

# Community Benefit Annual Report

As part of our commitment to Denver and Colorado, Saint Joseph Hospital works to improve 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.

## Saint Joseph Hospital Strives to Create Health Equity for Our Most Vulnerable and Adorable Patients

As part of our mission to improve the health of the communities we serve, especially the poor and vulnerable, Saint Joseph Hospital is moving our focus upstream so we can build healthier communities through prevention. Crucial to this strategy is health equity, which is the fair and just opportunity to attain the highest level of health, and the best time to begin is at birth.

Disparities in birth outcomes including low birth weight show a well-documented correlation to low parental income. While some babies with low birthweight (below 5 lbs. 8 oz.) are small and healthy, lower birth weights are associated with serious health and developmental issues. Beginning life with a healthy start can have lifelong positive outcomes for these newborns.

To provide more equitable opportunities for a healthy birth, Saint Joseph Hospital offers a program called Baby Bootique to families and expectant mothers. The program incentivizes healthy prenatal choices including attending regular medical visits, adopting healthy habits, and taking classes to prepare for birth and parenting. These efforts are rewarded with coupons that can be redeemed in the Baby Bootique for essential supplies like car seats, strollers, blankets, diapers, and clothing that allow parents in challenging circumstances to continue prioritizing the health of their child.

Annually, 300 to 400 patients receiving prenatal care at Uptown Community Health Center and Marisol Health (a program of Catholic Charities) are participating in the program. Outcomes are promising. In Colorado, an average of 9.4% of babies born had a low birth weight, but the average for program participants is 8.9%.



*The Baby Bootique supports vulnerable families who want to ensure a healthy and equitable start for their babies. The program outcomes have reduced the cost of care, improved health habits, decreased stress for families, and increased opportunities for newborns to attain their highest level of health.*

## 2022-2024 Community Health Priorities

Every three years Saint Joseph Hospital 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, Saint Joseph identified the health priorities that will be the focus of community benefit efforts, programs and collaborations for the following three years.**



Mental Health



Community Wealth Building (Economic Stability)



Health Equity

## What is Community Benefit?

The IRS has federal requirements for nonprofit hospitals like Good Samaritan Hospital 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

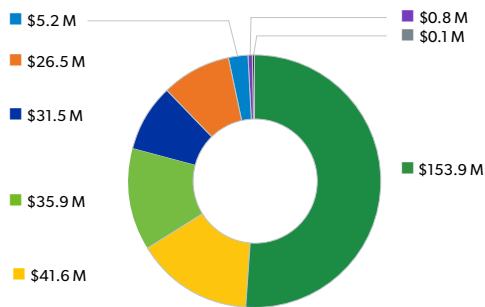
When reporting to the IRS, Community Benefit investments are organized into the following general categories:

- 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

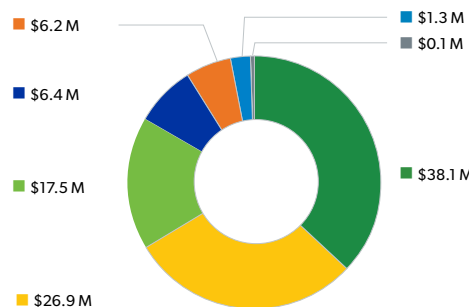
- Subsidized health services, which are services provided at a loss but without which the community's access to care would suffer
- Means-tested government programs, which includes the unreimbursed care under means-tested programs like the Child Health Plan Plus (CHP+)
- Community building activities, 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



Saint Joseph Hospital: \$96.4 M



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

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

## 2022 By the Numbers



1,657

Mental health visits as part of the integrated health model that treats the whole person as part of their medical care



476

Women who received services to address Perinatal Mood and Anxiety concerns as part of our commitment to prioritize mental health needs



503

Number of vulnerable families served by the Baby Bootique

403

Community members who received training and orientation about worker/owner cooperatives as part of our commitment to prioritize community wealth building



## Saint Joseph Community Partners – 2022 Community Partners

- Alzheimer's Association
- Center for African American Health
- Colorado Housing and Finance Authority
- Center for Community Wealth Building
- Catholic Charities
- Civic Canopy
- Colorado Vincentian Volunteers
- Denver Museum of Nature and Science
- Denver Public Health and Environment
- Denver Public Schools
- Dominican Home Health
- Inclusive Housing Coalition
- Inner City Health
- Tepeyac Community Health
- Marisol Health
- Mental Health Center of Denver
- Metro Caring
- Metro DEEP
- Mile High Health Alliance
- RAMERC
- Regis University
- Uptown Community Health Center
- Urban Peak