

# Mercy Lincoln Community Benefit Report

## Ring the Bell



You know Christmas is just around the corner when you hear the familiar sounds of The Salvation Army Bell Ringers. While the sound may elicit warm feelings of glistening snow, hot cocoa by the fire and time shared with family and friends, it's also a reminder of those less fortunate who may not have their basic needs met, much less presents under a tree.

In Lincoln County, The Salvation Army raises approximately \$50,000 each year with their Red Kettle Campaign to help residents pay their utility and rent bills or recover from disasters such as a house fire, flooding or other emergency situations. That red kettle holds the power to heat someone's home or provide a safe place to lay one's head at night.

Mercy Hospital Lincoln once again answered the call to help ring the bell this past December when twenty co-workers volunteered for

various shifts. Co-workers were happy to weather the elements in order to help those in their community

Lincoln County residents in need of emergency assistance or those wanting to volunteer may call The Salvation Army at 636-358-6082. Individuals and small groups are welcome to volunteer for bell ringing. It's nice to know that all money raised stays in Lincoln County.

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### *Corporal Works of Mercy:*

1. *To feed the hungry*
2. *To give water to the thirsty*
3. *To clothe the naked*
4. *To shelter the homeless*
5. *To visit the sick*
6. *To visit the imprisoned, or ransom the captive*
7. *To bury the dead*

Total Community Benefit  
**\$549,877**

### Charity Care

Includes the actual cost of providing free or discounted care to persons who cannot afford to pay and who are not eligible for public programs. Charity care does not include bad debt.

Benefit: \$880,411

### Community Outreach Services

Includes activities carried out to improve community health and services that are subsidized because they are needed in the community. Examples: education, support groups, health screenings, and immunizations.

Benefit: \$47,968

### Health Professionals

#### Education and Research

Includes the cost of providing clinical placement for physicians, nurses and other health professionals plus the costs of the nursing anesthesia, EMS and radiology schools.

Benefit: \$39,723

### Cash, In-Kind Donations, Workforce Enhancement and Fundraising

Includes cash, in-kind donations, fundraising costs, food & supplies to shelters, use of Mercy rooms and facilities, donated office space and recruitment of health professionals in medically underserved areas.

Benefit: \$3,201

### Medicaid Subsidies

Includes the actual unpaid cost of providing care to Medicaid patients and represents the shortfall between cost of care and the payments received by the government.

Benefit: \$(421,426)