

Strike down barriers to health care!

Our second annual fundraising event was a huge success



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More than 160 friends and supporters joined us for our second annual **STRIKE! Down Barriers to Health Care** event on October 15, for an evening of fun and fundraising. Thanks to our donors and sponsors, including King Pin sponsor **CellNetix Pathology & Laboratories**, we raised **\$114,825!**

Our evening included a welcome from board president **Terri Rambosek** and directors **Kit Herrod** and **Joelle Fathi**, a special message from CellNetix CEO **Kathleen Fondren**, an inspiring story from Project Access Northwest patient **Sandra Alvarez Castillo**, and an exciting raffle and “raise the paddle” with celebrity emcee **Bender**.

I asked our guests to focus for a moment on why they were there, and I shared my own story.

We all have a “why” when we choose to support a worthy cause

(excerpts from my address that night)

My “why” is my mom. She passed away six years ago this month after a year-long battle with pancreatic cancer. Lucky for me, I was able to spend every moment ensuring she received the best care possible from her diagnosis to her passing in my arms.

Unfortunately, that year was marked with struggles and barriers that no one deserves. You see, my mom and... my entire family grew up in poverty, experiencing frequent episodes of homelessness. And in those times when a roof was over our heads and a medical emergency came up, we had to decide between paying rent, buying

food or going another week, and another week and another week without seeking medical care.

While I was lucky to escape that cycle of poverty, my mother and other family members were not. And so in her last year, I helped my mom navigate a system that didn’t have an organization like Project Access Northwest — one committed to bridging a large gap in health care.

Project Access Northwest is a unique safety net for thousands of people every year who, among other things, need access to specialty medical care.

Any patient receiving care at a community health center or free clinic who is living at or under 300 percent of the federal poverty level (about \$36,000 for one individual), can be referred to us when their primary care provider feels they need care beyond what is possible in the primary care setting.

After carefully reviewing each referral, we connect these patients to one of our **more than 1,700 volunteer providers** in more than **40 specialties**, including physical therapy, gynecology and general surgery, to name just a few.

All of this care coordinated is free of charge to the patient if they are uninsured and, if they have Medicaid, the provider bills Medicaid directly.

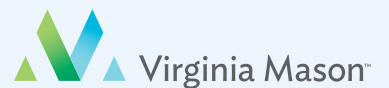
... We have now served and cared for more than 50,000 of the most vulnerable in our community.

For more information or to donate (yes, there is still time to give!), please call, email or give online at: projectaccessnw.org/give

You can read more online and see a gallery of photos at projectaccessnw.org/strike



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STRIKE! DOWN BARRIERS

A night out in support of Project Access Northwest

We raised \$114,825 at our fundraising event, with the help of our 160+ guests, in-kind donors and generous sponsors. Guests mingled and munched on delicious appetizers, played pool, bowled enthusiastically and then raised the paddle for a good cause—raising enough to serve more than 350 patients!*

1. Executive Director Gary Renville poses with celebrity emcee Bender and board secretary Henry Veldman, who won a prize for his excellent bowling form.
2. Project Access Northwest patient and keynote speaker Sandra Castillo gets a hug from her son Christopher Essau
3. Board member Dan Howell and Sejal Gajarawala
4. Board member Kit Herrod and Erik Wilterding
5. The team from Quinn Thomas provides public relations support for Project Access Northwest
6. Jay and Joelle Fathi and Beth Sylves show off their raffle rings
7. Executive Director Gary Renville and Board President Terri Rambosek
8. King Pin sponsor CellNetix was well represented!

* Based on our average care coordination cost of \$325 per patient

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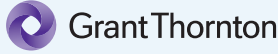
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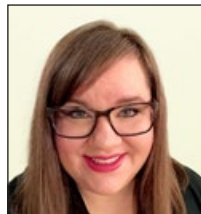
LEADERSHIP: Welcome our new board members



Gregory Clark



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Robert Sims, MD

New board members bring expertise and insight

Project Access Northwest welcomed four new members to its board of directors in recent months, bringing new perspectives, insights and expertise to our organization's leadership. **Gregory Clark** serves as chief administrative officer of Pacific Medical Centers; **Joelle Fathi, ARNP** is a clinical assistant professor in the School of Nursing at the University of Washington; **Lindsey Pervinich, CPA, MBA** works as director of finance and finance site lead at University of Washington Medical Center/University of Washington Physicians Network; and **Robert Sims, MD** is senior medical director at Seattle Genetics. They join 14 other community leaders who volunteer their time, energy and skills to support our vital mission of providing care to those most in need.

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