

MICHAEL WONG, MD

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Michael Wong, MD, knew that getting an underserved population to come to a health fair would be much easier than getting them to actually go to a doctor. So in 2001, he organized the first Neighbors in Health event, a community health fair offering free education, counseling, and other medical services to poor and uninsured residents of the San Joaquin Valley.

The event, staffed by volunteers, served 7,000 people the first year, and continues to grow.

Meanwhile, Dr. Wong, and family, can be found at far-flung farm labor camps, community centers and schools in disadvantaged areas. He also travels to Mexico each year for another medical outreach program he created.

