

# Community Benefit Annual Report



As part of our commitment to Mesa County and Western Colorado, St. Mary's Medical Center improves the health of the communities we serve, especially the poor and vulnerable. Our founders, the Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth, developed innovative ways to provide healthcare in their communities more than 150 years ago. Through a comprehensive assessment of community needs and strong local collaborations, we strive to continue that work today.

## St. Mary's Supports Local Student Project to Provide Free Period Products

St. Mary's Medical Center champions community partners who are addressing critical healthcare needs in their corner of Colorado. One recent project was spearheaded by four incredible young women from Palisade High School who wanted to ensure their fellow students could access feminine hygiene products with dignity, and asked St. Mary's for support.



Students and administrators at Palisade High School prepare to install stocked dispensers donated by St. Mary's Medical Center that will provide free period products for students.

Every woman is familiar with the panic of being in a public setting without menstrual supplies. At Palisade High School, students described locating products like a game of scavenger hunt, usually relying on fellow students for help. While bathrooms had dispensers, they required payment and products were typically outdated. The school nurse was a last resort since she paid out of pocket for supplies, and many students felt embarrassed asking for help. The common crisis is what inspired these student leaders to create the Free Period Products project as part of their International Baccalaureate program.

One of the students involved with the project is a volunteer at St. Mary's and she brought the idea forward to hospital leaders. The hospital donated four dispensers, one for each school bathroom, stocked with period products. The students raised an additional \$400 to keep the dispensers sustainably stocked for several more years.

"It seems like such a small thing, but it keeps young women in school. Access to education is vital for our community to thrive," said Gretchen Gore, VP of Mission Integration at St. Mary's Medical Center. "We are so incredibly proud of these young women and their work to help their fellow students."

## 2022-2024 Community Health Priorities

Every three years St. Mary's Medical Center works with public health stakeholders, community members and other health care providers to understand and assess the most important local health needs.

Based on the most recent assessment in 2021, St. Mary's identified the health priorities that will be the focus of community benefit efforts, programs, and collaborations for the following three years.



Education



Health Implications



Healthcare Access

## St. Mary's Medical Center – Community Partners 2022

- American Red Cross of Western Colorado
- Back The Badge
- CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates)
- Center for Children
- Colorado Christian University
- Colorado Discover Ability
- Colorado Mesa University
- Community Transformation Group
- Counseling & Education Center
- Craig Memorial Hospital
- Delta County Hospital
- Diocese of Pueblo
- Downtown Grand Junction
- Foodbank of the Rockies
- Grand Junction Economic Partnership
- Grand Junction Imagination Library
- Grand Valley Catholic Outreach & Day Center
- Hilltop B4 Babies
- Hilltop Latimer House
- Holy Family Catholic School
- Homeward Bound of the Grand Valley
- HopeWest Hospice
- Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church
- La Plaza (Child & Migrant Services)
- Marillac Clinic
- Mesa County Health Department
- Mesa County Suicide Prevention Coalition
- Mesa Valley School District 51 Foundation
- Mindsprings Health
- Montrose Memorial Hospital
- National Multiple Sclerosis Society
- Pathways Village Family Center
- Project C.U.R.E.
- Riverside Education Center
- Special Olympics
- STRIVE
- Quality Health Network
- United Way Mesa County

## What is Community Benefit?

The IRS has federal requirements for nonprofit hospitals like St. Mary's Medical Center to report their investments in Community Benefit activities which are programs or activities that provide treatment and/or promote health and healing as a response to community needs:

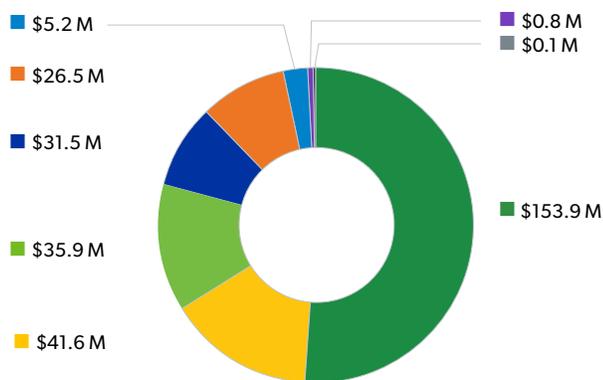
- Improve access to care
- Enhance the health of a community
- Advance medical or health knowledge
- Reduce the burden of local, state, federal government, or other community efforts

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 Child Health Plan Plus (CHP+)
- 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 (Note: No Research investments were reported in 2022)

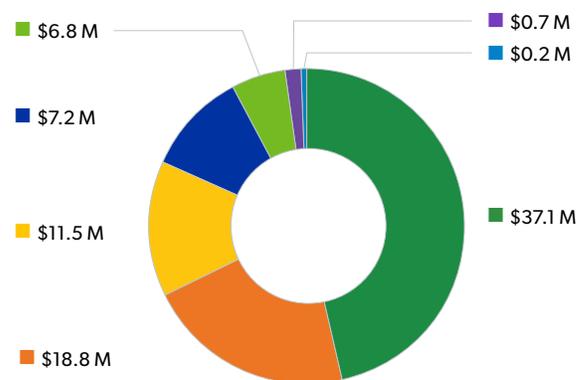
## 2022 Community Benefit Investments

### SCL Health Colorado: \$295.6 M



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

### St. Mary's Medical Center: \$82.3 M



- Unreimbursed Medicaid
- Subsidized Health Services
- Other Means Tested Government Programs
- Health Professions Education
- Cash and In-Kind Contributions
- Community Building Activities
- Charity Care At Cost
- Community Health Improvement and Community Benefit Operations

## 2022 By The Numbers

 **3,171**

Pounds of recovered food from St. Mary's Columbine Café was donated to Homeward Bound to feed shelter residents and community members in need



**894**

Students completed clinical rotations at St. Mary's Hospital for hands-on training in nursing, radiology, laboratory, dietary nutrition, mental health, spiritual care, healthcare leadership, and emergency medical services



**1,480**

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

**10**

Crucial hospital departments that continued offering subsidized health services, including the infusion center for cancer care, dialysis for kidney and diabetes care, and neonatal intensive care for premature and ill newborns

