

Community Benefit Annual Report



As part of our commitment to Miles City and the State of Montana, Holy Rosary Healthcare improves the health of the communities we serve, especially the poor and vulnerable. 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.

Comprehensive Cancer Care for Eastern Montana

Cancer patients in eastern Montana often face traveling long distances to receive radiation oncology treatments. With support from a \$6 million grant from The Leona M. and Harry B. Helmsley Charitable Trust, Holy Rosary broke ground in April for a new 12,000-foot facility that will be the only comprehensive cancer center within a 125-mile radius. The total cost of the project is \$17 million and expected completion is late 2024. It will provide medical and surgical oncology as well as radiation services that will change the landscape of access to healthcare in rural Eastern Montana.



Dee Abbott, community member and cancer survivor, is joined by Karen Costello, Holy Rosary Healthcare President, at the groundbreaking for the new comprehensive cancer center.

“There is not a single day that I don’t feel thrilled to be a cancer survivor,” said Dee Abbott, a Miles City resident who traveled a long road in every sense of the word for her journey to remission. She was diagnosed with breast cancer in March 2022 and her aggressive treatment plan required a regular 300-mile roundtrip between Holy Rosary, St. Vincent Healthcare, and her home. During the winter, it was necessary to stay in Billings Monday through Friday for five straight weeks for radiation. “Most often, I was there by myself. Leaving Miles City meant I had to leave my support,” she shared about the challenge of traveling to receive care.

The cancer center will allow community members in eastern Montana to stay closer to home as they receive lifesaving care. “Holy Rosary has a long legacy of providing high-quality cancer care, including medical and surgical oncology, survivorship programming, and other health and wellness services,” said Karen Costello, President of Holy Rosary Healthcare. “This center is an example of our commitment to increase access and expand services like radiation oncology to our communities.”

2024-2026 Community Health Priorities

Every three years Holy Rosary Healthcare works with public health stakeholders, community members and other healthcare providers to understand and assess the most important local health needs.

Based on the most recent assessment in 2023, Holy Rosary has identified the health priorities that will be the focus of community benefit efforts, programs, and collaborations for the coming three years:



Access to
Healthcare



Behavioral
Health



Chronic
Disease
Prevention &
Management

Holy Rosary Healthcare – 2022 Community Collaborators

- Area Health Education Center (AHEC)
- Custer County Educational Foundation
- Custer County Food Bank
- Custer County Public Schools
- Custer County Transit
- Custer Network Against Domestic Abuse & Sexual Assault (CNADA)
- Eastern Montana Mental Health Center
- Miles Above 4 Youth
- Miles City Area Chamber of Commerce
- Miles City Economic Development
- Miles City Meals on Wheels
- Miles City Soup Kitchen
- Miles City Unified School District
- Miles Community College

What is Community Benefit?

Community benefit is integral to the mission of Catholic and other not-for-profit hospitals. It is an extension of our 'historic mission to the communities' especially the vulnerable and disenfranchised. The IRS has federal requirements for nonprofit hospitals like Holy Rosary Healthcare 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 health care on local, state, or federal government

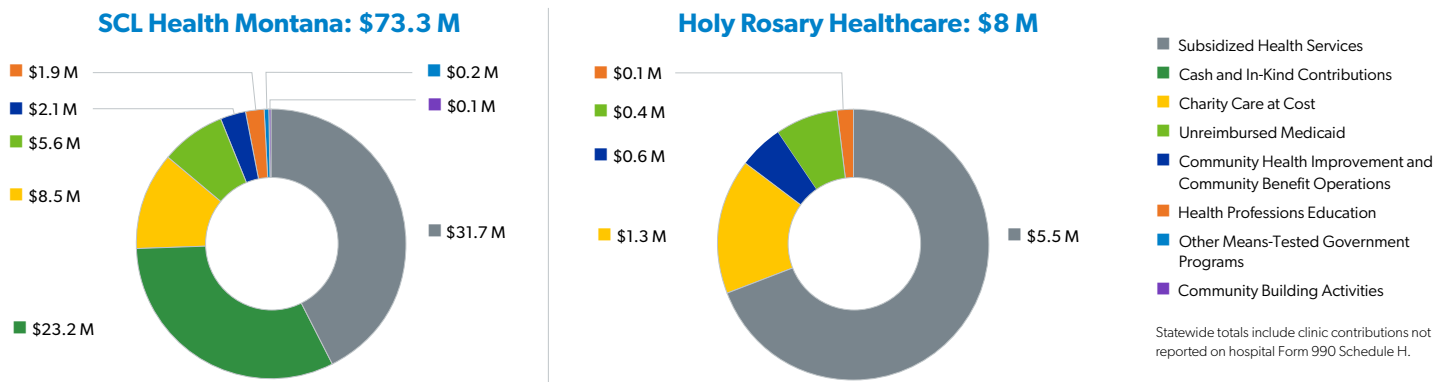
When reporting to the IRS, Community Benefit investments are organized into the following general categories:

- 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 health improvement services, including health screenings and community health education
- Community building activities, including economic development efforts and other community supports

2022 Community Benefit Investments



2022 By the Numbers



555

Hours provided by Holy Rosary Healthcare caregivers in support of community organizations.



23

Community organizations that collaborated with Holy Rosary Healthcare on community benefit activities.

4

Crucial hospital departments that continued offering subsidized health services, including the infusion center for cancer care, cardiac rehabilitation for heart care, and obstetrics and newborn care.



Holy Rosary Healthcare – 2022 Community Collaborators (continued)

- Montana Family Medicine Residency Program
- Montana Health Network
- Montana Hospital Association
- Montana Nonprofit Association
- Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services
- Montana Office of Rural Health
- One Health
- Salvation Army
- Youth Dynamics