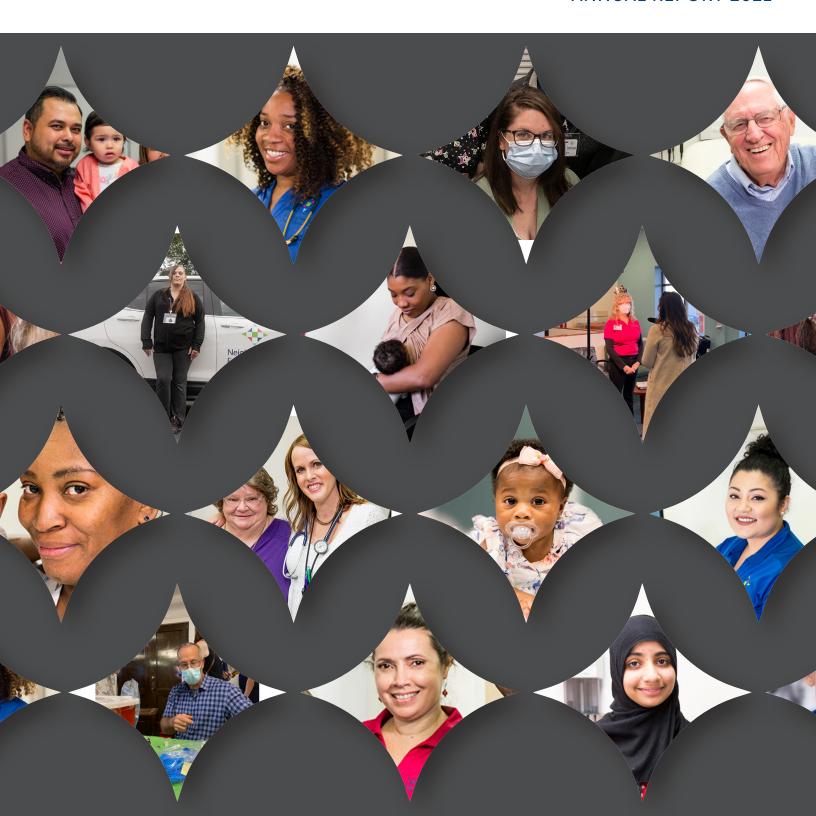
# OUR COMMUNITY COMMITMENT



**ANNUAL REPORT 2021** 



### **Dear Friends:**

Since 1980, Neighborhood Family Practice (NFP) has focused on providing high quality primary care and other services to residents of Cleveland's near west side and surrounding communities, particularly those who lacked access to care.

From the early days with one office in a storefront on Storer Avenue where we grew to serve 8,000 patients to our present seven community health center locations that serve more than 22,000; through the HIV/AIDS epidemic and the COVID-19 pandemic; through recessions and economic upswings and surges of patriotism and social unrest due to racial inequity in America, NFP has never lost focus on caring for its community.

As NFP's president and chief executive officer for nearly half of the organization's existence, I've seen our dedicated team of providers and staff step up time and time again to do what needs to be done to fulfill our mission of partnering with the community for everyone's best health by providing health care services regardless of a patient's ability to pay; treating patients with compassion, dignity and respect; protecting confidentiality; and offering culturally sensitive services and community outreach.

In 2021, along with ongoing efforts to combat the COVID-19 pandemic including administering nearly 33,000 vaccines and more than 4,000 boosters, we also made great progress in moving forward with our organizational strategic plan including:

- Opened a larger facility to expand access to care in Lakewood as the new home of our North Coast Community Health Center, doubling our capacity for services.
- Added physicians, advanced practice registered nurses and behavioral health staff while continuing to offer virtual and face-to-face care.
- Continued our commitment to welcoming refugees and other newcomers to receive comprehensive health care.
- Opened a pharmacy at our Puritas location and began prescription delivery services.
- Established board and staff committees dedicated to ensuring Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Intersectionality (DEII) throughout NFP.
- Continued collaboration with community partners to help build trust and reduce barriers to receiving care.
- Developed a behavioral health strategic plan to increase access to mental health resources for patients.



