

# Community Benefit Annual Report



As part of our commitment to Butte and the State of Montana, St. James Healthcare 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.

## Increasing Access to Lifesaving Breast Cancer Screenings

After years of planning and fundraising, St. James Healthcare celebrated the launch of their mobile mammography services. This allows women in a seven-county region of southwest Montana to receive their annual mammograms with minimal travel. Mobile mammography means more opportunities for early detection by women in rural Montana who may forego vital preventive care because of transportation barriers. Breast cancer found early is highly treatable and mammograms detect changes in breast health before an abnormal mass can be felt, improving survival rates.



Members of the Butte-Silver Bow Chamber of Commerce hold the ribbon as Jenevieve Clark, CNM, Megan Bristol, CNM, Mark Garnaa, MD, and Jerri Doyle, Director of Oncology Services, represent St. James Healthcare at the ribbon cutting for the new mobile mammography coach.

St. James' mammography coach provides 3D imaging technology that can detect invasive cancers 40 percent more frequently than traditional 2D mammograms. Research indicates fewer false positives with 3D technology and therefore, a reduction in further testing, a particularly heavy cost in time and finances for women in remote communities. "We're trying to reach women who aren't getting a mammogram," said Jerri Doyle, St. James oncology service line director. "In our small communities women often take a leave of work to make the drive, and it is not an easy task. We are trying to make the process simple and access to care easy."

Women 40-years-old and older should receive an annual mammogram, and women with a family history of breast cancer should begin earlier. Community members are encouraged to make appointments, which typically take about 20 minutes, and results are mailed in a week.

"Many women are not current on their mammograms, and this service can help them feel better about how they are taking care of themselves," said Lyla Klobucar, St. James mammography manager.

## 2024-2026 Community Health Priorities

Every three years St. James 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, St. James 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
-  Heart Disease and Stroke
-  Social Determinants of Health

## St. James Healthcare – 2022 Community Collaborators

- 4-H Youth Development Program
- 5 Peaks Coalition
- Action Inc.
- Anaconda School District
- Bert Mooney Airport Authority Board
- Butte Central Catholic Schools
- Butte Food Co-op
- Butte Local Development Corporation
- Butte School District
- Butte-Silver Bow Action Team
- Butte-Silver Bow Chamber of Commerce
- Butte-Silver Bow Public Health Department
- Children's Mental Health Committee
- City and County of Butte-Silver Bow
- Great Falls College
- Highlands College
- Jacky Fund
- Jefferson County
- Life Center Northwest
- Montana Chemical Dependency Center

## 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 St. James 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

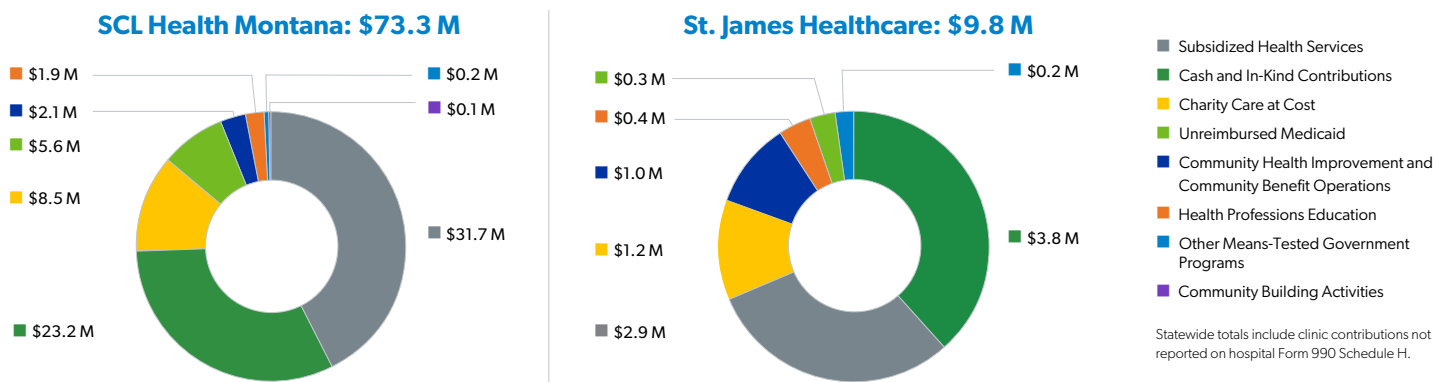
When reporting to the IRS, Community Benefit investments are organized into the following general categories:

- 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 environmental improvement efforts and other community supports

## 2022 Community Benefit Investments



## 2022 By the Numbers



610

Hours served by St. James caregivers in support of community organizations.



35

Organizations that collaborated with St. James Healthcare for Community Benefit activities.

6

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



### St. James Healthcare – 2022 Community Collaborators (continued)

- Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services
- Montana Healthcare Foundation
- Montana Hospital Association
- Montana State Hospital
- Montana State University
- Montana Tech
- Mother Lode Theatre
- Rural Communities Opioid Response Program
- SIM MT
- Southwest Montana Community Health Center
- University of Montana
- University of Montana Western
- Vitalant
- Whitehall Transportation
- Youth Dynamics