

Fiscal Year 2021 (July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021)

# Mercy Hospital Jefferson Community Benefit Report

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## Total Reported Community Benefit

**\$12,059,871**

### 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: \$9,856,560

### 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: \$855,872

### 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: \$88,146

### 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: \$190,443

### 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: \$1,068,850

## Supporting Prescription Assistance in the Jefferson Community

"Through meaningful partnerships, pharmacies and clinics nationwide can utilize Dispensary of Hope medication to impact the health of their communities by improving access to affordable medication. As the cornerstone of population health initiatives, the Dispensary of Hope program is key to reducing avoidable hospital readmissions and emergency room use that often results from lack of access to affordable medication."  
(Dispensary of Hope, 2021)

Medication is received through Generous donations from pharmaceutical manufacturers. Medications are in-date and cover a broad range of health issues.

Mercy Hospital Jefferson's retail pharmacy became a dispensing site in January 2020. To enroll, a patient should bring any insurance and

income information they might have -whenever possible- to their clinic or pharmacy to determine eligibility or may be done during a hospital visit by a Mercy Co-Worker. Those who may qualify for no-cost medications are uninsured and meet the income guidelines (currently 300% or below the federal poverty line). Those who have commercial plans without prescription coverage may also qualify.

A sample of Mercy Jefferson patients who are enrolled in the program were evaluated. The sample of 188 patients had a 36% reduction in emergency department visits in the three months after entering the program.

In fiscal year 2021, 1,313 prescriptions were dispensed to Mercy Hospital Jefferson patients, saving them \$62,417.62.

Learn more here:  
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