

Holy Rosary Hospital

Community Benefit Annual Report



As part of our commitment to Miles City and the State of Montana, Holy Rosary Hospital 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.

New Cancer Center Provides Localized Care

In October 2024, Intermountain Health Holy Rosary Hospital celebrated the opening of the Helmsley Cancer Center in Miles City, which expands medical and surgical oncology services to now include radiation oncology in eastern Montana. It is the only comprehensive cancer center within a 125-mile radius and eliminates distance and access barriers that can impact costs, treatment plans, and outcomes for patients.

“Our dedicated oncology team at Holy Rosary provides more than 1,500 infusion treatments for patients during more than 500 provider visits annually, both onsite and through telehealth,” said Ben Uhlich, President and Chief Nursing Officer. “As the number of patients



we serve grows year over year, we continue to grow our services to meet their needs. This addition allows us to offer more patients equitable cancer care in our rural communities.”

The cancer center was made possible in part by a grant from Helmsley Charitable Trust. “No one should have to choose between medical care and the comfort of being home with your support network,” said Walter Panzirer, a Helmsley Trustee.

In addition to the cancer center services, Holy Rosary provides other specialty healthcare services, including cardiac rehabilitation, pulmonary rehabilitation, athletic training, hospice care, and virtual health, which allows residents to get care locally.

2024-2026 Community Health Significant Health Needs

Every three years Holy Rosary 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 2023, Holy Rosary identified the significant health needs that will be the focus of the Implementation Strategy and the Community Benefit programs to address the following needs:



Access to
Healthcare



Behavioral
Health



Chronic Disease
Prevention and
Management

Holy Rosary Hospital – 2023 Community Collaborators

- Area Health Education Center (AHEC)
- Custer County Food Bank
- Custer County Public Schools
- Custer County Transit
- Custer Network Against Domestic Abuse & Sexual Assault (CNADA)
- Eastern Montana Mental Health Center
- Miles Above 4 Youth
- Miles City Area Chamber of Commerce
- Miles City Economic Development
- Miles City Meals on Wheels
- Miles City Soup Kitchen
- Miles City Unified School District
- Miles Community College
- Montana Health Network
- Montana Hospital Association
- Montana Nonprofit Association
- Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services
- Montana Office of Rural Health
- One Health
- Salvation Army

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 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, federal government, or other community efforts

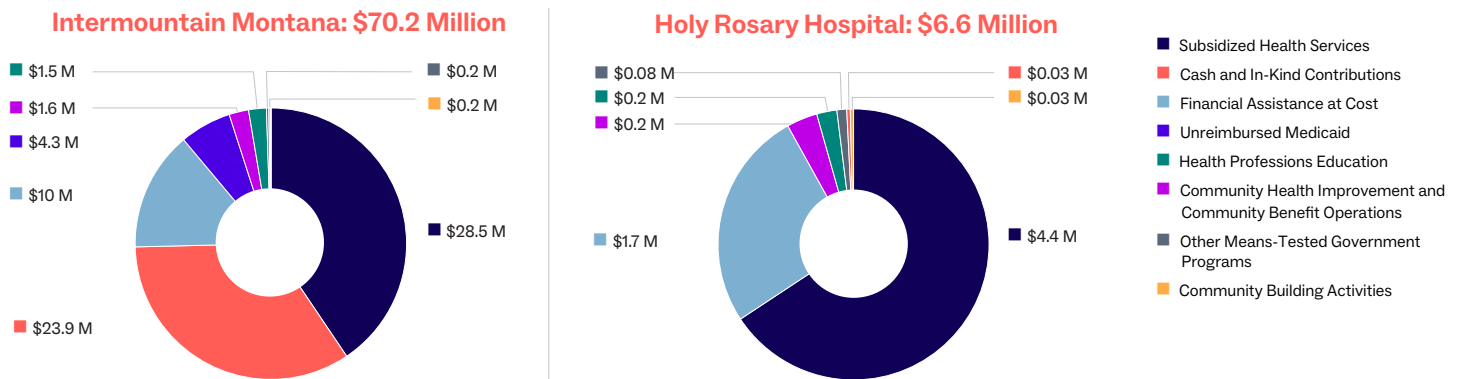
When reporting to the IRS, Community Benefit investments are organized into the following general categories:

- 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

2023 Community Benefit Investments



Significant Health Needs - By the Numbers



Behavioral Health (Mental Health and Substance Use):

350 patient visits for behavioral health care were provided through a collaboration with Eastern Montana Menal Health Center. **12** monthly veteran behavioral health support groups were hosted at Holy Rosary.



Chronic Disease Prevention and Management:

42 community members completed the Diabetes and Heart Disease Prevention Program, and half of the program graduates lost at least **5%** of their body weight.



Access to Healthcare:

480 virtual health visits were provided eliminating transportation barriers in accessing care.