



Partners in Care
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75 Years of Continuous Caring and Innovation...

Partners in Care Foundation carries forward the values and principles of the Visiting Nurse Association of Los Angeles, a pioneering home health and hospice agency begun in Los Angeles in 1927. The VNA-LA was sold to a for-profit organization in 1997, but its traditions live on through its foundation, now known as Partners in Care Foundation. Our goal is to reshape the future of healthcare through innovation in the delivery of health care and social services.

....Shapes Our Purpose Today

Preserving the values on which we were founded, the non-profit Partners in Care Foundation collaborates with health care providers, community-based organizations, and funders to create, implement and evaluate new ways of delivering care.

Partners serves as a catalyst to shape a new vision of care by partnering with organizations, families and community leaders in the work of:

- Changing Healthcare Systems
- Changing Communities
- Changing Lives.



“Today’s healthcare access issues and unmet needs cry out for visionary leaders.

*Partners In Care Foundation collaborates with funders, providers
and communities to bring about effective solutions.”*



June Simmons
President/CEO
Partners in Care Foundation

A CATALYST FOR CHANGE

The Need for Change

Who will care for the elderly, the chronically ill, uninsured children and families and those facing end-of-life? What kind of health system should we have to promote access, quality, and continuity of care? How will we ensure that sufficient caregivers are available? The answers to these questions impact us all.

The needs of our society for health and social services have changed dramatically during the past 25 years. A longer life span, rising chronic illness, increased population diversity and dispersed families, financing constraints and the shift of care from the hospital to the home leave many vulnerable with increasing gaps in coverage, little or no insurance, and scant access to needed medical care and social services in a fragmented health care system. *The need for change in health care and social service delivery is apparent, but the issues are complex.*

From Vision to Reality, Partners is the Change Agent

Partners in Care Foundation is dedicated to addressing these fundamental questions about the nature of our healthcare and social service system by taking *a leadership role in research and evaluation, development and testing of new models of care, technical assistance to organizations and delivery of direct services to vulnerable and underserved populations.*

Collaborative Partnerships

Partners understands the reality of change in a healthcare system under multiple pressures. In response, Partners initiates or seeks out innovative ideas from a range of health and social service organizations and providers and, in conjunction with forward-thinking funding partners, develops collaborative pace-setting projects. Each collaboration is unique yet shares the common goal of changing the shape of healthcare.

Partners focuses on several areas of interest including:

- Aging Well
- Children and Families At Risk
- Access to Care
- End-of-Life Care
- Education/Advocacy



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"In joining hands with Partners, we are addressing the gaps in service from hospital to home. By working with community organizations, we ensure access to needed services and enhance the quality of life for patients and caregivers."

Steve Ralph, President/CEO
Huntington Memorial Hospital

SHAPING VISIONS...

Our collaborative partners bring to us their unrealized ideas of health care and social service system improvement as well as experience with a defined population. We deploy our expertise to help them shape their vision into fundable and sustainable projects.

Our Collaborative Partners include:

Universities

California State Universities: Los Angeles and Long Beach
University of California, Los Angeles
University of Southern California
Vanderbilt University

Hospitals and Health Systems

Antelope Valley Hospital
Cedars-Sinai Medical Center
Citrus Valley Health System
City of Hope
High Desert Hospital
Huntington Memorial Hospital
Kaiser Permanente Southern California
Motion Picture and Television Fund
Northridge Hospital Medical Center
Providence Healthcare Systems
SCAN
Trinity Healthcare
VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System
and Geriatric Research Education and Clinical Center

Social Service Agencies

Center for Healthy Aging
Chinatown Service Center
Community Clinic Association of Los Angeles
The Casey Family Program
Jewish Family Services, Los Angeles
Los Angeles Caregiver Resource Center
Pacific Clinics Older Adults Program
Senior Care Network

Public Organizations

Antelope Valley College
Antelope Valley School District
California Department on Aging
City and County of Los Angeles - Area Agencies on Aging
Los Angeles County Department of Health Services
National Council on Aging

