# St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center St. Joseph's Westgate Medical Center Community Benefit 2023 Report and 2024 Plan

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## A message from

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Dignity Health's approach to community health improvement aims to address significant health needs identified in the Community Health Needs Assessments that we conduct with community input, including from the local public health department. Our initiatives to deliver community benefit include financial assistance for those unable to afford medically necessary care, a range of prevention and health improvement programs conducted by the hospital and with community partners, and investing in efforts that address social determinants of health.

St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center (SJHMC) and St. Joseph's Westgate Medical Center (SJWMC) share a commitment with others to improve the health of our community and deliver programs and services to help achieve that goal. The Community Benefit 2023 Report and 2024 Plan describes much of this work. This report meets requirements in California (Senate Bill 697) that not-for-profit hospitals produce an annual community benefit report and plan. Dignity Health hospitals in Arizona and Nevada voluntarily produce these reports and plans, as well. We are proud of the outstanding programs, services and other community benefits our hospital delivers, and are pleased to report to our community.

In fiscal year 2023 (FY23), SJHMC and SJWMC provided \$220,631,121 in patient financial assistance, unreimbursed costs of Medicaid, community health improvement services and other community benefits. The hospital also incurred \$74,726,627 in unreimbursed costs of caring for patients covered by Medicare fee-for-service.

The hospital's Community Board reviewed, approved and adopted the Community Benefit 2023 Report and 2024 Plan at its October 19, 2023 meeting.

Thank you for taking the time to review our report and plan. We welcome any questions or ideas for collaborating that you may have, by reaching out to CommunityHealth-SJHMC@DignityHealth.org.

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## **At-a-Glance Summary**

## Community Served



SJHMC and SJWMC serve the geographic area of Maricopa County which encompasses 9,224 square miles, includes 27 cities and towns, as well as the whole or part of five sovereign American Indian reservations. With an estimated population of 4 million and growing, Maricopa County is home to well over half of Arizona's residents. The community served is ethnically and culturally diverse.

#### Economic Value of Community Benefit



\$220,631,121 in patient financial assistance, unreimbursed costs of Medicaid, community health improvement services, community grants and other community benefits

\$74,726,627 in unreimbursed costs of caring for patients covered by Medicare fee-for-service

#### Significant Community Health Needs Being Addressed

The significant community health needs the hospital is helping to address and that form the basis of this document were identified in the hospital's most recent Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA). Needs being addressed by strategies and programs are:



- Access to Care
  - Maternal and Child Health
  - Financial Security
- Cancer

- Chronic Health Conditions
  - Obesity
  - Diabetes
  - Cardiovascular Disease (CVD)

## FY23 Programs and Services



The hospital delivered several programs and services to help address identified significant community health needs. These included:

- Access to Care ACTIVATE, CATCH, Health Equity Initiative, Keogh Enrollment Specialist, Hospital-based Community Navigators, Lyft Transportation Services, MOMobile, and Patient Financial Assistance.
- Cancer Cancer Medication Assistance Program, Cancer Resource Navigator, Lifestyle Management Workshops and Support Groups, and Women's Wellness Clinic.
- Chronic Disease ACTIVATE, Diabetes Empowerment Education Program, Healthier Living, Muhammed Ali Parkinson's Center Programs, and Stroke Prevention Education.

# FY24 Planned Programs and Services



 Access to Care - ACTIVATE, CATCH, Health Equity Initiative, Keogh Enrollment Specialist, Lyft Transportation Services, MOMobile, Patient Financial Assistance, Homeless Discharge Initiative, and Community-Based Patient Navigators.

- Cancer Cancer Medication Assistance Program, Cancer Resource Navigator, Lifestyle Management Workshops and Support Groups, and Women's Wellness Clinic.
- Chronic Disease ACTIVATE, Diabetes Empowerment Education Program, Healthier Living, Cocinando con Salud en Balance, Community Fitness Classes, Muhammed Ali Parkinson's Center Programs.

This document is publicly available online at https://www.dignityhealth.org/arizona/locations/stjosephs/about-us/community-benefit/community-benefit-resources.

Written comments on this report can be submitted to the St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center Community Health Office at 350 W. Thomas Road, Phoenix, AZ 85013 or by email to <a href="mailto:CommunityHealth-SJHMC@DignityHealth.org">CommunityHealth-SJHMC@DignityHealth.org</a>.

