

## Community Resilience During COVID-19

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues, so do the inspiring efforts of local community organizations. In this newsletter, we highlight the efforts of two community partners who describe in their own words how they are responding to the pandemic and supporting our diverse and vulnerable communities.

### Mixteco/Indigena Community Organizing Project (MICOP)

With the COVID-19 pandemic, the work of our [MICOP](#) team has never been more important. We are delivering essential food supplies and PPE directly to immigrant and farmworker families throughout Oxnard.



Alongside our partners CAUSE and Future Leaders of America, we have re-launched the [805 UndocuFund](#) to assist undocumented immigrant individuals and families who are excluded from federally funded safety net programs and who have been economically impacted by the COVID-19 health crisis.

To date the 805 UndocuFund has raised \$2.6 Million. We are also reaching out to political leaders to help ensure that undocumented workers and the farmworker community are not left out of COVID-19 related stimulus packages. Through collaborative efforts and continued support, we want to make sure that all “essential” workers get access to critical benefits, such as unemployment and paid sick days, regardless of immigration status via #SafetyNetForAll. We are 1 of 12 organizations across California that was selected to help undocumented workers apply for assistance through Governor Newsom’s \$75-Million-dollar COVID-19 Disaster Relief Assistance for Immigrants (DRAI) program.

MICOP has also been working to disseminate COVID-19 information within our indigenous communities. We have developed videos and PSAs for our Mixteco, Zapoteco and Purepecha, and Spanish communities, which are broadcast online and through our indigenous radio station, [Radio Indigena, 94.1FM](#). On April 1st, our efforts were highlighted on the front page of the *Los Angeles Times*.



Leading up to early April, we developed multi-language PSAs on census-related topics and conducted outreach in agricultural fields. Our census outreach promotores continue to work towards the goal of ensuring that the farmworker community is counted.

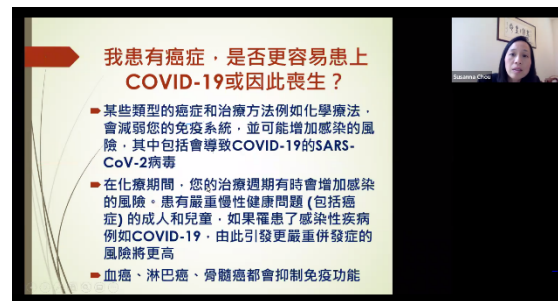


### Herald Cancer Association

The [Herald Cancer Association](#) has been a home, a refuge, and a trusted source of information for Chinese American cancer patients, survivors, and family members.

Due to the challenges brought by the COVID-19 pandemic, we have had to quickly adapt our service-delivery approaches, while continuing to provide information and psychosocial support to those we serve.

In February, we were forced to cancel all physical meetings with community members, including our cancer support groups, patient activities, and educational events. We knew this would be difficult for our patients, since many of them are not English speakers and are already socially isolated. The Safer-At-Home order led us to try new social media platforms to reach out to our community.



In April, we hosted our first-ever Zoom support group, where we shared information for cancer patients about COVID-19. Since then, we have hosted a community educational workshop on diet and nutrition and another support group via Zoom in Mandarin. Around 170 participants across the nation joined the workshop, and close to 80 cancer patients and caregivers in LA joined the support group. Over the last few weeks we have also responded to some essential needs in our community by sending out more than 900 masks to local cancer patients.

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues, we still face many challenges, including how to identify essential services for our non-English speaking patients. At the same time, we are glad that we have been able to build our capacity to reach beyond geographic

boundaries through the use of technology. Navigating this new normal has been both a learning and a humbling experience. For now, we continue to build virtual support groups and community workshops, and look for new ways to fulfill the needs of our community.

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## **New UCLA Study Highlights Why Neighborhood Conditions Make Sheltering in Place Tougher for Many Blacks and Latinos in LA**

[UCLA Policy Report](#) by UCLA Latino Policy and Politics Initiative, UCLA Center for Neighborhood Knowledge, and Ong & Associates discusses the uneven burden faced by local communities and the policies needed to support them.

## **COVID-19 Resources for Community Groups**

Please see the list of COVID-19 related resources for diverse and vulnerable communities we have compiled and continue to update here: <https://healthequity.ucla.edu/news/covid-19-resources-community-groups>.