

# Mercy St. Louis Community Benefit Report

## Medicaid Subsidies



Mona Moorehead has been a patient at JFK Clinic at Mercy Hospital St. Louis, since 2016. She lost her health insurance and now receives care on a sliding scale fee basis. The JFK Clinic provides medical care for uninsured and underinsured patients.

In 2017, her providers at the JFK Clinic recommended that Mona have a screening mammogram at the Mercy Breast Center in St. Louis. Since Mona's mother had breast cancer when Mona was a teenager, she knew she needed to get mammograms on a regular basis.

Unfortunately, Mona received a positive diagnosis of breast cancer in October 2017. She was worried about not only her health, but if she would be able to receive care without having insurance.

Upon her diagnosis, Mona worked with her nurse navigator, Jennifer Stumpf of the David C. Pratt Cancer Center, to arrange for her breast surgery treatment.

Jen helped Mona access Medicaid to cover all of her care, including her surgery and follow-up care.

After conferring with her breast surgeon, Dr. Sarah Colwick, and her oncologist, Dr. Bethany Sleckman, about her treatment options, Mona decided to have a mastectomy, even though the breast cancer was small in her breast. She didn't want to have radiation following a lumpectomy, so she decided to have her breast removed. She also had reconstructive surgery with Dr. Brunworth, a Mercy plastic surgeon.

Since her surgery in December, Mona has been faithful in following up with her appointments with her Mercy treatment team. Mona is grateful for the care and assistance that Mercy was able to give her and happy that there was a safety net in place for those without insurance.

*Pictured above: Jill Devine of Y98 and Mona Moorehead*

## Total Community Benefit \$27,631,657

### 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: \$11,436,245

### 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: \$1,418,369

### 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: \$3,377,611

#### 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: \$119,418

### 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: \$11,280,014