## Our Hospital and the Community Served

## About St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center and St. Joseph's Westgate Medical Center

SJHMC and SJWMC are members of Dignity Health, which is a part of CommonSpirit Health.

Located in the heart of Phoenix and founded in 1895 by the Sisters of Mercy, St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center is a 571-bed, not-for-profit hospital that provides a wide range of health, social and support services with special advocacy for the poor and underserved. As of 2020, SJHMC has 5,296 employees, 91 Employed Faculty Physicians, 1,114 Credentialed Community Physicians, 197 residents, and 334 Volunteers. SJHMC is a nationally recognized center for quality tertiary care, medical education and research. It includes the internationally renowned Barrow Neurological Institute®, the Heart & Lung Institute®, Dignity Health Cancer Institute at St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center, and a Level 1 Trauma Center verified by the American College of Surgeons.

St. Joseph's Westgate Medical Center is a not-for-profit, 23 bed inpatient hospital that opened on May 13, 2014. The medical campus and hospital feature new approaches to healthcare. The campus utilizes the most innovative uses of materials to promote patient safety, patient satisfaction and medical efficiency. SJWMC provides four operating rooms, two procedure rooms, 23 inpatient beds, which includes 5 critical care beds. Services included general surgery, orthopedics, urology, gastrointestinal and endoscopy. SJWMC continues the Sisters of Mercy's mission, providing care and compassion to the West Valley

#### Our Mission

As CommonSpirit Health, we make the healing presence of God known in our world by improving the health of the people we serve, especially those who are vulnerable, while we advance social justice for all.

#### Our Vision

A healthier future for all – inspired by faith, driven by innovation, and powered by our humanity.

## Financial Assistance for Medically Necessary Care

It is the policy of CommonSpirit Health to provide, without discrimination, emergency medical care and medically necessary care in CommonSpirit hospital facilities to all patients, without regard to a patient's financial ability to pay. This hospital has a financial assistance policy that describes the assistance provided to patients for whom it would be a financial hardship to fully pay the expected out-of-pocket expenses for such care, and who meet the eligibility criteria for such assistance. The financial assistance policy, a plain language summary, and related materials are available in multiple languages on the hospital's website.

### Description of the Community Served

The SJHMC and SJWMC community is defined as Maricopa County. The entire county was chosen as the community definition due to the broad range of SJHMC's and SJWMC's service areas. A summary description of the community is provided below. Additional details can be found in the CHNA report online.

Maricopa County is the fourth most populous county in the United States. Based on 2019 American Community Survey (ACS five-year estimates, Maricopa County has an estimated population of over 4.3 million and growing, home to well over half of Arizona's residents. Maricopa County encompasses 9,224 square miles, includes 27 cities and towns, as well as the whole or part of five sovereign American Indian reservations. A list of all Maricopa County zip codes is located in the SJHMC Community Health Needs Assessment.



SJHMC and SJWMC serve patients across Maricopa County;

hence, the community definition extends beyond their physical locations in the City of Phoenix and the City of Glendale. The City of Phoenix is primarily served by SJHMC for acute care and trauma services. Phoenix is the 5th largest city in the United States by population, making it the most populous state capital. Its population in 2019 was 1,633,017 with a median age of 33.8. The City of Phoenix is made up of predominantly Caucasian/White individuals (76.1%), followed by Latino/Hispanic (42.6%), Black/African American (8.6%), Asian (5.0%), American Indian/Alaska Native (3.0%), and Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander (0.5%). In 2019, the median household income in Phoenix was \$57,459 with a poverty rate of 18.0%. The educational attainment statistics in Phoenix in 2019 were as follows: less than high school graduates (18.0%), high school graduates (36.0%), some college/associate's degree (37.6%), and bachelor's degree or higher (8.4%).

Demographic information for the SJHMC primary service area.

Total Population	1,675,840
Race	
Asian/Pacific Islander	3.4%
Black/African American - Non-Hispanic	8.9%
Hispanic or Latino	51.4%
White Non-Hispanic	30.7%
All Others	5.7%
Total Hispanic & Race	
% Below Poverty	14.2%
Unemployment	5.3%
No High School Diploma	21.2%
Medicaid	27.0%

Uninsured	11.1%
Source: Claritas Pop-Facts® 2022; SG2 Market Demographic Module	

Demographic information for the SJWMC primary service area.

