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Santa Clara County is one of the richest and most ethnically diverse counties in the United States where median family income is in excess of \$83,000. Yet, **25%** of our residents need assistance to meet their basic family needs such as access to quality jobs, home ownership, health care, and education for their children.

Health inequities, stemming from inability to access social resources such as power, money and education are not natural or unchangeable; instead, are directly related to the quality of our public policies.

The Santa Clara Valley has a successful history of building partnerships with agencies, government, neighborhood organizations and businesses for the good of the whole community. *Together* we can work to improve the factors that impact health, thus creating an equitable society.

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