

Fiscal Year 2018 (July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018)

# Mercy Hospital South Community Benefit Report

Support to Parents, Children: Crisis Nursery Outreach Center Opens

Total Community Benefit  
**\$9,557,724**



When stresses and challenges get to be too much for parents, the not-for-profit Saint Louis Crisis Nursery is there to help. Now, it provides support to Mercy South patients, visitors and co-workers who are experiencing issues that may affect their families.

Co-workers at Mercy South forged a partnership with the nursery back in June to open a first-floor outreach center in the volunteer services office, staffed by Kim Blackford. She's available to meet with patients, their families or co-workers "in the moment," for a one-time intervention or on-going home visits.

"Mercy has been a committed partner of the Saint Louis Crisis Nursery for many years, and this partnership allows the Crisis Nursery to expand in South County," said DiAnne Mueller, CEO of the Saint Louis Crisis Nursery.

"The partnership was identified as a priority during a series of community roundtable sessions held last summer," said Laura Bub, MPH, community benefit manager at Mercy South.

"We saw a recurring theme arise around a need for services for children and families," she continued. "We thought partnering with the Crisis Nursery and making space for an outreach center on our campus would be a perfect fit."

The outreach center opened on June 18 at Mercy South and is the tenth outreach location to be established in the St. Louis area.

Since 1986, the Crisis Nursery has provided a safe haven for more than 112,000 children and support for thousands of families, free of charge.

## 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: \$1,828,226

## 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: \$572,169

## 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: \$559,845

## 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: \$38,315

## 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: \$6,559,169



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