Total Population	1,182,960
Race	
Asian/Pacific Islander	3.5%
Black/African American - Non-Hispanic	7.9%
Hispanic or Latino	47.4%
White Non-Hispanic	35.8%
All Others	5.4%
Total Hispanic & Race	
% Below Poverty	11.2%
Unemployment	5.3%
No High School Diploma	18.2%
Medicaid	26.3%
Uninsured	10.9%
Source: Claritas Pop-Facts® 2022; SG2 Market Demog	raphic Module

## **Community Assessment and Significant Needs**

The hospital engages in multiple activities to conduct its community health improvement planning process. These include, but are not limited, to conducting a Community Health Needs Assessment with community input at least every three years, identifying collaborating community stakeholder organizations, describing anticipated impacts of program activities and measuring program indicators.

## Community Health Needs Assessment

The health issues that form the basis of the hospital's community benefit plan and programs were identified in the most recent CHNA report, which was adopted in April 2022.

This document also reports on programs delivered during fiscal year 2023 that were responsive to needs prioritized in the hospital's previous CHNA report.

The CHNA contains several key elements, including:

- Description of the assessed community served by the hospital;
- Description of assessment processes and methods;
- Presentation of data, information and findings, including significant community health needs;
- Community resources potentially available to help address identified needs; and
- Discussion of impacts of actions taken by the hospital since the preceding CHNA.

Additional detail about the needs assessment process and findings can be found in the CHNA report, which is publicly available at <a href="https://www.dignityhealth.org/content/dam/dignity-health/pdfs/chna/2022-chna/chna-sjhmc-22.pdf">https://www.dignityhealth.org/content/dam/dignity-health/pdfs/chna/2022-chna/chna-sjhmc-22.pdf</a> or upon request at the hospital's Community Health office.

## Significant Health Needs

The CHNA identified the significant needs in the table below, which also indicates which needs the hospital intends to address. Identified needs may include specific health conditions, behaviors and health care services, and also health-related social needs that have an impact on health and well-being.

Significant Health Need	Description	Intend to Address?
Access to Healthcare  • Maternal & Child Health • Financial Security	Access to healthcare is defined as the timely use of health services to achieve the best possible health outcomes. Many people face barriers that prevent or limit access to needed healthcare services.  • Maternal Health refers to the health of women during pregnancy, childbirth, and postnatal period. There are opportunities at each stage that provide support ensuring women and their babies reach their full potential for health and well-being.  • Financial Security refers to having the coverage and/or other means necessary for health care expenses.	•
Addiction / Substance Abuse	Addiction is a chronic disorder characterized by compulsive drug use despite adverse consequences. If left untreated, it can cause serious harmful effects and may lead to death.  Substance Abuse is the repeated harmful use of any substance, including drugs and alcohol, which can lead to addiction.	
Affordable Housing / Homelessness	Affordable Housing/Homelessness is often identified as an important social determinant of health due to the range of ways in which a lack of housing, or poor quality housing, can negatively affect health and wellbeing.	
Cancer	Cancer is a large group of diseases that can start in almost any organ or tissue of the body when abnormal cells grow beyond their usual boundaries to invade adjoining parts of the body and/or spread to other organs.	<b>√</b>

Chronic Health Conditions  Obesity  Diabetes  Cardiovascular Disease (CVD)	<ul> <li>Chronic Health Conditions are health conditions or diseases that are persistent or otherwise long-lasting in their effects.</li> <li>Obesity is a complex health issue resulting from a combination of causes and individual factors such as behavior and genetics. Behaviors can include physical activity, inactivity, dietary, dietary patterns, medication use, and other exposures.</li> <li>Diabetes is a chronic, metabolic disease characterized by elevated levels of blood glucose (or blood sugar). The most common is type 2 diabetes.</li> <li>Cardiovascular Diseases (CVDs) are a class of diseases that affect the heart or blood vessels. The most important behavioral risk factors of heart disease and stroke are unhealthy diet, physical inactivity, tobacco use and harmful use of alcohol.</li> </ul>	
Food Insecurity	<b>Food Insecurity</b> refers to the state of being without reliable access to a sufficient quantity of affordable, nutritious food.	
Mental Health	<b>Mental Health</b> includes emotional, psychological, and social well-being, and affects how individuals think, feel, and act.	
Safety & Violence  • Unintentional Injuries	<ul> <li>Safety and Violence are a significant cause of death and burden of disease, and some people are more vulnerable than others depending on the conditions in which they are born, grow, work, live and age.</li> <li>Unintentional Injuries can be predictable and preventable. Leading causes of nonfatal injury include traffic-related injuries, falls, burns, poisonings, and drownings.</li> </ul>	

