

Community Benefit Annual Report



As part of our commitment to Butte and the State of Montana, St. James Healthcare addresses the most critical needs of the communities we serve; with emphasis on those who are poor and vulnerable. Our founders, the Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth, developed creative ways to provide healthcare in their communities more than 150 years ago. Through strong community partnerships and thoughtful assessment of needs, we continue that work today.

Connecting Community to Address Substance Use Disorder

The impacts of opioid use have touched many communities in southwest Montana. St. James Healthcare has been leading community collaborative efforts to address substance use and the opioid crisis through the U.S. Health Resources Services Administration grant-funded Rural Communities Opioid Response Program project.

The project brings together stakeholders from the Montana Hospital Association, Montana Chemical Dependency Center, Butte-Silver Bow Health Department and Sheriff Department, Southwest Montana Community Health Center, and more than a dozen other local and statewide organizations to support prevention, treatment, and recovery from substance use disorders, including opioid use disorder.

Recent efforts have included a regional roundtable meeting with national experts on substance use disorder prevention and recovery, and Father Patrick Beretta, whose work includes parish ministry and recovery in the context of historical trauma.

“Substance use disorder is one of the most complex health challenges in our state,” said Shani Rich, Executive Director for the Montana Health Research and Education Foundation. “St. James’ multi-sector approach harnesses the collective strength of local healthcare providers, social services agencies, and local government needed to effectively tackle this issue for southwest Montana.”



Special Agent-In-Charge for the North Carolina State Bureau of Investigations Diversion and Environmental Crimes Unit Donnie Varnell speaks with Butte stakeholders about addressing substance use disorders.

2020-2023 Community Health Priorities

Every three years, St. James 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.

St. James is focused on the following health priorities for Community Benefit programming:

Access to Care 

 Mental Health

Social Determinants of Health 

St. James Healthcare Community Benefit Partners

- 4H Youth Development Program
- Action Inc.
- AWARE, Inc.
- Bert Mooney Airport Board
- Butte Chamber of Commerce
- Butte Economic Outlook
- Butte Food Co-op
- Butte Local Development
- Butte Rescue Mission
- Butte-Silver Bow Public Health Department
- Butte-Silver Bow Sheriff Department
- Butte Superfund
- Children’s Mental Health Committee
- City and County of Butte-Silver Bow
- Community, Counseling, and Correctional Services, Inc. (CCCS)
- Connecting for the Cancer Cure Committee
- Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA)
- Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies, The Montana Coalition
- Montana Alzheimer’s Association
- Montana Area Health Education Center
- Montana Chemical Dependency Center
- Montana Peer Network
- Montana State University
- Mother Lode Theatre
- Montana Highway Patrol
- Montana Tech
- No Kid Hungry Montana
- Rotary
- Share the Warmth
- Southwest Montana Community Health Center
- Unified Health Command
- University of Montana
- Uptown Butte Master Plan
- Vitalant

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:

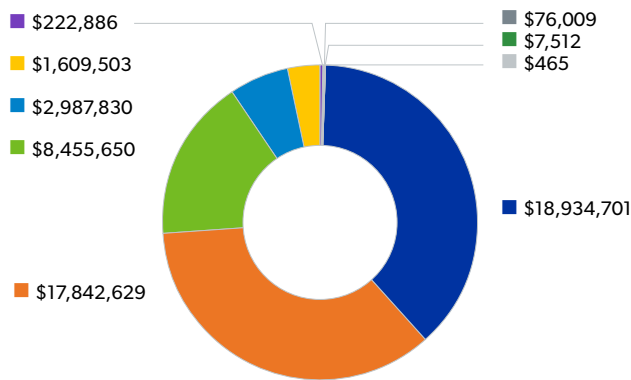
- Improve access to care
- Enhance the health of a community
- Advance medical or health knowledge
- Reduce the burden of local, state, federal government, or other community efforts

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 health improvement services, including health screenings and community health education
- Community building activities, including economic development efforts and other community supports
- Research includes studies or investigations that increase knowledge made available to the public

2021 Community Benefit Investments

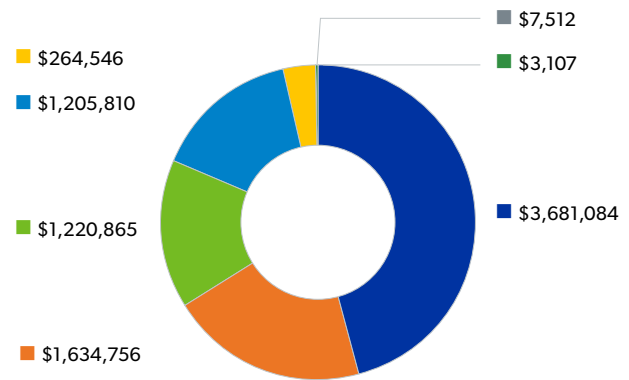
SCL Health Montana: \$50.1 M



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

St. James Healthcare: \$8.0 M



- Community Building Activities
- Unreimbursed Medicaid
- Research

2021 – By the Numbers

1,061

Total hours served by St. James caregivers in support of community organizations!

4,030

Number of people who benefitted from St. James's Community Benefit programming!

32

Number of different partner organizations partnered with St. James Healthcare for Community Benefit activities.

4

Number of hospital departments that were subsidized health services, paid for by St. James, to ensure they remain open to the community, including the infusion center for cancer care, obstetrics and newborn center care for mothers and babies, and more.