PURPOSE ...TO FUNDABLE REALITY

Partners helps funders realize their goals of *building an agenda for change through a network of leaders and innovators.*

Our many **Funding Partners** include:

Ahmanson Foundation
Alzheimer's Association of Los Angeles
Archstone Foundation
Boeing Puget Sound Employees
Burbank Health Care Foundation
California Community Foundation
The California Endowment
California Department on Aging
California HealthCare Foundation
Casey Family Program
Change A Life Foundation
City of Burbank
County of Los Angeles
Kaiser Permanente - Garfield Memorial Fund
Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation
The John A. Hartford Foundation
Henry Mayo Newhall Foundation
HRSA, U.S. Department of Health
Jewish Community Foundation
Jewish Free Loan Association
Lockheed Corporation
Los Angeles Women's Foundation
Pacific Life Foundation
Partnership for The Public's Health
Ralph M. Parsons Foundation
Pasadena Child Health Foundation
Patron Saints Foundation
Oaktree Foundation
The Open Society Institute, Project on Death in America
Tides Foundation
Union Bank Foundation
United Way of Greater Los Angeles
William Randolph Hearst Foundation
..... and private gifts, grants and endowments



“It is one thing to have good ideas; quite another to bring them through to fruition and then incorporate them into the landscape. Partners in Care grasps the entire spectrum of how to make change happen...and in doing so, brings out the best in us all.”

Richard D. Della Penna, M.D.
Director, Kaiser Permanente Aging Network

CHANGING HEALTH CARE SYSTEMS

Our roots are in service to individuals, yet our future lies in *reshaping health and social service delivery systems* to ensure that individuals at every level of society have access to quality care. To do this, Partners has created the *Institute for Change* to bring together providers and funders in innovative initiatives in our areas of interest.

The Institute for Change

Partners' Institute for Change seeks out new ideas and encourages foundations and other funders to invest in new ways of delivering care that benefit all of society, especially vulnerable populations. Through its carefully formulated initiatives, identification of resource needs, project management, application of rigorous scientific design, and evaluation, Partners produces nationally recognized new models of care. [Representative examples of our recent work include:](#)

- [Healthcare and Social Service Delivery System Change](#)

Palliative Care

Working with Kaiser Permanente Southern California (KPSC), Partners has tested and evaluated a new model of end-of-life care that employs a multi-disciplinary team approach. This model has demonstrated cost-effectiveness and high levels of patient satisfaction. Partners is now assisting KPSC to replicate this project in three other states.

- [New Models of Care](#)

Medications Management Model (The John A. Hartford Foundation)

Based on a previously successful demonstration project that improved medication practice and reduced medication errors among elderly home health patients, this Web-based dissemination project is engaging home health providers in adopting proven tools for assessing potential medication appropriateness and compliance problems and obtaining timely physician intervention. www.homemedics.org.

- Evidence-Based Practice

The Family Preservation Evaluation Project

Working with the Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services, this project is designing evaluation tools to improve the way this large child welfare program serves families at risk of separation.

- Evaluation and Outcomes Measurement

County of Los Angeles – Integrated Care Management Program Evaluation

In cooperation with the Los Angeles County Area Agency on Aging, Partners evaluated the early experience of the three-year demonstration project *Integrated Care Management Demonstration Project* (ICMDP). This program is an innovative approach to addressing the increasing needs of older and disabled adults for care management services that improve access to community-based services and public funding. Partners' work was used to inform the next generation of program design and implementation.

- Education and Advocacy

Geriatric Social Work Education Consortium To address the current shortage in social work professionals who serve the elderly and those nearing end-of-life, Partners initiated and developed the *Geriatric Social Work*

Education Consortium (GSWEC) - a regional partnership of academic and community-based service organizations designed to advance evidence-based geriatric programs and best practices. Funded by The John A.