#### Significant Needs the Hospital Does Not Intend to Address

The hospital has chosen not to address the following significant health needs due to limited capacity of hospital staff, limited capacity of available hospital services, and limited resources. While the hospital will not *directly* address the needs listed below, it will indirectly support work being done in the community to address these needs through strategic grant making and investments. The hospital will also secure and maintain key partnerships with community-based organizations that are addressing the needs listed below.

- Addiction / Substance Abuse
- Affordable Housing / Homelessness
- Food Insecurity
- Mental Health
- Safety & Violence

### Using a Health Equity Lens

At SJHMC, we are dedicated to improving access to care and promoting health equity for all across all prioritized significant health needs.

Health Equity means that everyone has a fair and just opportunity to be as healthy as possible. Health equity is achieved when every person has the opportunity to attain his or her full health potential and no one is disadvantaged from achieving this potential because of social position or other socially determined circumstances.

## 2023 Report and 2024 Plan

This section presents strategies and program activities the hospital is delivering, funding or on which it is collaborating with others to address significant community health needs. It summarizes actions taken in FY23 and planned activities for FY24, with statements on impacts and community collaboration. Program Highlights provide additional detail on select programs.

Planned activities are consistent with current significant needs and the hospital's mission and capabilities. The hospital may amend the plan as circumstances warrant, such as changes in community needs or resources to address them.

## Creating the Community Benefit Plan

The hospital is dedicated to improving community health and delivering community benefit with the engagement of its management team, board, clinicians and staff, and in collaboration with community partners.

Hospital and health system participants included the CommonSpirit Health System Office, the SJHMC Community Benefit and Health Equity Department, Executive Leadership



Team, Mission Services, the Care Coordination Department, Dignity Health Medical Group (Internal Medicine and Women's Clinic), and the Community Benefit and Health Equity Committee.

Community input or contributions to this community benefit report and plan included conducting a Community Health Needs Assessment and Implementation Strategy with community input using five core principles to guide planning and program implementation; measuring and tracking program indicators and their impact; input from the Community Benefit and Health Equity Committee (CBHEC), the Health Equity Alliance (HEA), and other community stakeholders.

The programs and initiatives described here were selected on the basis of priority as they relate to one or more of the following principles: focus on disproportionate unmet health-related needs; emphasize prevention including activities that address the social determinants of health; build community capacity;

demonstrate collaboration; and contribute to a seamless continuum of care. The programs and strategies identified that address significant needs are achievable through the hospital's capacity to meet the need, available resources, existing hospital services, and collaborative partnerships.

## Community Health Strategic Objectives

The hospital believes that program activities to help address significant community health needs should reflect a strategic use of resources and engagement of participants both inside and outside of the health care delivery system.

CommonSpirit Health has established four core strategic objectives for community health improvement activities. These objectives help to ensure that our program activities overall address strategic aims while meeting locally-identified needs.



Create robust alignment with multiple departments and programmatic integration with relevant strategic initiatives to optimize system resources for advancing community health.



Scale initiatives that complement conventional care to be proactive and community-centered, and strengthen the connection between clinical care and social health.



Work with community members and agency partners to strengthen the capacity and resiliency of local ecosystems of health, public health, and social services.



Partner, invest in and catalyze the expansion of evidencebased programs and innovative solutions that improve community health and wellbeing.

# Report and Plan by Health Need

The tables below present strategies and program activities the hospital has delivered or intends to deliver to help address significant health needs identified in the community health needs assessment.

They are organized by health need and include statements of strategy and program impact, and any collaboration with other organizations in our community.