As I transition to retirement, I'm incredibly proud to have played a part in the success of an organization that does so much to help others. I'm also excited to see the continued positive impact NFP has on the health of those who live in the communities we serve. Through the guidance, devotion and innovation of our employees and community partners we will continue to dedicate ourselves to our mission.

Sincerely.

Jean Polster, RN, MS

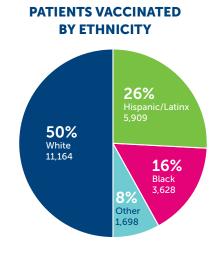
President and Chief Executive Officer

# Response to COVID-19



Throughout 2021, NFP dedicated significant efforts to addressing COVID-19 through continued testing at our health centers, distribution of masks and test kits, and the administration of vaccines. In addition, local businesses which signed the Community Cares Pledge (first introduced in 2020 by NFP and the Metro West Community Development Organization) received COVID-19 business kits, testing information and signage for mask mandates and social distancing.

Community education sessions were offered, and vaccines were administered at NFP community health center locations and nearly 30 others in 13 different zip codes within Cleveland and neighboring communities. Vaccine administration partners ranged from churches and schools to apartment buildings, community and senior centers and other organizations, with significant focus on those serving populations more vulnerable to the virus due to long-standing systemic and social inequities.





## NFP's Health Care Heroes

NFP is extremely grateful for our staff's dedication and commitment to serving our patients and community during the pandemic.

The rates of vaccinations and access to testing in our service areas were made possible by our very own "health care heroes." Thank you!



### In the News

NFP's work related to COVID was featured in various media outlets. On television, WKYC and WEWS covered outreach efforts related to vaccinations and testing. WOVU, a local radio station, interviewed Dr. Melanie Golembiewski on the importance of remaining safe during the Omicron wave in December 2021.

In addition to various local and community papers, the Wall Street Journal featured NFP's work related to providing access to testing and vaccinations for underserved communities.

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# NFP's Commitment to Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Intersectionality (DEII)

# NFP Board of Directors North Star Vision Statement



The NFP board is a committed group of people using their talents together to create an inclusive culture to advance NFP's mission. We value each person's uniqueness and empower board members to contribute to their fullest potential guaranteeing equitable access to quality healthcare for our community.



The intensifying focus on the lack of racial equity in America has been felt everywhere, and NFP is no exception. Over the past year, work groups established among our board of directors and staff – with support from consultants – have been working to improve practices and policies affecting racial equity and health disparities.

Board and staff committees continue to meet regularly to discuss Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Intersectionality efforts and develop vision statements, duties, goals and tactics.

## A Fond Farewell to Ann B. Reichsman, MD



After 40 years of service to NFP as a family physician, chief medical officer and senior medical advisor, Ann B. Reichsman, MD retired in December 2021. Dr. Reichsman joined NFP in 1981 because the organization aligned with her focus of combining the relationships of family medicine with holistic wellness, disease prevention and treatment.

Along with many others associated with NFP over the years, Dr. Reichsman dedicated her career to connecting those who cannot access or afford health care with the services they need and deserve.

In honor of Dr. Reichsman's legacy and impact, NFP established the Health Access Fund to raise funds to support the organization's mission.

# **Access to Quality Health Care**

# OF PATIENTS SERVED

22,399

**# OF VISITS** 

84,517

#### **APPOINTMENT TYPE**

Medical Midwifery

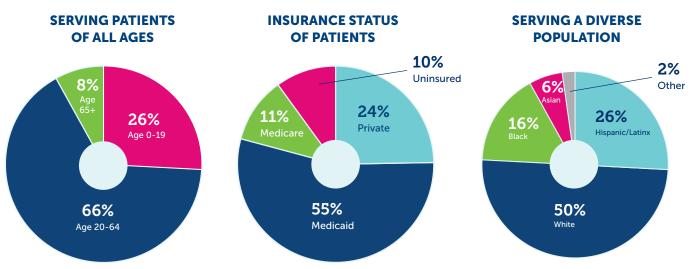
4,731 59,892

**Behavioral Health** 

17,529

**Dental** 

2,365



Source: Bureau of Primary Health Care, CY 2021 Uniform Data System (UDS) Report

### **Refugee Services**

The change in the White House administration and the war in Afghanistan had a major impact on the number of individuals and families arriving in Northeast Ohio with a refugee status.

