

Mercy Joplin Community Benefit Report

Clinic Leaders Volunteer for Lamar Clinic



In the fall of 2018, a group of practice managers decided to lend a hand for the new Mercy Lamar clinic. Mercy were asked to take over the clinic when the physician in the community wanted to leave the practice. We initiated a search for a physician who may want to take over for this community. It didn't take long to find a doctor--and that person happened to be from Lamar and wanted to get back to family medicine.

Buckets of paint arrived, and the primary care managers decided hosted a work day to refurbish the clinic. They upgraded the lobby area, the front walk way, three exam rooms, and repainted the physician's office. Equipment, such as a refrigerator, EKG, exam tables, and chairs, were donated from other communities and clinics to help with the upgrade.

The Lamar practice manager and other clinic leaders came back over the weekend to

finish up the trim, clean windows, and shampoo the carpets. In the end, the flow of the clinic was adjusted to make it more convenient for visitors.

Leaders were even able to include a formation exercise at lunch to discuss what it meant for them to volunteer for Mercy and the community. They also discussed the importance of growing the ministry and fulfilling the mission of Mercy.

Total Community Benefit \$2,362,000

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: \$6,050,000

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: \$21,000

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: \$60,000

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: \$299,000

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: \$0