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#### **Health Need: Cancer**

Strategy or Program	Summary Description	Active FY23	Planned FY24
Cancer Support Navigation & Screening	Collaboration with Cancer Support Community of Arizona and the American Cancer Society to provide onsite community education and navigation for cancer patients and their caregivers  Cancer support navigators are bilingual and meet the cultural and linguistic needs of patients and community members	•	•
Lifestyle Management	Lifestyle management workshops, support groups, transportation support and other classes that support physical, mental, and spiritual wellbeing.		•
Medication Assistance	Cancer center will assist in completing applications for cancer medications for uninsured and underinsured.	•	•

**Goal and Impact:** To increase access to care, social and medical supports, and to ensure patients are screened within the care guidelines. These projects also increase the patient's ability to continue to receive the care they need within their community. Improve access to care and promote health equity for all across all priorities significant health needs.

**Collaborators:** Collaborative partnerships with Cancer Support Community of Arizona and the American Cancer Society to enhance navigation and bridge the gaps in care, linking patients to appropriate resources that address their social and health needs.

Addressing Health Equity: At SJHMC, we are committed to addressing health inequities through internal and external partnerships, including local community-based organizations to provide continuity of care for patients living with cancer. These partnerships help to improve health care delivery, quality of healthcare, address health inequities, and eliminate health disparities. An enhanced health and social needs screening, implementation of a closed loop referral system, and Community Health Worker Program, significantly enables us to expand our reach to serve and support diverse populations, increase knowledge and education, navigation, disease prevention, improve health outcomes and promote health equity for all.



## **Health Need: Chronic Health Conditions**

Strategy or Program	Summary Description	Active FY23	Planned FY24
Chronic Disease Self- Management	<ul> <li>DEEP (Diabetes Empowerment Education Program)</li> <li>Self-management workshops in English and Spanish</li> <li>Collaboration with community partners providing education on chronic disease self- management to meet ongoing needs of individuals living with prediabetes and diabetes.</li> <li>Healthier Living with Chronic Conditions</li> <li>Free Chronic Disease Education Program</li> <li>Strategies and tools are provided to improve health and overall quality of life.</li> <li>Offered in English and Spanish</li> </ul>	•	•
Nutrition and Physical Activity Programs	<ul> <li>MOMobile education on nutrition for mother, baby and family</li> <li>Advocate for SNAP benefits, access to healthy foods programs using SNAP benefits</li> <li>Utilize Community Health Workers/Navigators to bridge access to social services and transportation to food distribution locations</li> <li>Cocinando con Salud en Balance (Cooking Class)</li> <li>Community Fitness Classes (i.e., Zumba, Yoga, and Tai Chi)</li> </ul>	•	•
ACTIVATE	<ul> <li>Care Management following hospital discharge</li> <li>Home visiting program and increased monitoring for 30 days</li> <li>Social needs being met by program</li> <li>Education and prevention activities</li> </ul>	•	•
Cardiovascular Patient Navigation	<ul> <li>Social determinants of health screening</li> <li>Patient navigation</li> </ul>		•
Chronic Kidney Disease  – Community Outreach Initiative	Community-facing awareness, education and screening campaign in the Phoenix area to increase the number of Black community members who have received CKD education and screenings.	•	•

**Goal and Impact:** The hospital's initiative to address chronic conditions has anticipated results in: improved overall health through a reduction of co-morbidities, decrease in Emergency Department use, increase in primary care utilization, increase in knowledge and care for chronic conditions, reduction of mortalities, increase in education and disease prevention efforts. Reduction in length of hospital stays and readmissions. Improve access to care and promote health equity for all across all prioritized significant health needs.

**Collaborators:** Collaboration with internal and external partners to address the chronic health conditions: obesity, diabetes, and **cardiovascular disease** (**CVDs**) strategy. Planned collaborators include SJHMC Cardiovascular Clinic, Chicanos por la Causa/Keogh, Foundation for Senior Living, and GetWell Network.

Addressing Health Equity: At SJHMC, we are committed to addressing health inequities through internal and external partnerships, including local community-based organizations to provide continuity of care for patients living with chronic health conditions. These partnerships help to improve health care delivery, quality of healthcare, address health inequities, and eliminate health disparities. An enhanced health and social needs screening, implementation of a closed loop referral system, and Community Health Worker Program, significantly enables us to expand our reach to serve and support diverse populations, increase knowledge and education, navigation, disease prevention, improve health outcomes and promote health equity for all.

