

Kaiser Permanente Northwest

2022 Community Health Snapshot

Kaiser Permanente Northwest Community Health furthers our mission with initiatives that help people experiencing health inequities to address the clinical, social, economic, and environmental factors that affect their health and ability to thrive. This work enlists our entire organization and region: physicians, dentists, nurses, technicians, navigators, all employees, and our community partners from Longview, Washington to Eugene, Oregon.

The numbers presented here are a snapshot of 2022 initiatives guided by Community Health priorities, which also respond to our Community Health Needs Assessment, and inform where our investments will make the greatest impact: **economic opportunity, equity, mental health, pandemic response, safety net partnerships, school health, subsidized care and coverage, and social health including housing and nutrition.** Many of our initiatives support more than one priority.

Community Engagement

90,000 Nutritious meals serving 3,000 member and non-member households across the region were packed and distributed by Kaiser Permanente Northwest volunteers in partnership with [Sunshine Division](#) to celebrate MLK Days of Service. Watch what [Distribution Day](#) is like.



758 Kaiser Permanente Northwest employees dedicated 16,434 hours to [community service and volunteerism](#).

Housing

100 Houseless individuals are benefiting from [Project HOME](#), a \$1.5 million grant to [Mid-Willamette Valley Community Action Agency](#) offering flexible funding to support housing and wrap-around services for members and patients experiencing homelessness in Marion and Polk Counties. Watch [Steven's Story](#).

3 Medical respite initiatives supported by a \$700,000 investment administered by [Share, Lower Columbia Community Action Program](#), and [Central City Concern](#). Medical respite is a crucial part of the health care continuum for people experiencing homelessness who are too sick to recover from illness or injury on the streets, but not sick enough to remain in the hospital.



Economic Opportunity

32 Small business owners – 75% BIPOC-owned; 50% woman-owned – joined the fourth cohort of [Portland's Inner City Capital Connections](#), an initiative designed to help small businesses access capital to spur growth and create jobs for local residents. Watch how we are [Improving Health Equity One Small Business at a Time](#).

4 Organizations serving low-income communities received a total of \$125,000 as part of a [\\$2.5 million grant](#) to [Change Machine](#) to help people with low incomes gain financial stability and security over the long term: [African American Alliance for Homeownership](#), [Central City Concern](#), [Human Solutions](#), and [Partners in Careers](#).



Pandemic Response

11,691 Vaccine doses administered at 348 clinics in collaboration with 155 community-based organizations through our COVID-19 vaccination partnership with [Medical Teams International \(MTI\)](#). MTI logged nearly 40,000 miles throughout the Northwest operating mobile vaccination clinics to meet underserved, culturally specific communities where they are, at times and locations that were convenient for them.



Equity

2 Agencies building capacity were each awarded \$150,000 over three years to build and strengthen systems and staffing to help reduce health disparities: Clackamas County Public Health focusing on communities of color in the Portland area, and TransPonder focusing on transgender/gender diverse individuals in the Eugene area.

2 African American nonprofits addressing systemic racism and social justice for individuals and communities of color each received \$150,000 to support leadership development, capacity building, policy change, and closing racial achievement and opportunity gaps through direct services to children and families: Urban League of Portland and Imagine Black.



Social Health

313 Free air-conditioning units were distributed as part of an outreach campaign to low-income members with heat risk medical criteria informing them about community resources to help them stay safe and cool during heat waves.

4,436 people accessed services through Connect Oregon and Unite Washington, community information exchanges comprised of a network of health systems, community clinics, and local nonprofits. Through secure, electronic closed loop referrals, network partners collaborate to ensure communities and individuals can easily access much-needed resources and social services.



Nutrition

361 Households contacted during an outreach campaign to facilitate child enrollment and retention in the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) in Clackamas County, Oregon.

\$99,500 grant to improve data collection and expand the scope of Meals on Wheels People Medically Tailored Meals program.



