Mercy Hospital Lincoln welcomed 25 middle school students to M*A*S*H Camp again this summer.

M*A*S*H, which stands for Missouri AHEC (Area Health Education Center) Science and Health, is a partnership with Northeast Missouri AHEC.

The two-day camp held on July 25 & 25, 2017, allowed 6th, 7th and 8th graders from Lincoln County schools to observe and participate in a variety of medical services performed in and outside of the hospital. These activities included training in suturing, reading X-rays, stabilizing limbs and other life-saving methods in the Emergency Department such as CPR and even self-defense tactics.

Students participated in a wide range of activities. They were also invited to culture their own blood type.

Lincoln County first responders and emergency medical technicians were on hand to demonstrate some of the equipment they carry including the always-popular "jaws of life".

The camp serves as a way to engage students in understanding medical services and to broaden their interest in physics, biology, chemistry and other sciences as they begin their high school studies.

Mercy Hospital Lincoln is proud to host this educational program as just one way to inspire our youth to consider health care careers.

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: $188,951

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: $13,502

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: $3,344

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: $0

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: $46,133

Total Community Benefit $251,930