



Cellist. Community Builder. KP Attorney.

On most days, Beong Kim mans a busy workload, juggling non-stop calls and meetings, reviewing complex documents, and advising on intricate legal matters in his capacity as vice president, assistant general counsel at Kaiser Permanente. It's not what anyone would describe as soothing, and there's certainly no time for escapism.

But every so often, that's just what he and his wife Bonnie Wongtrakool bring to their Pasadena neighborhood. While the sounds of our streets are oddly quiet now, theirs rings with the lilting sounds of classical music.

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Lifelong musicians, Beong and Bonnie began giving weekend "porch concerts" when the Safer-at-Home orders were put in place. Beong sets up his cello just outside their Craftsman home, while Bonnie plays piano inside a large front window.

Appreciative neighbors set out chairs on nearby lawns, joggers stop in their tracks, and strolling families gather safely on the sidewalks, gratefully applauding after each piece.

In a recent [Los Angeles Times profile](#) Beong describes their impromptu concerts as, "...our very tiny way of saying to our neighbors and any passersby, 'We're in this together, and we'll get through it together.'" His neighbors agree, noting, "There is a human need to gather, to appreciate the arts," and "It really feels like a community service that they are doing...for everyone who feels so isolated."

At a time when finding such much-needed connection is more crucial than ever, Beong is doing what so many others at Kaiser Permanente do each day: selflessly giving of themselves to create community, and finding innovative ways to uplift and care for others.