at the hospital Emergency Room. Care at the Urgent Care Center will be provided by Emergency physicians who have been staffing the DMC Emergency Dept. so they will be familiar with the patients and types of problems we expect to see. Dr. Desmond Carson, from DMC's Emergency Department will be the lead Physician for LifeLong Urgent Care - San Pablo site. To read more about the hospital closure, [click here to read the full article on SF Gate](#).

In other news, LifeLong Ashby Health Center (formerly LifeLong Berkeley Primary Care) is now seeing patients at the Ed Roberts Campus in South Berkeley. LifeLong staff are settling in and are looking forward to seeing patients in this brand new health center.

You can check out the most recent images of the LifeLong Ashby Health Center below:



Photos Courtesy: John Sutton Photography

In the next couple of months, will hold grand openings for both our Urgent Care site and Ashby Health Center. We will be sure to keep you, our supporters, posted on the dates and times of both events. We hope you will be able to join us.

Thank you for your support.



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