

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

Mercy Tishomingo Community Benefit Report

Feeding Children in Johnston County

Total Community Benefit
\$309,337



Johnston County data show there is a great need for assistance and programs that target youth. According to the data, the free and reduced lunch eligible rate of public school enrolled children is 75.5%

Mercy Hospital, Tishomingo, is a rural facility located in Johnston County, Oklahoma. It has been able to address Healthy Eating/Youth Development through the Weekend Backpack Program. This program began in 2014 after the 2013 Community Health Needs Assessment and has seen great success. Initially, it included two schools and served 40 students each week.

Today, this project has grown to include all schools in Johnston County with a total of 410 elementary students that take home a backpack of food each weekend.

Receiving a grant from the Catherine McAuley Greatest Area of Need this past year allowed for additional growth and expansion.

Healthy Eating/Youth Development continued to be a high priority need of the current (2016) Community Health Needs Assessment and the Community Health Implementation Plan.

This funding allowed for 300 middle school and high school students in need of food to be served through three school pantries. It also provided healthy snacks for the Tishomingo After School Program (80 kids) and the after school program of the local United Methodist Women's Group (60 kids). Community partners include: Johnston County Health Coalition, United Methodist Women's Group, Hands of Hope Pantry.

Public schools participating in this project are located in the rural towns of: Tishomingo, Ravia, Milburn,

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: \$89,000

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: \$210,000

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: \$10,337

Wapanucka, Coleman, Mill Creek and Mannsville.

Community partners include: Johnston County Health Coalition, United Methodist Women's Group, Mercy, Johnston County Public Schools, and the Tishomingo Development Team.

Future plans of this project should provide programming in the area of nutrition education, dental services, and healthy lifestyle choices by collaboration with the existing after school program.