



# COMMUNITY BENEFIT REPORT



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# TOTAL OF OUR COMMUNITY BENEFIT

# \$865,433,522

## HOW A NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATION DETERMINES COMMUNITY BENEFIT

The not-for-profit entities of Lehigh Valley Health Network qualify as charitable organizations under Pennsylvania Act 55.

The Act sets specific criteria for what constitutes a charitable organization, defines the uncompensated goods and services that qualify as community benefit, and prescribes how these goods and services are measured.



## DIRECT PATIENT CARE

### MEDICARE SHORTFALL\*

The difference between Medicare and Medicare Managed Care payments and the cost of providing patient care.

**\$779,406,047**

457,235,849

### MEDICAL ASSISTANCE SHORTFALL\*

The difference between Medical Assistance and Medical Assistance Managed Care payments and the cost of providing patient care.

219,954,509

### BAD DEBT

The cost of providing care to patients who the health network believes were able to pay for their services but did not.

31,473,924

### UNCOMPENSATED CHARITY CARE

Free care for people unable to pay.

10,979,786

### SUBSIDIZED HEALTH SERVICES

The difference between payments and costs for subsidized health services.

52,901,625

### TRICARE AND OTHER GOVERNMENT PAYER SHORTFALLS\*

TRICARE is a federally funded health plan for military personnel, retirees and their families.

5,977,235

### PHYSICIAN RECRUITMENT

Includes subsidized costs to recruit physicians to provide care in numerous medically underserved areas.

883,119

\*About shortfalls and Act 55: As per Act 55, community benefit provided by charitable organizations includes shortfalls between payments received from Medicare, Medical Assistance and patients, and the cost of providing care.

## PROFESSIONAL AND PATIENT EDUCATION AND RESEARCH

**\$52,877,569**

### MEDICAL EDUCATION\*

Includes salaries and benefits for medical residents, the cost net of tuition for the SELECT medical school program, a portion of salaries and benefits for program directors and others who support graduate and undergraduate medical education, and support activities such as the hospital library.

32,070,785

### NURSING EDUCATION\*

Includes salaries and benefits for nurses who attend the Critical Care Internship. Also includes salaries and benefits for personnel providing education.

17,431,628

### RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

Includes research in areas such as neurology, oncology and family medicine that are not grant funded.

2,931,420

### HEALTH PROFESSIONAL AND STUDENT EDUCATION

Includes education provided at Lehigh Valley Hospital-Hazleton, Lehigh Valley Hospital-Schuylkill and Lehigh Valley Hospital-Pocono.

443,736

\*About education and Act 55: As per Act 55, community benefit provided by charitable organizations includes the difference between the full cost of education and research programs, and payments received to support these programs.

## COMMUNITY EDUCATION AND PREVENTION

**\$11,928,366**

### LEHIGH VALLEY TOPPER CANCER INSTITUTE

Includes nurse navigators, support groups, classes, programs and nutrition counseling. This amount reflects the cost of providing these services free of charge.

2,394,275

### PASTORAL CARE

Provides ministry to patients, family and staff. Includes a portion of salaries and benefits for pastoral care staff.

1,089,709

### HEALTH PROMOTION AND DISEASE PREVENTION

Includes fitness programs, health fairs, patient education publications and other publications promoting wellness and disease awareness, staffing costs for free COVID-19 vaccine clinics and public health messaging surrounding COVID-19, and staffing costs for athletic training services provided to schools and universities..

7,373,767

### DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY HEALTH

Includes COVID-19 vaccination efforts, Community Health Needs Assessment, FORESIGHT, Engagement Network, partnership with the Kellyn Foundation, Cardiac Heart Failure Food Prescription Pilot with Meals on Wheels of the Lehigh Valley and other programs designed to improve the health and well-being of vulnerable community members.

27,515

### EMERGENCY EDUCATION

Includes training and education for physicians, nurses and first-responders region wide. We also provide free bioterrorism and disaster preparedness training in our community.

1,043,100

**COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS AND SUPPORT**

**\$21,221,540**

**EQUIVALENT VALUE OF SUPPORT FOR AGENCIES AND MUNICIPALITIES**

12,452,856

Includes free physical exams for municipal employees and first responders, financial assistance for local governments, disease prevention programs, transportation expenses for discharged patients lacking transportation means, donations of supplies to regional EMS units, the provision of medical personnel for community events like Musikfest, and real estate taxes paid by the health network on owned and leased property.

**EQUIVALENT VALUE OF VOLUNTEER ASSISTANCE\***

3,172,755

Includes 102,413 hours donated by volunteers.

**PATIENT CARE COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES**

4,862,321

Includes free flu shots, free medications for people unable to pay, the cost of Medical Assistance enrollment services provided free of charge, no-cost oral trauma surgery care and the difference between payments for mental health services and the cost of providing services at two residential aftercare programs.

**SPONSORSHIPS FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS**

733,608

Includes support for numerous not-for-profit organizations that are aligned with our health network's mission, along with support of the Burn Prevention Network.

\*About volunteers and Act 55: As per Act 55, it is appropriate for charitable organizations to report volunteer service. This shows how valuable volunteers are to the institution and the community. Act 55 provides a formula for calculating this based on the Pennsylvania Workers Compensation Act. We follow that formula.

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