Hartford Foundation and the Archstone Foundation, this program is an alliance of the four Graduate Schools of Social Work in Southern California, four Centers of Excellence and 16 Associate Field Sites.

www.geriatricsocialwork.org.



Barbara Solomon, Ph.D
Vice Provost for Faculty Diversity
Professor,
USC School of Social Work
Partners Board Member

“If we are to truly improve social and healthcare services, we need to be right about its outcomes, so that its beneficiaries achieve their fullest quality of life as a result. The academic rigor of Partners in Care’s project development goes beyond testing ideas against reality. Their focus is always on the people whose lives will be affected by change.”





Corinne H. Rieder, Ed.D.
Executive Director and Treasurer
The John A. Hartford Foundation, Inc.

“Effective philanthropy begins with investing in forward-thinking organizations with well conceived concepts and the ability to produce results. In collaborating with its partners, Partners in Care has proven to be a catalyst solidly equipped to transform compelling visions into meaningful change.”

CHANGING COMMUNITIES NETWORK

Partners facilitates the *development of community collaboratives* to widen access to health care for vulnerable populations in its service areas.

[Antelope Valley Partners for Health \(AVPH\)](#)

Over fifty key agencies participate in the AVPH to better coordinate with the County Department of Health in addressing health and social services needs promptly in this fast growing but underserved rural-designated area.

[Valley Care Community Consortium \(VCCC\)](#)

The Consortium brings together 180 public and private hospitals, public health and other agencies in the San Fernando Valley to conduct a large scale needs assessment, address access barriers, and related issues with a strong focus on low-income and multi-cultural populations.

[Access to Care Collaborative](#)

A program of San Fernando Valley hospitals and community agencies, the Collaborative seeks new ways to improve access to health care for the uninsured.

CHANGING LIVES

The direct services programs of Partners *impact individual lives* in meaningful ways:

[Family Care Network \(FCN\)](#) is a safety net program providing small and large grants for individuals and families facing a health care crisis. FCN's member network of agencies and other referral sources screens and refers recipients with funding provided by public agencies, private foundations, special funds, and general donations.

[Multi-Purpose Senior Services Program \(MSSP\)](#) provides care management for frail elderly in designated areas of Los Angeles County whose conditions place them at risk of unnecessary or premature nursing home placement.

[Care-A-Van Mobile Health Clinic](#) in cooperation with local hospitals, schools and agencies provides free and low-cost health services in remote areas of Antelope Valley and Kern County for those who are unable to access basic medical care.

[Hospice of Pasadena](#) is a non-profit, non-medical, volunteer and counseling hospice affiliated with Partners providing in-home volunteer visitors, adult, family and child counseling, community education and outreach programs.

PARTNERS IN CARE FOUNDATION: COMMUNITY

A Proven Track Record of Excellence

Partners is comprised of healthcare and social service professionals who *uniquely combine experience in operational settings with academic research credentials*. Their dedication to reshaping systems of care and their impressive body of work provide a proven track record that leads to project success.

Partners brings the following strengths to every project:

- ability to foster and focus innovative thinking
- support and direct strategic and program planning
- proven ability to form and sustain high impact collaboratives
- a highly successful track record with major funders
- knowledge of “best practices” in areas of interest
- a reputation for effectiveness
- timely, high quality deliverables

These strengths are supported by a solid array of technical skills and services:

- Project Definition
- Needs Assessment
- Project Planning and Management
- Research Design and Management
- Program Evaluation
- Outcomes Measurement
- Strategic Planning
- Development of Fundable Concepts
- Grant Writing
- Dissemination of Proven Models



Joseph V. Haggerty
President and
Chief Professional Officer
United Way of Greater Los Angeles

“Our long-standing relationship with Partners is a perfect example of how leading corporations and funders can invest in collaborative solutions to create real results for at-risk populations in Los Angeles. With its honored tradition and record of service, we look to Partners to continue to lead the way in innovation.”



