

Fiscal Year 2018 (First Quarter: July 1, 2017 - September 30, 2017)

Mercy Hospital Jefferson Community Benefit Report

Crisis Nursery Opens Outreach Center in Hospital



In July of 2017, a new Crisis Nursery Outreach Center opened inside Mercy Hospital Jefferson to provide area families with crisis counseling, community referrals, home visitation and parent education groups.

The St. Louis Crisis Nursery provides short-term, safe havens for more than 7,200 children a year, whose families are faced with an emergency or crisis. The organization runs five nurseries and nine outreach centers in the greater St. Louis, St. Charles, Southern Illinois and surrounding regions.

Jessica Buechting is the Crisis Nursery's family empowerment social worker based at the Jefferson outreach center. Jessica is a licensed master social worker experienced with families as a foster care case manager and permanency specialist in Jefferson County.

From July - November 2017, the Jefferson Crisis Nursery Outreach Center has conducted over 100 home visits, provided 410 referrals, processed five emergency fund requests, and supplied 49 families with basic needs items. There are currently 25 families enrolled in their in-home support program: Family Empowerment Program.

This partnership is one of several ways that Mercy Jefferson is addressing the top health priority of access to care, as determined by the hospital's 2016 Community Health Needs Assessment.

For more details on the Saint Louis Crisis Nursery, please call 314-292-5770 or visit: www.crisisnurserykids.org.

To reach Jessica at Mercy Jefferson call 314-374-1700 or email: jessicab@crisisnurserykids.org

Total Community Benefit (\$900,884)

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: \$1,099,741

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: \$138,752

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: \$36,456

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: \$1,089

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: (\$2,176,922)



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