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 dietician available to provide healthy eating and nutritional information. The dietician 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.

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

Total Community Benefit
$1,152,749

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