

# Mercy Fort Smith Community Benefit Report

## Back to School Physicals



Mercy Fort Smith Community Health and Access partnered with Mercy Clinic, Fort Smith Public Schools, and Arkansas College of Osteopathic Medicine (ARCOM) students to perform back-to-school physicals at several school locations.

From April 17 – 19, four Mercy physicians and NP/PAs provided kindergarten enrollment physicals for students at five underserved elementary schools in the Fort Smith community. Mercy providers gave approximately 19 hours of their time serving 82 students.

From May 8 – 18, 26 Mercy physicians and five Mercy NP/PAs provided sports physicals at Northside High School, Southside High School and Trinity Jr. High. Mercy providers gave approximately 111 total hours of their time serving 815 students from five local junior high schools and two high schools.

15 ARCOM students assisted physicians with the back-to-school sports physicals.

Total Community Benefit  
**\$29,826,000**

### 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: \$4,639,000

### 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: \$1,994,000

### 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: \$295,000

### 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: \$157,000

### 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: \$22,742,000