After a pipe burst and flooded the campus at Ardmore Middle School, students had nowhere to go to finish out their school year. School administrators reached out to local businesses to see if organizations would be willing to host the students. Mercy Ardmore answered the call and our co-workers stepped up to help out the area school.

Mercy Ardmore was honored to host a career day Tuesday, May 15, and serve as an educational curriculum for the day. Three hundred middle school students arrived at Mercy Ardmore to explore health care careers available to them. Students spent their time engaging in various opportunities with Mercy as well as touring an Air Evac helicopter and an ambulance from Southern Oklahoma Ambulance Service. Following the experience, the students left with a better understanding of the impact Mercy Ardmore and the hospital’s community partners have in the community.

### 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: $2,687,684

### 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: $112,000

### 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: $177,000

### 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: $48,000

### 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: $-212,492