Dear Friends,

With all of you, we made it through another year of the COVID-19 pandemic. We know you understand exactly what we mean when we say so much has changed.

During this difficult period across the world, where pandemic challenges expanded exponentially and cost lives of millions, national cohesion, resilience and solidarity, there is another reality—recognizing and embracing our collective human need to connect and care among others.

“There is always light, if only we’re brave enough to see it. If only we’re brave enough to be it.” Amanda Gorman

Yes, homes are still among us and breathe working together to bring light and healing to those suffering among us.

Over this past year, you chose to remain with us in action through your generous investment in the health of our community. You trusted us to steward less restricted resources with integrity and apply at a time of competing needs among so many in our community.

The success of our work over this past year was only possible because of the relationships built and the forging of collaborative efforts with;

- YOLI, our supporters,
- Other community providers and partners,
- And our volunteers and staff.

This synergy of caring and collaboration enabled Health Brigade to implement creative models of care to reach the most vulnerable patients and clients across the region.

We navigated the pandemic peaks using a hybrid model of safe on-site visits and telehealth breaks.

We offered needed care and medical visits, not only at our facility, but across a broad spectrum of venues where people gathered—neighborhood events, basketball games, outdoor, and homes. Dr. Wallace, our Medical Director, spent many evenings and weekends in the community offering testing and vaccines to populations most impacted by COVID-19.

Fully on, our Mental Health & Wellness programs went a quick transition to telemedicine, reaching clients. With the addition of a mental therapist, client visits with Spanish-speaking clients went from 42% from 113 visits year to year 57% this year.

Health Outreach program; Like Compassion’s Farm Production and Ryan’s guide to Port B never stopped meeting clients where they were—on the street, in a front porch step, or sitting in driver ways on benches. As you may remember, but it is “We put ourselves at considerable risk just doing our jobs.”

We hope that this report provides you a brief snapshot into the “good work being done,” and we invite you to come to our AGM to the happen to day at Health Brigade to make the same decision to trust and feel better for our community.

With deepest gratitude,

Kevin A. Zaleski
CEO & Executive Director

Key Performance Statistics

32%
30/93
Total
PATIENTS/Clients ENCOUNTERS INCREASE in total number of encounters across all Health Brigade programs

25%
53/217
Mental Health INCREASE in number of medical clients this year

43%
3,933
HEALTH OUTREACH INCREASE in total number unique clients

29%
40/1,357
Ryan White PART B INCREASE in number of management experiences

10%
1,397/12,346
COMPREHENSIVE Harm Reduction SYRINGE EXCHANGE INCREASE IN syringes distributed and saved lives AND INCREASE in number of sites distributed

Financial Snapshot
July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021

CASH REVENUE = INKPI

$3,562,442 Total CASH REVENUE

$1,015,217 Cash

$2,547,225 Other Revenues

$38,394 Cash

$2,076,829 Total CASH EXPENSE

$38,394 Cash

$2,038,435 Other Revenues

$38,394 Cash

$2,000,041 Total CASH EXPENSE

Difference is in Net Assets / Surplus $38,394
Primary Medical Care

The COVID-19 pandemic has strained Health Brigade’s resources and challenged its mission. However, the organization’s mission remains committed to serving under-resourced communities. The team has innovated by offering telemedicine services to ensure continuity of care. Through telehealth visits, patients can receive medical advice and treatment without leaving their homes, making healthcare more accessible and convenient.

Mental Health & Wellness

Richmond Health Care has long been a leader in the mental health field. New approaches are being explored to improve the mental health of individuals. Dr. Alexis Espinal, a specialist in mental health, recently conducted a study on the psychological impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. The study revealed that many patients experienced increased stress, anxiety, and depression. The findings underscore the importance of mental health services during these challenging times.

Health Outreach & Advocacy

Community health care is essential for the well-being of all communities. Health Brigade has taken steps to ensure that everyone has access to quality health care. The organization continues to advocate for policies that support health equity. "We want to ensure that every person has the same access to healthcare," said Adam Little, executive director of Health Brigade.

The Health Brigade’s focus on community health care aligns with the broader goal of reducing health disparities. The organization’s efforts are aimed at improving health outcomes for underserved populations. With a commitment to community health, Health Brigade remains dedicated to providing accessible and equitable healthcare services.