

# 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.

### A Focus on Behavioral Health of the Future

St. James Hospital is collaborating with community organizations to address the significant health identified during the Community Health Needs Assessment, including the behavioral health of our youngest residents. In 2025, St. James provided funding and support to community organizations and coalitions focused on addressing youth behavioral health needs. This allowed five local secondary schools to establish Hope Squads, peer-led groups that train squad members on suicide prevention and how to connect friends who are struggling with poor mental health with trusted adults for support.

In addition, funding was provided to three other community collaborators: Southwest Montana Community Health Center to support an on-site behavioral health clinic at East Middle School; Butte Native Wellness Center to support the Seven Generations Youth Initiative; and Butte Cares to support social media and online education.

In total, 6,526 educational items were distributed at community events, which provided parents and caregivers tools to identify, accept, and validate their child's feelings. In conjunction, ten assemblies on emotional well-being were provided for over 1,500 local elementary school students in collaboration with Butte Cares.



Hillcrest Elementary School students in Butte, Montana, participate in an emotional well-being assembly. To explore Intermountain's behavioral health resources and tools for adults and children, visit our [Community Health website](#).

### 2024-2026 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 to address the following needs:**



**Access to  
Healthcare**



**Behavioral  
Health**



**Heart Disease  
and Stroke**



**Social  
Determinants  
of Health**

## 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

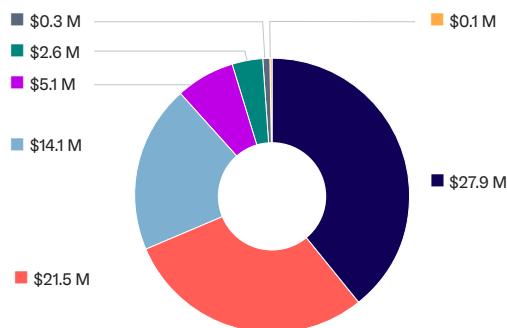
When reporting to the IRS, Community Benefit investments are organized into the following general categories:

- Unreimbursed costs for care provided to Medicaid beneficiaries

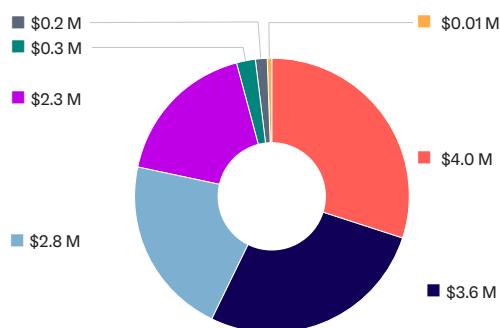
- Charity care and financial assistance for patients who are unable to pay for care
- Cash and in-kind contributions to support identified community health needs
- Health professions education, including clinical training for nursing, pharmacy, and other health professions
- Subsidized health services, which are services provided at a loss but without which the community's access to care would suffer
- Means-tested government programs, which include 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

## 2024 Community Benefit Investments

### Intermountain Health Montana: \$71.6 Million



### St. James Hospital: \$13.21 Million



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

## Addressing Health Needs - 2024 by the Numbers



virtual health visits were completed, expanding access to care.



gunlocks were distributed to community members, including behavioral health and suicide prevention resources.



community members received Hands Only CPR, which was led by hospital caregivers as part of heart disease and stroke education.



meals were donated to the Butte Rescue Mission by St. James Food Services to help improve local social determinants of health.



community-based organizations and coalitions collaborated with St. James to address significant health needs.