

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

# Mercy Washington Community Benefit Report

## Mercy at the Fair: Care and Education



Last summer, Mercy Hospital Washington and Mercy Clinic Four Rivers weren't just major sponsors of the Washington Town & Country Fair. They also provided needed health care to fairgoers. While attendees were concentrating on eating homemade pies with no hands and watching their favorite bands perform under the stars, Mercy was busy bandaging blisters, bringing down blood pressures and promoting healthy lifestyles for the entire family.

Nearly 40 Mercy physicians, advanced practitioners and other co-workers were available to assist fairgoers during the five-day event. Besides staffing the first aid station and rest tent, Mercy's Nutrition and Culinary Services hosted an obstacle course to promote physical fitness and had a dietitian available to provide healthy eating and nutritional information. The dietitian answered questions from

individuals about their diets and offered melon-infused water, a nutritious way to flavor plain water.

In response to the number of fatal motor vehicle accidents across Missouri, many involving young children, certified Mercy co-workers and local first responders provided car seat checks for families with small children. They also distributed car seats to families who could not afford the proper size seat along with car seat safety materials.

Mercy has been in the community for the past 41 years and is looking forward to many more Town & Country Fairs.

Total Community Benefit  
**\$1,152,749**

### 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: \$1,362,853

### 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: \$29,592

### 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: \$32,830

#### 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: \$21,922

### 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: -\$294,448



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