

# Good Samaritan Hospital Community Benefit Annual Report



As part of our commitment to the Front Range and Colorado, Good Samaritan Hospital addresses the most critical needs of the communities we serve with a mission of helping people live the healthiest lives possible. We were founded to address health needs, and through a comprehensive assessment and strong local collaborators, we continue that work today.

#### **Good Health Begins in Healthy Homes**

Good Samaritan Hospital organized a team of caregivers to participate in a Paint-a-Thon. The project was in collaboration with Brothers Redevelopment, a local not-for-profit that assists low-income residents with home improvements. Home environments have conclusively been linked to physical, mental, and social well-being.

The painting crew assisted a former patient, who experienced an accident 20 years ago that permanently altered her physical and financial capabilities. With time and healing, she regained her independence, but the costs of repainting her house were insurmountable.



"They came and gave me their time, company, and humor, and watching the camaraderie between them was a delight," said the homeowner. "It was kind of like extended family because I spent so much time at the hospital. I gained more than having my house painted. It was refreshing, and just having them here was wonderful."

Good Samaritan caregivers assisted a former patient with a home revitalization project.

## 2022-2024 Community Health Significant Health Needs

Every three years Good Samaritan 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 in 2021, Good Samaritan identified the significant health needs that will be the focus of the Implementation Strategy and the Community Benefit programs to address the following needs:



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Behavioral Health (Mental Health and Substance Use)

Access to Healthcare

#### Good Samaritan Hospital-2023 Community Collaborators

- Adams County Health Alliance
- Adams County Public Health
- Belmont University
- Benefits in Action
- Boulder County Public Health
- Broomfield FISH
- Broomfield Public Health and Environment
- Brothers Redevelopment
- Capella University

- Coal Creek Meals on Wheels
- Community College of Denver
- Colorado Christian University
- Concorde Career College
- Creighton University
- Denver College of Nursing
- Emory University
- Front Range Community College
- Future Forward at BollmanGrand Canyon University
- Healthy Futures Coalition of Boulder County
- Imagine!
- Mental Health Partners
- Metro State University
- Pima Medical Institute
- Platt College
- A Precious Child
- Red Rocks Community College
- The Refuge

- Regis University
- Rise Against Suicide
- Sister Carmen Community Center
- Spokane Community College
- University of Colorado
- University of Northern Colorado
- Via Mobility
- Western Governors University
- Whitworth University

#### What is Community Benefit?

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

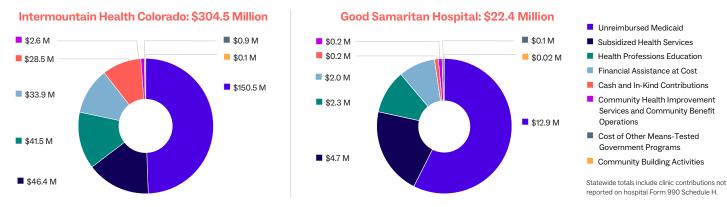
- Improve access to care
- Enhance the health of a community
- Advance medical or health knowledge
- Reduce the burden of health care on local, state, federal government, or other community efforts

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 2023.)

# **2023 Community Benefit Investments**



### Significant Health Needs - By the Numbers



Benefits in Action assisted **1,045** individuals to enroll in insurance products and governmental assistance programs and **176** were connected with a primary care provider through support of Platte Valley grant funding.



**3,000** rides were provided to healthcare services through a grant to Via Mobility of **\$15,000.** 



844 Lyft rides totaling \$22,918 were provided for patients without transportation following an appointment or admission.



**304** students from **20** different educational institutions were provided clinical educational opportunities at Good Samaritan.