A CALL FOR LEADERSHIP

ACCESS

Our invitation to join The Partners' Community Seeking Change in Systems, Communities and Lives

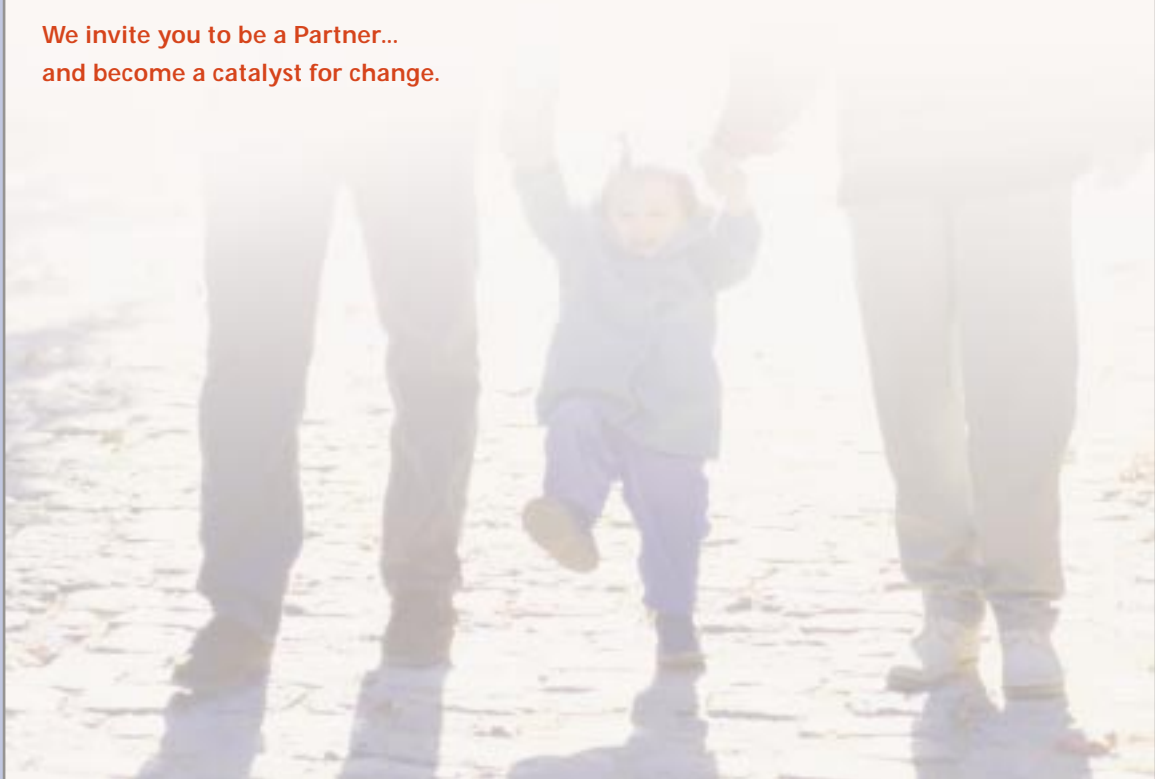
In surveying the landscape of health and social services, the need for change is immediately obvious - and urgent.

While the big picture is clear, the details of how to resolve the issues and get to where we want to go will depend on the leadership, energy, and persistence of us all.

In joining hands with us, our donors, funders, providers and community partners have stepped forward with an understanding and commitment to our mutual goals.

With the future shaped by the decisions we make today, we invite you to learn more about Partners. Investigate with us the ways that, together, we can bring about positive change for the greater good.

**We invite you to be a Partner...
and become a catalyst for change.**



For additional information on Partners and our work: www.picf.org

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OUR VISION

The Partners in Care Foundation is a non-profit that assists health care providers and community-based organizations to create, implement and evaluate new ways of delivering care. Partners serves as a catalyst to help shape a new vision of care by partnering with organizations, families and community leaders.



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