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*A New Era  
of Health Care for  
the Underserved*



*It is the mission of the Foundation to support Asian Health Services in advocating for the elimination of all barriers to health care.*

## Introduction

Since 1974, Asian Health Services (AHS) has been providing primary health care to the underserved—low-income, immigrant, limited English-speaking seniors, families and children. From a one-room clinic, AHS has grown into a comprehensive primary health care center—medical, dental, behavioral health—with over 30 primary care physicians serving 20,000 patients and over 90,000 visits annually. AHS clinicians serve patients in English and nine Asian languages: Cantonese, Vietnamese, Mandarin, Korean, Khmer (Cambodian), Mien, Mongolian, Tagalog and Lao.

The Asian Health Services Foundation (the Foundation) was founded in 2008 to support and expand AHS' highly successful model of health care delivery to low-income families. As the philanthropic arm of AHS, the mission of the Foundation is to raise funds from individuals, corporations, and charitable foundations so as to increase the resources available to support the work of AHS in health care services and advocacy for the underserved.

## Advocating for the Underserved

AHS is a pioneer in advocating for the medically underserved. AHS is a nationally recognized leader in language access services, where limited English-speaking patients are assured competent health care from doctors, nurses, and patient navigators who speak their native tongue. In partnership with a wide community of civic leaders and community advocates, AHS is an active leader in advocating for the elimination of all barriers to health care, be they barriers relating to language, income or immigrant status.



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## A New Era of Growth and Innovation

As the nation engages in the most active health care reform effort in the history of this country, AHS stands ready to serve our community and expand its highly successful model of health care delivery to low-income families. Plans are underway to build additional satellite clinics in East Bay neighborhoods with high concentrations of underserved seniors, families and children.

The new clinics will serve as pilot sites to test innovative, integrated models of patient care. What is best for the patient is always at the forefront of the minds of AHS' clinicians.

The Foundation will play a central role in supporting the growth of AHS as the nation marches toward a new era of health care for the underserved—health care for all.