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**Founder & Former Executive Director
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Alice T. Chen is a board-certified internal medicine physician and a national leader in physician advocacy, community organizing, and public health. Chen received her undergraduate degree from Yale University and went on to attend medical school at Weill Cornell Medical College. During medical school, she volunteered for the Red Cross as a case worker for low-income families in

Lower Manhattan who lost their livelihoods in the aftermath of 9/11. She then completed her residency in internal medicine at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA, where rotations displayed the inequities of the healthcare system and their profound impact on patient lives.

Dr. Chen became an internal medicine hospitalist and faculty member first at UCLA and then at George Washington University in Washington, D.C., training hundreds of residents and medical students. In 2009, she helped found and ultimately became the executive director of Doctors for America, a grassroots organization of thousands of physicians and medical students in all 50 states who advocate for policies to improve the lives of their patients. Under her leadership, the organization played an important role in the passage and implementation of the Affordable Care Act, Medicaid expansion, federal funding for gun violence research, and other issues.

In 2021, Dr. Chen became senior advisor to Made to Save, providing strategic and public health leadership to a national COVID-19 vaccine public outreach and equity campaign. Over 18 months, the campaign built a coalition of 1600 partner organizations, provided nearly \$7 million in funding to 110 community-based organizations serving hardest hit communities of color, trained thousands of vaccine ambassadors, and helped shrink equity gaps in vaccine uptake. Dr. Chen's series of pandemic updates garnered 1.5 million views on YouTube.

Dr. Chen currently serves on boards and advisory groups for several organizations focused on climate change, health equity, and grassroots organizing. She lives with her husband, Dr. Vivek Murthy, and their two children in Washington, D.C.