Intermountain Health

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.

Keeping Montana Kids Safe

St. James Hospital worked alongside community organizations to provide safety education, devices, and resources to help prevent childhood injuries. The hospital identified childhood injury as a significant health need in its most recent Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA), recognizing that unintentional injury is the leading cause of death for children in Montana.

To keep kids safe in the water, funding was given to the Butte YMCA to support water safety training for all local third-grade students. Life jackets were also donated to community loaner locations, making essential water safety equipment easier for families to access.

St. James also supported child safety on land through car seat checks, booster seat donations, and pedestrian and bike safety education. The hospital provided free in-person and virtual car seat checks to the public and donated booster seats to families in need. Hospital staff promoted pedestrian and bike safety at community events and partnered with Bike Lab, which provides bicycles to riders of all ages, to ensure each recipient also was outfitted with a helmet.



2024-2026 Community Health's 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**

For more information: intermountainhealthcare.org/about/community-health/chna-reports

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:

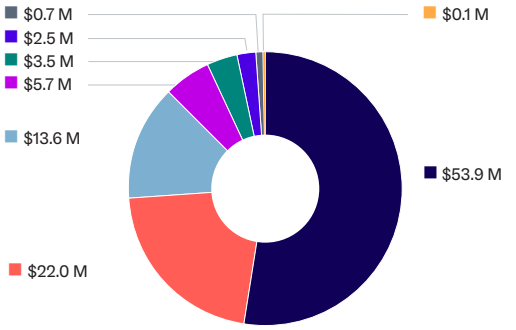
- Improve access to care
- Enhance the health of a community
- Advance medical or health knowledge
- Reduce the burden of health care on local, state, federal government, or other community efforts

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

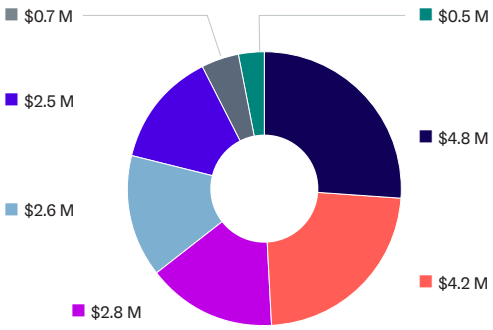
- Unreimbursed costs for care provided to Medicaid beneficiaries
- Charity care and financial assistance for patients who are unable to pay for care
- Cash and in-kind contributions to support identified community health needs
- Health professions education, including clinical training for nursing, pharmacy, 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

2025 Community Benefit Investments

Intermountain Health Montana: $102.0 Million



St. James Hospital: $18.1 Million



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

Statewide totals include clinic contributions not reported on hospital Form 990 Schedule H.

Addressing Health Needs - 2025 by the Numbers

665
community members participated in the CHNA surveys and forum.

$140K
in funding supported community behavioral health prevention programs in Butte-Silver Bow.

80%
increase in 988 calls corresponding to community education and outreach efforts.

3,085
virtual health visits that improved access to care for rural communities.

11
community organizations received funding to address significant health needs.