Since 2010, NFP has welcomed refugees to Cleveland by providing the initial health screenings required upon their arrival into Cuyahoga County. These initial introductions to the quality health care provided at NFP often result in these individuals choosing to continue to receive primary care at NFP, along with specialty services including behavioral health, midwifery, dental and pharmacy.



**2021 MONTHLY REFUGEE ARRIVALS** 

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# **NFP in Our Neighborhoods**

#### **Community Engagement**

As the number of COVID cases declined thanks to the arrival and administration of vaccines, NFP's community outreach efforts and events resumed. Of 124 community events, many were COVID vaccine clinics, but others were educational, fun and engaging for participants.

#### 2021 community events included:

- National Health Center Week Children's Health Day Celebration
- CenteringPregnancy® gallery event and partnership



- World Refugee Day
- Reach Out and Read a creative childhood literacy campaign involving NFP staff sharing information about their favorite book on social media and the distribution of bagged book kits to patients
- Management and staffing of the Say YES! schoolbased health program at John Marshall High School
- Voter registration campaigns at all NFP community health center locations

#### Wellness for You

Wellness for You programming continued through 2021 with a focus on eating healthy foods and staying active during the pandemic.

#### Awards & Recognition

# Ohio Commission on Hispanic Latino Affairs (OCHLA) Award

NFP earned one of the Ohio Commission on Hispanic Latino Affairs' (OCHLA) Nuestra Familia Awards "for winning the trust of Latino families and building relationships that lead to better health outcomes".

"This award recognizes our consistent efforts to serve Cleveland's marginalized communities," says NFP President and CEO Jean Polster, RN, MS. "We had to think about how health is represented in communities of color, and how they can see health care as something to be a partner in instead of something to distrust."

Highlighted at the award presentation were NFP's efforts to supply COVID-19 vaccines through venues that were familiar to the Hispanic community, where people would feel comfortable and safe.

#### **Community Builders Award**

NFP was honored to be presented with the Community Builders Award from the Bellaire Puritas Development Corporation (BPDC) at their Annual Neighborhood Summit. The award recognized NFP for outstanding efforts to improve and strengthen the quality of life in the BPDC neighborhood.

#### **Delivery of Prescription Medications**



In June, NFP launched a prescription medication delivery service to help ensure patients can get their medications even if they can't get to the pharmacy. Using a vehicle purchased with funds raised through the 2020 Summer in the City Fund-A-Need, 632 prescriptions were delivered to patients by the end of 2021.

## New Lakewood Location

NFP purchased a building in the Birdtown neighborhood of Lakewood to meet the projected needs of patients and the community in 2022 and years to come.



### 2021 Financial Statement

SUPPORT	
Grants	7,529,031
Contributions	1,085,882
TOTAL SUPPORT	\$8,614,913

REVENUE	
Medicare and Medicaid	8,831,732
Private insurance and self-pay	2,033,651
Medicaid provider incentive program	(168,054)
Prescription plan fees	0
Pharmacy revenue, net	1,225,592
Miscellaneous	1,476,072
TOTAL REVENUE	\$14,581,614
TOTAL SUPPORT AND REVENUE	\$23,196,527

EXPENSES	
Program services	16,705,627
Support services	4,941,740
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$21,647,367

ASSETS	
Increase in net assets	1,549,160
Net assets, beginning	4,821,236
NET ASSETS, ENDING	\$6,370,396

As of June 30, 2021

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## North Coast Health Foundation Year in Review

NCHF is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) supporting organization of NFP. The Foundation works to raise awareness of NFP's mission and services and to foster philanthropic support from individuals and corporations for capital, charitable care and health center operations.



#### **Interpretation Services**

A total of 59 different languages are spoken by 24% of NFP patients. To aid in removing barriers to care, NFP provides interpretation at no cost to patients who speak a language other than English. Some interpretation is done in-person with bilingual staff members, and some is done by phone.

To support this service, the 2021 Summer in the City Fund-A-Need raised \$24,675 for language interpretation.

#### **Charitable Care**

In 2021, patients were supported by \$466,879 in charitable care.

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