

Mercy Kansas Community Benefit Report

Survey Results Guide Action

Total Community Benefit
\$843,000.00



408 community members took the time to complete the 2017 Community Perception Survey. Here are a few key findings from the survey results:

Finding #1: In Bourbon County, only about 10% of the survey respondents rated their community "healthy" or "very healthy."

Action: Mercy is working in areas where community members spend the most of their time – where we work, eat, and play – to make healthy choices an option.

Finding #2: More than 40% of respondents said the community has doesn't have sufficient options for healthy eating.

Action: The Bourbon County Food Alliance was established by The Healthy Bourbon Action Team in 2017 with an ordinance adopted by the city of Fort Scott. The Alliance is now formally assessing the community's access to healthy food.

Finding #3: Over two-thirds of survey respondents said the community doesn't have adequate street lighting for walking at night.

Action: Improving access to outdoor recreation is another priority of the Action Team. Both the city of Fort Scott and Uniontown city councils have identified needed updates to streets and sidewalks and have formally adopted plans. In order to tie the food access issue to these other improvements, the Bourbon County Food Alliance will complete its assessment first.

Dave Martin, City Manager points out, "We are excited to have a plan in place to enhance the appeal of our community to those who live here and those who could one day call Fort Scott home."

The Community Perception Survey is key to identifying our community's true needs. Mercy will focus efforts on physical activity, healthy eating and tobacco cessation opportunities. Come join the movement with us. Find us on [Facebook](#) (search HealthyBBCo) or on Twitter [@healthybbco](#).

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: \$285,000

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: \$97,000

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: \$2,000

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: \$6,000

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: \$453,000