Intermountain Health

Saint Joseph Hospital

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.

We Are Better Together

Saint Joseph Hospital is collaborating with Benefits in Action to increase access to care, which was identified during the Community Health Needs Assessment as one of the most pressing local issues. Intermountain Health provided funding for navigation specialists who offer support for enrollment in healthcare insurance and public benefits, and connection to providers. Navigators host health literacy seminars with trusted local partners and have the capability of serving residents in English and Spanish ensuring language is not a barrier to accessing care.

The program recently assisted a family after a parent lost her job and health insurance. Needing to care for a diabetic child, the family feared they would not be able to cover the costs of critical medication and diet. Benefits in Action guided them through applications for Medicaid, food and housing benefits, and connected them with a provider. Once the parent secured new employment, navigators helped her find insurance available through the marketplace. As a result, this family was able to bridge their access to care during a time of crisis. Intermountain's work with Benefits in Action across Front Range communities exemplifies our value, "We are better together."

2025-2027 Significant Health Needs

Every three years Saint Joseph Hospital 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, the hospital identified the following significant health needs that are the focus of the Implementation Strategy and community benefit programs:

- **Improve Behavioral Health**
- **Achieve Greater Economic Stability**
- **Increase Access to Care**
- **Improve Child and Family Well-Being**

Community Collaborators - 2024 by the Numbers

19 organizations participated in the Community Health Needs Assessment.

619 individuals provided input on the community's health needs.

10 organizations collaborated on strategies to address community health needs.

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 Internal Revenue Service (IRS) has federal requirements for not-for-profit hospitals to report their investments in Community Benefit activities, which provide treatment and/or promote health and healing as a response to community needs:

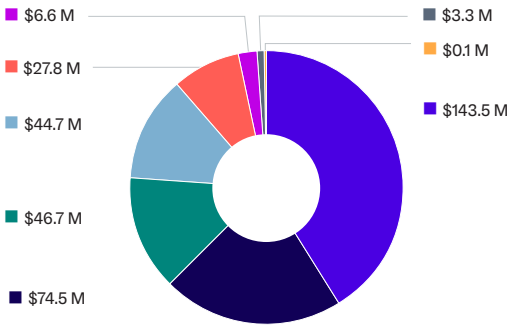
- Improve access to care
- Enhance the health of a community
- Advance medical or health knowledge
- Reduce the burden of health care on local, state, federal government, or other community efforts

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

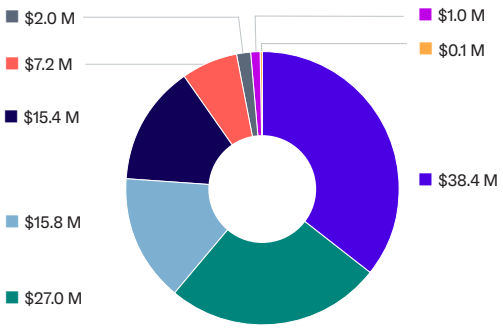
- Unreimbursed costs for care provided to Medicaid beneficiaries.
- Charity care and financial assistance for patients who are unable to pay for care.
- Cash and in-kind contributions to support identified community health needs.
- Health professions education, including clinical training for nursing, 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, including studies or investigations that increase knowledge made available to the public. (Note: No Research investments were reported in 2024.)

2024 Community Benefit Investments

Intermountain Health Colorado: $347.2 Million



Saint Joseph Hospital: $106.9 Million



- Unreimbursed Medicaid
- Subsidized Health Services
- Health Professions Education
- Financial Assistance at Cost
- Cash and In-Kind Contributions
- Community Health Improvement Services and Community Benefit Operations
- Cost of Other Means-Tested Government Programs
- Community Building Activities

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

Addressing Health Needs - 2024 by the Numbers

2,700

gunlocks distributed in Colorado, including **325** in the hospital's service area to support suicide and injury prevention.

733

individuals served through the Baby Bootique program, which provides baby supplies for low-income community members who receive regular prenatal care to increase healthy birth outcomes.

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students completed a yearlong job training through Project SEARCH, an internship program with Denver Public Schools for students with developmental/intellectual disabilities.