

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

Mercy Springfield Community Benefit Report

Wednesday Connection



Wednesday Connection is a local collaboration with the Office of Students in Transition of Springfield Public Schools. It is a one-stop resource for families to access essential stabilizing area resources in one centralized location.

Wednesday Connection provides low-barrier access to necessary services. Such access is designed to divert children and youth from homelessness, increase family and community stability, increase access to education, student attendance, achievement, and graduation.

During the 2016-2017 school year, approximately 1,700 students were reported as being homeless as defined by the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (students who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence).

To better meet the needs of these children and youth, Wednesday Connection was created.

Services provided include housing assistance, employment services, legal assistance, access to Benefits (Medicaid, SNAP, TANF, childcare assistance, etc.), mental health and substance abuse referrals, crisis relief, transportation assistance, ID/Birth certificates, case management, health care and more.

Mercy sends a community health worker to Wednesday Connection as a resource for these families. We help participants complete the eligibility paperwork to become an enrolled patient at the MSU Care Clinic, which works to increase access to quality care for uninsured adults with limited or no income.

Total Community Benefit
\$64,075,000

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: \$ 21,635,000

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: \$4,296,000

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: \$269,000

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: \$165,000

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: \$37,712,000



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