According to the Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma, one in four Oklahoma children go to bed hungry and one in six adults suffer from food insecurity. In Oklahoma County, over eight percent of seniors live in poverty.

Mercy Hospital OKC has partnered with the Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma and Mobile Meals of Oklahoma County, Inc., to combat hunger in the OKC community.

Every Friday morning, two pairs of Mercy OKC co-workers pick up coolers of meals prepared by Mercy Food & Nutrition staff. The pairs use Mercy vans to deliver meals to 24 homebound seniors in northwest OKC. There are currently over 35 co-workers who volunteer to drive the Friday Mercy Meals routes in partnership with Mobile Meals of Oklahoma County, Inc.

Mercy OKC co-workers and family members are invited twice a year to participate in Mercy's work day at the Regional Food Bank. At the fall work day on September 24, 2017, there were over 50 Mercy participants who packed food for the Food Bank’s Backpack Program to feed hungry Oklahoma kids.

In addition to these bi-annual work days, a number of Mercy departments take time out of their busy schedules to serve together as a team.

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: $3,156,000

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: $293,000

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: $134,000

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: $96,000

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: $4,532,000