

CUGH - A Network Built for this Moment

October 1, 2026

Dear colleague,

Global health is vital to addressing the pressing challenges the world is facing. However, financing has declined, hard won gains in development are threatened, impacting the world's most vulnerable people most of all. Science-based voices are harder to hear, research programs are threatened, international collaborations are compromised and talented students are increasingly anxious about career opportunities. These challenges are bigger than any one university, organization or nation. Addressing them requires building equitable, durable, partnerships that deploy the power of science to improve the health of people and the sustainability of our planet. This is why CUGH is more important than ever.

CUGH's Board, committees and Secretariat have set out our [Strategic Plan for 2025–2028](#). Over the next three years, we will:

- Mobilize our members, the public and partners across sectors to address critical challenges; release a ***Future of Global Health Report***; hold Capitol Hill Days, and deliver in-person or virtual strategic convenings in Washington, DC & around the world.
- Strengthen universities and their global health programs. Create opportunities for students and researchers globally through equitable, multidisciplinary partnerships, and invest in the next generation of leaders.
- Grow a stronger, more diverse consortium; welcoming new members from every region and sector with the aim to connect global health capabilities with community needs.
- Forge inter-sectoral partnerships between academia, governments and other sectors to strengthen the capacity to scale up programs that address citizens' needs & bridge the research- policy- implementation gap.
- Effectively advocate for measures that address global and domestic challenges and strengthen our members' communication and advocacy skills.

CUGH is working to amplify and extend your reach in a number of ways. This month we hosted [*From Evidence to Impact*](#), a two-day, in-person communications workshop where Pulitzer Center journalists trained researchers, students and health practitioners in these skills. The 14th NIH- National Cancer Institute's Global Cancer Research Symposium which began at CUGH's annual conference, held a successful 3 day free, open access virtual conference.

[**CUGH's annual virtual Global Health Week, Oct. 27-29**](#), will showcase 12 open access sessions including new student research presentations. In February 2027, we will convene in Lima, Peru, bringing our annual conference to Latin America for the first time. We want to build on what we as CUGH do well. Build equitable partnerships, share knowledge, advocate, and harness the power of academia and other sectors to address current challenges.

To help us to implement our programs please contribute to our fundraising drive. Our goal is to raise \$200,000 by December 31. All donations in the US are tax deductible.

To support our plan please see: <https://cugh.org/our-work/donate>

Thank you for the work you do and for standing with CUGH to improve the health of people and the sustainability of our planet.

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Keith Martin" followed by a period. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Keith Martin MD, PC
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P.S. Please share this letter with your networks and tell us how you'd like to get involved. Participation in our committees, mentorship program & event partnerships are open.