



“It’s access. Access to those healthcare facilities. Access to jobs and better jobs. Access to improved education. Those are the things that make great communities.”

– Dan Dixon, G2L President

GLOBAL TO LOCAL

THE PROBLEM

Underserved populations often face barriers to basic health and economic resources, including lack of access to preventative care, contributing to mismanagement of chronic disease and shortened lifespan. Conventional means of solving these endemic challenges have failed.

THE APPROACH

Global to Local (G2L), created through a partnership between HealthPoint, Public Health—Seattle & King County, Swedish Health Services, the Washington Global Health Alliance and the cities of SeaTac and Tukwila, builds on the expertise of Washington state’s global health institutions to bring strategies that have proven effective in developing countries to underserved communities in the United States. The goal is to use innovative, holistic and community-driven solutions to address health and economic development disparities in diverse, low-income populations.

DESIGNING THE MODEL

G2L identified communities that face the greatest disparities in the region. Twice as many people in South King County (the cities of SeaTac and Tukwila specifically) live below the federal poverty line than the overall King County average. Seventeen percent of all kindergarten students in Tukwila are homeless, and these cities experience 150 percent more diabetes related deaths than the King County average.

Recognizing that solutions must be community-driven, G2L conducted an in-depth assessment within the cities of SeaTac and Tukwila to better understand their needs and assets. G2L also worked with PATH, a Seattle-based global health organization, to identify successful global health strategies that could be modified to respond to these local challenges.

“Over the past four years Global to Local has become an integral partner in the work going on in SeaTac and we are starting to see real changes. These communities are now starting to advocate for the things that they need, which is something that we never saw before.”

– Colleen Brandt-Schluter,
SeaTac Human Services
Manager



COMMUNITY-DRIVEN PROGRAMS

“Our weekly exercise program improves health and strengthens the sense of community for Somali women in the area.”

– **Aisha Dahir**,
Community Health Worker

“Together, we hope to bring new solutions to help answer the unique and growing needs of this community.”

– **Billy Chow**,
Bartell Drugs’ Director of
Pharmacy Operations and
Clinical Services

TO DATE, G2L:



Provided support for more than **12,000 people**



Identified, trained and provided tools to **dozens of community leaders** who are now making a positive difference in their neighborhoods



Partnered with over **40 community organizations**, leveraging resources to meet community needs



Raised more than **\$4 million** from public and private partners



PARTNERS & SPONSORS

WIDE BASE OF SUPPORT

G2L was founded by HealthPoint Community Clinic, Public Health—Seattle & King County, Swedish Health Services and the Washington Global Health Alliance, along with support from the cities of SeaTac and Tukwila.

A growing number of community partners and sponsors such as AT&T, Aetna Foundation, Bartell Drugs, Boeing, Novo Nordisk, Starbucks, Seattle Foundation and Washington State University continue to support G2L’s ongoing work in the community.

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