Mercy Hospital Oklahoma City (OKC) was recently nominated for the “Partner in Action of the Year” Award by staff at partner school, Linwood Elementary. While Mercy did not win the award, the ministry was recognized as a top three finalist in the large employer category and our work was acknowledged at the district’s Stars in Education awards ceremony.

A number of highlights from the 2017-2018 school year include:

The Heart of Mercy back-to-school supply drive provided Linwood students and teachers with much needed supplies. Each Linwood teacher was supplied with a donated case of copy paper from Mercy departments.

The Mercy Mentors program pairs a co-worker with a student to be mentored once a week through the school year. Fifteen co-workers tutored approximately 150 hours over the year.

Mercy sponsors “Reading Round Up” biannually. Twenty-four co-workers visited a Linwood classroom to read to students during these events.

Three co-workers participated in Career Café for 3rd-5th graders to learn about careers at Mercy.

Mercy donated water for the annual Super Kids Day event and food items for the May Fest event. Mercy also sponsored a healthy breakfast for Linwood staff featuring a nutritional presentation by Lori Manning, RD.

Each spring, the Linwood Art Show is hosted at the hospital. For the first time ever, Mercy sponsored a “Meet the Artist Reception” for families to visit Mercy and see their student’s artwork on display.

The Mercy Community Outreach team was involved with a number of committees including SmartStart and the Linwood Student Counseling Advisory Council.

Fiscal Year 2018 (Third Quarter: July 1, 2017 - March 31, 2018)

Total Community Benefit

$2,866,000

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: $8,479,000

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: $1,056,000

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: $1,564,000

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: $246,000

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: $12,521,000