Mental Health

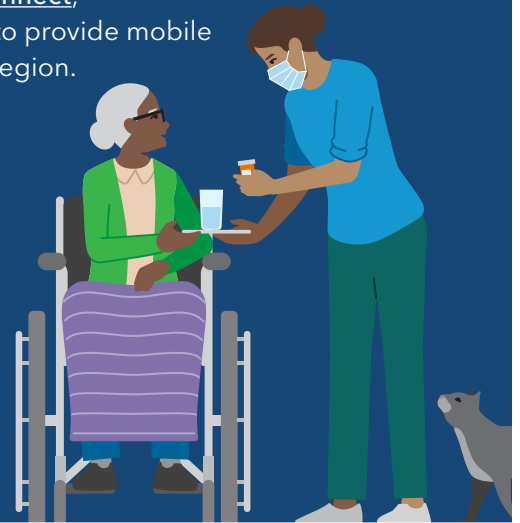
11 Social and emotional wellbeing grants totaling \$3.3 million awarded to organizations supporting BIPOC, immigrant and refugee, and LGBTQ2SIA+ communities – or those living at the intersection of these identities. Coalition of Communities of Color collaborated on the launch of the initiative, which aims to improve the social-emotional wellbeing, mental, and physical health of individuals and communities of color affected by generations of systemic racism and accompanying trauma.



Safety Net Partnerships

51 Clinics hosted by nonprofit partners as part of [Care & Connect](#), Kaiser Permanente's new partnership with Medical Teams International to provide mobile dental and health care services to underserved populations across the region. More stats: nearly 640 patient encounters, 500 dental encounters, 400 hypertension screenings, 200 diabetes screenings, over 85% of patients identified as a racial minority, and nearly 20 different primary languages spoken by patients.

11 Safety net partners received one-year \$60,000 grants from the [Health Systems Access to Care Fund at Oregon Community Foundation](#) to provide healthcare to uninsured/ underinsured people in the community. [Read more](#) about the impact of the fund that has awarded over \$2.3 million in grants since 2018.



School Health

8 School districts supported by a three-year \$438,000 grant to [Alliance for a Healthier Generation](#): Beaverton, David Douglas, Evergreen, Hillsboro, Longview, Portland Public, Salem-Keizer, and Vancouver.

5 Grants to five school districts of \$50,000 each to deploy [Thriving Schools Integrated Assessments](#) to advance wellness and educational goals by incorporating health-related strategies for students and staff into school and district improvement efforts rooted in an equitable approach to whole-child health: Beaverton, Eugene, Evergreen, Hillsboro, and Salem-Keizer.



Subsidized Care and Coverage

85,836 Medicaid patients received care through Kaiser Permanente's participation in Oregon Health Plan and Washington Apple Health. 14,600 of those patients received integrated medical and dental care through Health Share of Oregon. Additionally, through [Community Health Coverage](#), 816 members received medical coverage and 718 received dental coverage in partnership with community-based organizations.

2 Grants to Project Access partners in Southwest Washington and Marion-Polk Counties were awarded totaling \$150,000. As part of our Medical Financial Assistance (MFA) program, the grants to [Free Clinic of Southwest Washington](#) and [Northwest Family Services](#) help low-income, uninsured people connect to donated health care services.



OUR MISSION: To provide high-quality, affordable health care services and to improve the health of our members and the communities we serve.

OUR VISION: To be trusted partners in total health, collaborating with people to help them thrive, creating communities that are among the healthiest in the nation, and inspiring greater health for America and the world.



The close of 2022 rounded out nearly three years fighting COVID-19. Monumental advancements to end the pandemic were made with the availability of safe, effective vaccines. We celebrated the return to in-person gatherings and renewed optimism for the future. But there is no denying the profound effects of the last three years.

