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# Community Benefit Annual Report



As part of our commitment to Jefferson County and Colorado, Lutheran Medical Center addresses the most critical needs of the communities we serve; with emphasis on helping people live the healthiest lives possible. We were founded to address health priorities, and through strong community partnerships and thoughtful assessment of needs, we continue that work today.

## Addressing youth mental health

As children and families return to in-person school and community activities, youth mental health issues have taken increasing urgency in Jefferson County. Jefferson County Public Schools seeks to provide mental health services, including counselling, in the public school setting, but funding for these positions is a challenge.

With mental health and substance use ranked as a priority need, and with a critical shortage of pediatric mental health providers in Colorado and the Denver area, Lutheran saw a unique opportunity to partner to better support children. Partnering with Jefferson Center for Mental Health and Jefferson County Public Schools, Lutheran is funding two school-based mental health programs at nearby schools that were facing budget challenges that would have eliminated the positions.

With funding from Lutheran, Wheat Ridge High School and Creighton Middle School both now have a dedicated Mental Health Counselor.

“We know that children are in mental health crisis coming out of the COVID-19 pandemic,” said Chuck Ault, Regional Director of Community Health Improvement for Lutheran. “We see this partnership as an investment in our children and in the future health of our community.”



## 2022-2024 Community Health Priorities

Every three years, Lutheran 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.

**With the assessment completed in 2021, Lutheran is focused on the following health priorities for Community Benefit programming:**



Mental Health and Substance Use



Food Insecurity



Housing

## Lutheran Medical Center Community Partners, 2021

- Apex Parks and Recreation
- Applewood Community Foundation
- Arvada Chamber of Commerce
- Arvada Fire Department
- Arvada Police Department
- Centura Health
- City of Arvada
- City of Wheat Ridge
- Colorado Health Institute
- Cooking Matters
- Community First Foundation
- Community Language Cooperative
- Community Table
- Denver Department of Health and Environment
- Denver Public Schools Career Connect
- Edgewater Collective
- Food Bank of the Rockies
- Healthy Jeffco Alliance
- Jeffco Human Services
- Jefferson Center
- Jefferson County Public Health
- Jeffco Homeless Navigators
- Jeffco Public Library
- Jeffco Public Schools

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## 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:

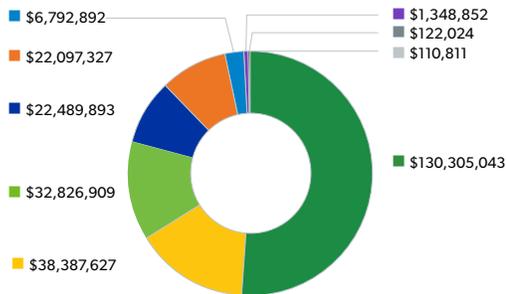
- Improve access to care
- Enhance the health of a community
- Advance medical or health knowledge
- Reduce the burden of local, state, federal government, or other community efforts

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

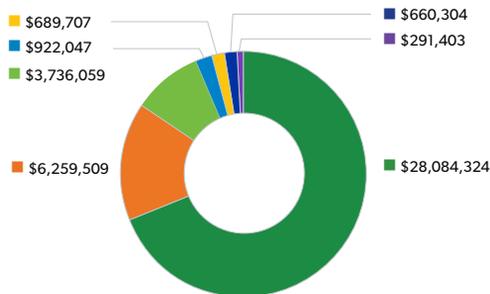
- Unreimbursed costs for care provided to Medicaid beneficiaries
- Charity care and financial assistance for patients who are unable to pay for care
- Cash and in-kind contributions to support identified community health needs
- Health professions education, including clinical training for nursing, pharmacy, 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 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



Lutheran Medical Center: \$40.6 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
- Community Building Activities
- Unreimbursed Medicaid
- Research

## 2021, By the Numbers



25

Number of community partners working with Lutheran to address priority community health needs.



567

Number of nursing, pharmacy, and other health professions students who received clinical training at Lutheran.



930

Number of bus passes given to people experiencing homelessness in partnership with Jefferson County Public Libraries.

7

Number of hospital departments that provided subsidized health services, paid for by Lutheran to ensure they remain open to the community, including the infusion center for cancer care, hospice services for end-of-life care, neonatal intensive care for premature and ill newborns, and more.



### Lutheran Medical Center Community Benefit Partners, 2021 (continued)

- Mountain Youth Network
- Recovery Works
- Red Rocks Community College
- Root Policy Research
- St. Anthony Hospital/Centura Health
- Seniors Resource Center
- STRIDE Community Health
- The Action Center
- Warren Tech High School
- West Pines Behavioral Health
- Wheat Ridge High School
- Wheat Ridge Optimists
- Young Ameritowne