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Children's Mercy Hospital

FY 14 Community Benefit Summary

As a nonprofit pediatric hospital, our bottom line is children – this means that positive hospital margins are reinvested into the health and well-being of children. In 2014, Children's Mercy reported more than \$188 million in "community benefit" activities – that is, activities we conducted as a hospital that went beyond caring for patients and made an impact on the Kansas City region.

Category	FY14 Net Expense
Financial Assistance at Cost	\$ 15,690,806
Unreimbursed Medicaid/Other Gov Programs	\$138,597,598
Subsidized Health Services	\$ 5,342,453
Health Professions Education	\$ 22,997,754
Research	\$ 622,811
Community Health Improvement Services	\$ 4,005,834
Community Building Activities	\$ 690,923
Cash and In-Kind Donations	\$ 339,168
Community Benefit Operations	\$ 95,625

Financial Assistance at Cost (Formerly Charity Care) – Includes free and discounted inpatient and outpatient care to persons who meet the eligibility criteria of our financial assistance policies

Unreimbursed Medicaid and Other Government Programs – Includes unreimbursed costs from providing care to patients enrolled in government health programs

Health Professions Education – Includes all educational programs the organization is involved with that result in degrees or training necessary to practice as a health professional

Research – Includes studies or investigations designed to generate knowledge that will be made available to the public. Does not include industry-funded studies or the cost of research received from grants and other contributions

Subsidized Health Services – Includes clinical services that are provided despite a financial loss because they meet a community need

Community Health Improvement Services – These activities are carried out to improve community health and include community health education, outreach and prevention services

Community-Building Activities – These activities seek to address root causes of health problems, such as poverty, homelessness and environmental hazards

Cash and In-Kind Donations – Includes contributions made by the organization that support community benefit activities provided by others

Community Benefit Operations – Includes the cost of assigned staff, consultants and activities of the community benefit team, such as community assessments, planning and program evaluations.

Activities Related to Community Priority Areas FY14

Children's Mercy Hospital has partnered with the community to support the health and safety of children in the Kansas City region. Our work goes beyond the hospital walls and into the communities we serve. Children's Mercy is proud to participate in efforts to bring solutions to some of our region's most pressing issues that affect the well-being of children. In 2013, Children's Mercy conducted a community health needs assessment and identified three priority needs. Below is a summary of the priority needs with a listing of the work Children's Mercy is supporting to address the needs.

Need #1: Access, Including the Importance of a Medical Home

- The [Beacon Program](#) is seeing 100+ complex, chronic, special healthcare needs patients and their siblings
- Progress made in supporting the development of medical homes within CMH Clinics as well as community-based practices.
- Provide on-site health services at Operation Breakthrough, University Academy, and Synergy Services

Need #2: Injury and Safety

- Support Promise 1000, a community-wide program to coordinate home visit services across the region
- Developed the Safe and Healthy Families Clinic, a Trauma Prevention and Treatment Program for children who experienced a traumatic event.

Need #3: Nutrition, Weight Status, and Physical Activity

- The Weighing In Coalition brings together a diverse set of partners working to improve healthy eating and active living throughout the Metro area.
- The Zoom to Health program provides weight management services and activities to families and children at area YMCAs.