

Community Benefit Annual Report



As part of our commitment to Mesa County and Western Colorado, St. Mary's Medical Center addresses the most critical needs of the communities we serve; with emphasis on those who are poor and vulnerable. Our founders, the Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth, developed creative ways to provide healthcare in their communities more than 150 years ago. Through strong community partnerships and thoughtful assessment of needs, we continue that work today.

Addressing housing to improve health

Homelessness has many causes, and it is correlated with many of the social determinants of health that play a big part in people's health and well-being. Housing insecurity, food insecurity, physical safety, access to healthcare, access to education, economic security, and more are all impacted by and contribute to homelessness.

St. Mary's has long supported Homeward Bound, a leader in addressing homelessness in Mesa County. That support has included a cash gift of \$300,000 to help build the new Pathways Family Shelter, in addition to more than \$35,000 worth of free laundry services annually to help the shelter provide clean linens for its residents.

Starting in 2021, St. Mary's expanded its support of Homeward Bound. Working in partnership with Colorado Mesa University, St. Mary's caregivers are providing on-site primary care services at the shelter to make sure that everyone who stays there has access to health care.

"This new partnership aligns with the prioritized community health needs in Mesa County," said Gretchen Gore, Vice President of Mission Integration for St. Mary's. "Our goal is to address or help prevent underlying health issues or chronic disease that would otherwise hold people back."



St. Mary's gave \$300,000 to help its long-time partner, Homeward Bound of the Grand Valley, build the Pathways Family Shelter.

2021-2023 Community Health Priorities

Every three years, St. Mary's partners with public health, other health care providers, and community members to assess the most important health needs in the community. Following the assessment, the hospital chooses health priorities on which it will focus Community Benefit efforts.

St. Mary's is focused on the following health priorities for Community Benefit programming:



Education



Health Implications



Healthcare and Access

St. Mary's Medical Center Community Partners, 2021

- Grand Valley Catholic Outreach
- Grand Valley Catholic Outreach Day Center
- Colorado Mesa University
- HopeWest Hospice
- Riverside Education Center
- National Multiple Sclerosis Society
- Marillac Clinic
- Hilltop Latimer House
- Hilltop B4 Babies
- Back The Badge
- STRIVE
- American Red Cross of Western Colorado
- Bike to Work
- Grand Junction Economic Partnership
- Mindsprings Health
- Colorado Discover Ability
- Quality Health Network
- Homeward Bound of the Grand Valley
- Pathways Family Center
- Project Helping Kynd Kits
- Project C.U.R.E.
- Mesa County Health Department
- Craig Memorial Hospital
- Montrose Memorial Hospital
- Counseling & Education Center
- Foodbank of the Rockies
- United Way Mesa County
- Holy Family Catholic School
- Diocese of Pueblo
- Colorado Christian University
- District 51 School District
- Suicide Prevention Coalition
- Community Transformation Group
- Downtown Grand Junction
- Delta Memorial Hospital

What is Community Benefit?

The IRS requires nonprofit hospitals to report their investments in Community Benefit activities.

These are activities that respond to an identified community health need and:

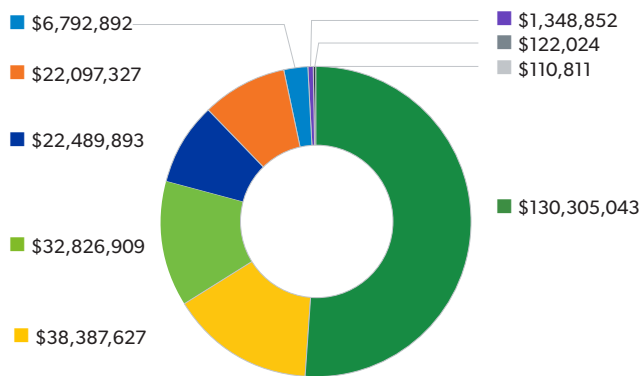
- Improve access to care
- Enhance the health of a community
- Advance medical or health knowledge
- Reduce the burden of local, state, federal government, or other community efforts

When reporting to the IRS, Community Benefit investments are organized into the following general categories:

- Unreimbursed costs for care provided to Medicaid beneficiaries
- Charity care and financial assistance for patients who are unable to pay for care
- Cash and in-kind contributions to support identified community health needs
- Health professions education, including clinical training for nursing, pharmacy, and other health professions
- Subsidized health services, which are services provided at a loss but without which the community's access to care would suffer
- Means-tested government programs, which includes the unreimbursed care under means-tested programs like the Children's Health Insurance Plan.
- Community building activities, including economic development efforts and other community supports
- Community building activities, including participating in community coalitions to advance health and physician recruitment to maintain health care access
- Research includes studies or investigations that increase knowledge made available to the public

2021 Community Benefit Investments

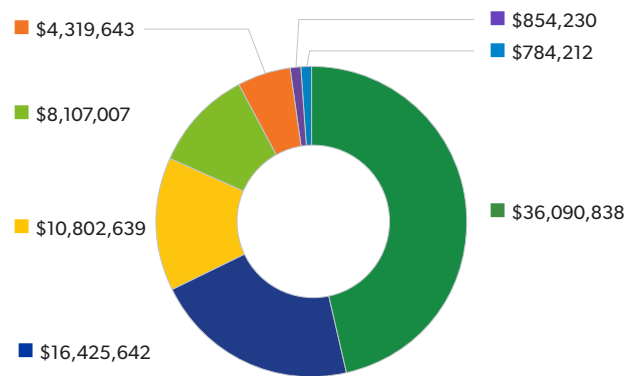
SCL Health Colorado: \$254.5 M



Statewide totals include clinic contributions not reported on hospital Form 990 Schedule H.

- Cash and In-Kind
- Subsidized Health Services
- Charity Care and Financial Assistance
- Health Professions Education
- Community Health Improvement and Community Benefit Operations
- Other Means-Tested Government Programs

St. Mary's Medical Center: \$77.4 M



- Community Building Activities
- Unreimbursed Medicaid
- Research

2021 – By the Numbers

49,725.63



Pounds of laundry washed and dried for Homeward Bound clients and residents.



768

Number of nursing students who received clinical training at St. Mary's.



1,105

Individuals served through Rose Hill Hospitality House, which provides overnight accommodations for out-of-town patients.

8

Number of hospital departments that were subsidized health services, paid for by St. Mary's to ensure they remain open to the community, including the infusion center for cancer care, dialysis for kidney and diabetes care, neonatal intensive care for premature and ill newborns, and more.

