Elaine Batchlor, MD, MPH
Honored with the Vision & Excellence in Healthcare Leadership Award

Partners in Care Foundation’s 20th Annual Tribute Dinner

On June 3, 2019, over 400 healthcare executives and professionals gathered at the Beverly Hilton Hotel to honor Elaine Batchlor, MD, MPH, and current CEO of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Hospital in Los Angeles. Honored for her forward-thinking approach to addressing the challenges endemic to healthcare, her skills and abilities were touted from the stage by many individuals, including:

Partners’ Board Chair Marta Fernandez, Partners’ CEO June Simmons, Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Hospital Board Members Manuel Abascal, JD and Robert Margolis, MD, and LA County Second District Supervisor, Honorable Mark Ridley-Thomas. Both Abascal and Margolis served as Co-Chairs for the event.

In describing why Dr. Batchlor was selected for the award, Partners’ Board Chair Marta Fernandez continued:

From left: Robert Margolis, MD June Simmons, MSW Elaine Batchlor, MD, MPH Honorable Mark Ridley-Thomas Marta Fernandez, JD Manuel Abascal, JD
explained “she is a pioneer who has applied vision, experience and perseverance to successfully resurrect an institution that today serves its community through a special model of care that supports its unique needs.”

Fernandez went on to say that “Partners in Care Foundation is fortunate and honored to recognize Dr. Batchlor for her vision and excellence in providing dramatic and high-impact leadership in the health arena.”

Each year, this annual event not only honors a significant individual for their leadership and vision within the healthcare world, it also serves as a significant fundraiser for Partners in Care Foundation. This year’s event raised over $400,000, primarily through sponsorships and tribute journal advertisements.

Save the Date
Partners’ 21st Annual Tribute Dinner
Monday, June 8, 2020

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Partners’ Team

For the past 20 years, Partners has been a significant change agent in the social determinants of health arena. We have been called a “powerful innovator,” a “leader of change” and a “source of charity for those most in need of help.” Our success is due to people who are passionate about making things happen and have the skills to bring ideas to fruition. Each issue we introduce staff and Board members who have helped shape Partners success.

Katherine Kirchhoff

Managing Director
Cain Brothers a division of KeyBanc Capital Markets
Partners in Care Foundation Board Member since June 2018

Kathy is a CPA, Securities Principal, and General Securities Representative. She has a bachelor’s degree in Business Administration from California State University Fullerton (CSUF) and a Master of Business Taxation Degree from Golden Gate University. For nearly 20 years, Kathy’s work has been focused on the health care industry with specific attention on the post-acute and senior living sector. She has worked with more than 100 post-acute and senior living providers and organizations across the country. She was appointed to the State of California’s Continuing Care Advisory Committee by Governor Schwarzenegger in 2007 and has served on the Leading Age California Finance Committee since 1997.
Sharon was referred to Partners in Care after having been released from the hospital following treatment for overdosing on medication and alcohol. The 72-year-old suffers from Bipolar Disorder, severe depression, and memory problems. Sharon “had no one in her life to help her,” as her two children had been estranged from her and out of contact for several years. Being on her own and dealing with her chronic medical conditions made it difficult to deal with the daily issues that most people take for granted. Shopping is tough when your memory fails you and tasks around the home don’t get done when depression rules. Feeling safe was all but impossible.
That began to change once Partners received the MSSP referral. Given the severity of her circumstances, MSSP and Partners in Care agreed that services needed to start quickly for Sharon. Right away they provided her with chore hours in hopes that type of help would reduce much of the household pressure and help Sharon cope with the demands of day-to-day living.

Just as important was to quickly deal with Sharon’s safety, which was compromised through both her Bipolar Disorder and memory problems. A call to Lifeline had an emergency response services system rapidly set up in her home. Following a simple orientation to the service, Sharon understood that she was no longer on her own, with help and a friendly voice now just the push of a button away.

The last concern was to make sure she was able to attend appointments with her doctors and get to medical services. A call to Easy Lift and periodic oversight from the Partners team meant she made appointments as scheduled and was able to access transportation when needed - or desired.

Sharon says she feels so much safer at home and her life is so much better now that she has the support of both Partners and MSSP. Together, they have addressed many of the stresses in her life. The result? Sharon has begun rebuilding relationships with her children. She has been able to go to lunch with her son and has been able to hang out with her grandson! The pieces of her life that most people take for granted are beginning to once again fall into place for this grandmother, who believes that MSSP and Partners made it possible for her to get through “one of the darkest times” of her life.
I'm lost and feel so lonely
as if I'm disconnected from the world
immediately around me
I observe people pass, offering a friendly smile
so I smile back
assuming they know me
Pausing to start a conversation,
unsuccessfully, I search my memory
for anything in common
Even to merely talk about the weather
becomes difficult - so challenging
I make no sound
I question the wisdom of leaving
the safety of my home
then consider my sorrows - alone
I know, I know, I get up each morning determined
to be among people
and I moan
I feel like I'm on a small boat in a big sea
lost with an uncontrollable sadness
so deep
Drifting day after day realizing I have drifted
away from all that matters -
again I weep
My contact with the world is through the media -
so Byzantine and depressing
so I escape in a book
I have visitors who ask the same questions
and offer the same solution
and the same look
I miss my friends and the joy
enjoyed from doing the simplest,
sometimes foolish, things
I get panicky realizing so many are gone
remembering times we lived life
like kings and queens
You may say it's a choice to be alone
but it is undesired pain trying to conform
to a fast unaccommodating world
My loneliness is an anxious feeling
of disconnectedness hard to ignore -
I am in a different world
It is easy to do all things in my room
I can choose what and when
but there it ends
Sameness is confusing but offers the beauty of
day's beginning and
stillness when it ends
I stay in my room - once my sanctuary,
now a place of
self imposed confinement
Resigned, here I'll stay
anticipating a gracious departure from a world in
need of refinement
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