In 2022, Kaiser Permanente advanced our commitment to healing and good health for all by building on existing partnerships and creating new alliances that:

- Support flexible housing solutions and medical respite for people experiencing homelessness
- Improve individuals' social health and address the effects of climate and heat-related illnesses
- Expand access to mental, dental, and physical health care for un-and-underinsured individuals and families
- Invest in the social-emotional wellbeing of communities of color

And in numerous other ways we continue working to make lasting systems changes to eliminate the economic, social, racial, and health disparities disproportionately affecting Asian, Black, Indigenous, Latine, Pacific Islander, LGBTQ2SIA+, immigrant and refugees, and other underrepresented communities. These changes are imperative, and Community Health is dedicated to critically and sustainably improving the health and safety of our employees, members, and communities we serve, because every person in the Northwest deserves to live, learn, work, travel, play, and thrive.

BY THE NUMBERS

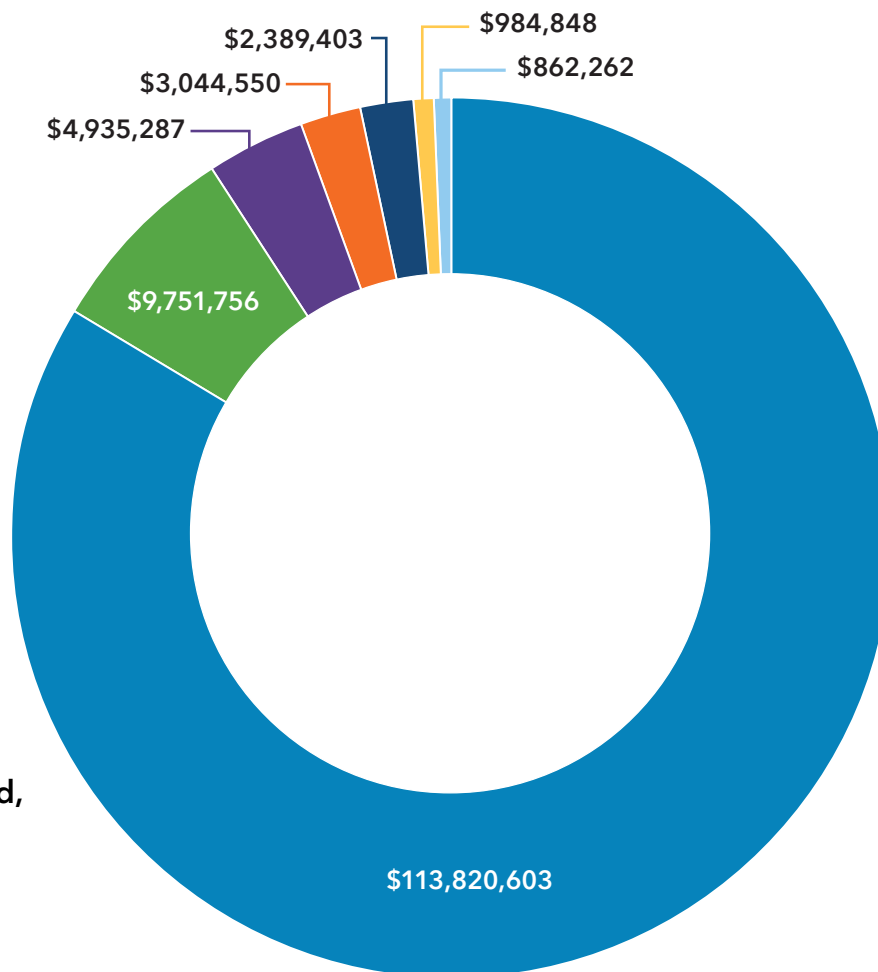
Kaiser Permanente Northwest made a total of \$135,789,073 in Community Investments in 2022.

Community and employee engagement
\$3,044,550

Safety-net partnerships
\$4,935,287

Research and education
\$9,751,756

Medical financial assistance, medicaid, charity care
\$113,820,603



Social health initiatives
\$2,389,403

Safe and supportive school initiatives
\$984,848

Economic opportunity initiatives
\$862,262

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