



**Community
Health
Partners**

In 1995, in response to growing concerns about access to medical care, the Community Health Partners was formed with members from **Kaiser Permanente, St. John Medical Center, the Cowlitz County Health Department, Regence BlueShield, PeaceHealth, and committed local residents.**

Today the Community Health Partners members are:

- ❖ Board President: Sr. Anne Hayes, VP of Mission Effectiveness, St John Medical Center,
- ❖ Treasurer: Ken Terhaar,, Community Representative
- ❖ Secretary: Lesley Bombardier, Community Representative
- ❖ CHP Coordinator: Paul Youmans, Director Pathways 2020
- ❖ Chuck Polacek: Regence/BlueShield Representative
- ❖ Vacant: Kaiser Permanente Representative
- ❖ Carlos Carreon: Cowlitz County Health Department Representative
- ❖ Kathryn Robbins, SJMC Parrish Nurse Coordinator

In addition to starting the **Cowlitz Free Medical Clinic** in 2005 the Community Health partners have been responsible for implementing other community based programs such as:

- ❖ **Domestic Violence Community Awareness Project** which produced public service announcements (PSA) that were aired on a local TV station,
- ❖ Produced the “**Teeth Under Construction**” **curriculum** for children in partnership with the University of Washington’s School of Dentistry,
- ❖ Offer quarterly **dental clinics** for Medicaid eligible children and their parents in partnership with the Longview-Kelso Kaiser Permanente Dental Office and staff from the University of Washington’s School of Dentistry,
- ❖ Produced and distributed 800 **adult dental kits** with a grant from the Health Care Foundation,
- ❖ Formed the **Adult Dental Planning Group** which is sponsoring, in partnership with FISH, the Adult Denture Project. The Denture Project provides dentures to community residents who need them to seek and/or maintain employment.

For more information about the Community Health Partners or to donate to any of their projects please contact:

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