

St. James Hospital

Community Benefit Annual Report



As part of our commitment to Butte and the State of Montana, St. James 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.

Preventive Solutions for Behavioral Health Needs

To improve access to behavioral health care and prevent crisis events, St. James Hospital is offering behavioral health care through Intermountain Health's Telecrisis Carts. The mobile, high-definition technology implemented this year connects patients directly from their rooms to specialty providers who consult with local clinicians. The service is also being used in non-Intermountain hospitals throughout Montana.

St. James is also addressing suicide prevention with trainings and resources. Firearms are the leading method of death by suicide in Montana, which has been among the nation's highest suicide rates for three decades. To put time and space between a person in crisis and lethal means, Intermountain distributes free gunlocks with local suicide prevention resources to the public.



In Butte, gunlocks are available at Grab and Go stations located at the outpatient lab and pharmacy and at other community organizations. St. James caregivers also provide gunlocks at community events and when discharging patients experiencing suicidal ideation in the Emergency Department. Nearly 800 gunlocks have been distributed in Butte since August.

Organizations and community members can request gunlocks or access suicide prevention training including, Question, Persuade, Refer (QPR) and Counseling on Access to Lethal Means (CALM) on the [Intermountain website](#).

Gunlocks are available at Grab and Go Stations at St. James Hospital and in the community at the Butte Public Library, Butte 4-C's, Southwest Montana Community Health Center, and the Women's Resource and Family Support Center.

2024-2026 Community Health Significant Health Needs

Every three years St. James 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, St. James identified the significant health needs that will be the focus of the Implementation Strategy and the Community Benefit programs:



Access to
Healthcare



Behavioral
Health



Heart Disease
and Stroke



Social
Determinants
of Health

St. James Hospital – 2023 Community Collaborators

- 5 Peaks Coalition
- Action Inc.
- Bert Mooney Airport Authority Board
- Butte 4-C's
- Butte Cares
- Butte Central Catholic Schools
- Butte Local Development Corporation
- Butte Rescue Mission
- Butte School District 1
- Butte-Silver Bow Chamber of Commerce
- Butte-Silver Bow Health Department
- Community, Counseling, and Correctional Services Inc. (CCCS)
- Great Falls College
- Highlands College
- Jacky Fund
- Montana Chemical Dependency Center (MCDC)
- Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services
- Montana Healthcare Foundation
- Montana Hospital Association
- Montana State University
- Montana Technological University
- Simulation in Motion - Montana (SIM-MT)
- Southwest Montana Community Health Center
- Southwest Montana Prevention
- University of Montana
- University of Montana Western
- Vitalant

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

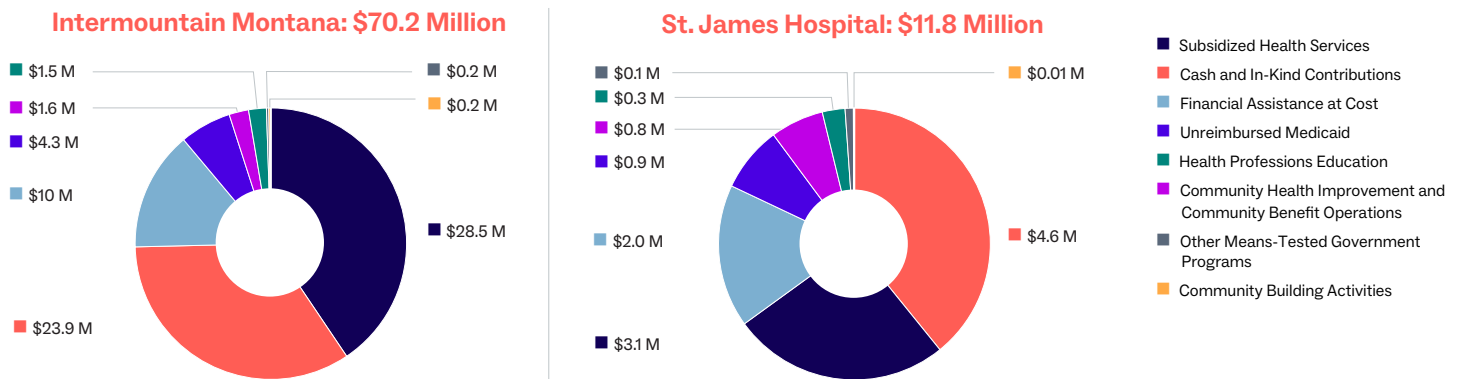
When reporting to the IRS, Community Benefit investments are organized into the following general categories:

- 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



Access:

270 community members received mobile mammography screenings in over **20** locations across Southwestern Montana since Fall 2023.



Behavioral Health:

4 QPR (Question, Persuade, Refer) suicide prevention trainings provided at Montana Chemical Dependency Center to **80** individuals.



Heart Disease and Stroke:

49 community members participated in the Diabetes and Heart Disease Prevention Program that included **2,526** visits with the program nurse over the course of the year.



Social Determinants of Health:

65,794 meals were donated to the Butte Rescue Mission by St. James Food Services.