

# Mercy Hospital Washington Community Benefit Report

Total Community Benefit: **\$839,673**

Total Persons Served: **21,678**

## "Little Food Pantry" is Big Help to Community



A Little Food Pantry is now open on the grounds of Mercy North Medical Building. It was installed in response to the growing need of food insecurity in our community.

The Little Food Pantry is a FREE emergency pantry available 24 hours a day, all year long, to anyone in need.

The intent is for it to be used when families or individuals are in need of food, but are waiting for their next check to arrive or for their next visit to a larger food pantry. The foods available should be able to provide one or two meals for two to four families.

Its location makes it accessible to those living in the MacArthur Park apartments across the street who may have low income and those who are without a home and staying nearby.

Over 25 Mercy departments have

agreed to sponsor a week of supplying the pantry. The types of food items that should be stocked include:

- Individual cups of fruit/applesauce
- Canned entrées (chili, beef stew, soups, tuna)
- Canned vegetables
- Individual cups of Jello/pudding
- Dried fruit
- Crackers
- Cereal/Instant oatmeal
- Shelf-stable milk
- Peanut butter
- Granola bars
- Nuts
- Juice boxes
- Individual cups, baby food

Other items stocked may include:

- Baby diapers and wipes
- Female hygiene products
- Soap, shampoo, deodorant

Several Little Food Pantries are now installed across Franklin County.

### 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: **\$757,395**

### 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: **\$46,770**

### 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: **\$6,631**

### 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: **\$28,877**

### 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: **\$0**