

LIFELONG MEDICAL CARE'S
2019 BOBBIE AWARD RECIPIENT

DOROTHY GRAHAM



In 2007, LifeLong Medical Care established the Bobbie Singer Award in honor of long-time health care advocate Rosalind “Bobbie” Singer. Her model of health care advocacy set an example that encourages and supports citizen advocacy for a stronger and more just health care system.

Dorothy Graham, our Bobbie Award winner this year, continues to carry that torch. Ms. Graham worked for more than 30 years as an advocate, planner, and administrator to improve the health care system so that low-income and medically indigent people could receive the care they so desperately need.

Ms. Graham has been a tireless advocate for mental health services as well. During her years at UC Berkeley, she brought together peers to establish a model, psychiatric halfway house. She also was the founder and first administrator for the state-licensed community mental health agency, Berkeley Place. Ms. Graham’s commitment to projects like these – and many others that most people did not have the vision or tenacity to accomplish – earned Ms. Graham the honor of Woman of the Year for Health Care for Alameda County in 2001.

Ms. Graham has been a tireless advocate for social justice issues that affect all of us and for access to health for all. LifeLong Medical Care, Alameda County, and indeed the entire State of California are better, more humane places to live today because of Ms. Graham’s grace and passionate commitment to community health care. We are proud to honor her today.