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#### **Health Need: Access to Care**

Strategy or Program	Summary Description	Active FY23	Planned FY24
Enrollment assistance, outreach activities, and financial assistance	<ul> <li>Chicanos Por La Causa/Keogh Health Connection, Foundation for Senior Living, Circle the City along with other community programs assist with insurance, program enrollment, hospital transition services and assistance.</li> <li>Financial Assistance Committee</li> </ul>	•	•
Hospital-based C Navigators	<ul> <li>Community Health Improvement Grants to establish medical homes, home visits, and social needs navigation.</li> <li>Integration of care navigators within health care facilities to meet the needs of diverse patient populations (i.e., homeless, refugees, asylum seekers, aging, chronically ill, fragile infants and other areas as needed).</li> <li>Bridging the gaps and linkage to community resources using internal hospital care navigators and external care navigators and community health workers.</li> </ul>	•	•
Community Health Workers	<ul> <li>Muhammed Ali Parkinson's Center Promotoras/Community Health Workers</li> </ul>	•	•

	<ul> <li>Build a sustainable Community Health Worker program at St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center operated by the Community Benefit &amp; Health Equity Department</li> </ul>		
Maternal and Fetal Health	<ul> <li>MOMobile (Maternal Outreach Mobile Unit) provide prenatal and postpartum care for low-income, uninsured pregnant women</li> <li>Mobile clinic travels weekly to four different locations within Maricopa County</li> <li>Nurse Family Partnership and home visiting programs for high risk families.</li> </ul>	•	•
ACTIVATE & CATCH	<ul> <li>ACTIVATE - Case management of patients in acute care setting with limited or no insurance</li> <li>CATCH - Case management of patients in ambulatory care setting with limited or no insurance</li> <li>Kindness Closet - Provides access to free medical equipment</li> <li>Patients are followed up to 90 days</li> </ul>	•	•
Primary Care / Medical Home Partnerships	<ul> <li>Mission of Mercy - mobile primary care clinic</li> <li>Mountain Park Health Center - access to affordable ambulatory care</li> <li>Adelante Healthcare - access to affordable ambulatory care</li> <li>CATCH (Internal Medicine Clinic)</li> <li>Homeless patient navigator</li> </ul>	•	•

**Goal and Impact:** The hospital's initiatives to address access to care are anticipated to result in: early identification and treatment of health issues; gains in public or private health care coverage; increased knowledge about how to access and navigate the healthcare system; and increase primary care "medical homes"; improve access to care and promote health equity for all across all prioritized significant health needs.

**Collaborators:** The hospital will partner with local community based organizations to deliver this access to care strategy. Current collaborators include Foundation for Senior Living, Chicanos por la Causa, MOMobile, Mission of Mercy, and Get Well Network.

**Addressing Health Equity:** At SJHMC, we are committed to addressing health inequities through a systems change approach that improves access to affordable quality health care, addresses health inequities, and eliminates health disparities. Improved access to care is met through an enhanced health and social needs screening, implementation of a closed loop referral system, and Community Health Worker Program, promoting health equity for all.

## Community Health Improvement Grants Program

One important way the hospital helps to address community health needs is by awarding financial grants to non-profit organizations working together to improve health status and quality of life. Grant funds are used to deliver services and strengthen service systems, to improve the health and well-being of vulnerable and underserved populations related to CHNA priorities.

In FY23, the hospital awarded the grants below totaling \$680,171. Some projects also may be described elsewhere in this report.

Grant Recipient	Project Name	Amount
American Heart Association, Phoenix	Moms and Health Hearts	\$62,585
First Place AZ	Inclusion, Accommodations & Care (NUANCE) Program	\$62,586
Creighton Community Foundation	Fresh in the Neighborhood: Improving Health Equity through Sustainable, Local Food Access	\$90,000
BLOOM365	Y-VIPP: Youth Violence Intervention and Prevention Project	\$65,000
Chicano's Por La Causa, Inc.	Sembrando Semillas/Sowing Seeds	\$100,000
Valley of the Sun YMCA	Viva! – A Family-Centered Obesity and Diabetes Prevention Program	\$75,000
Cancer Support Community Arizona	Addressing the Impact of the Pandemic on Cancer Care & Screening for Unserved Communities in the SJHMC PSA	\$85,000
Mission of Mercy	Improving the Health of Uninsured Patients with Diabetes	\$50,000
Maggie's Place	Healthy Moms, Healthy Families	\$90,000

## **Program Highlights**

The following pages describe a sampling of programs and initiatives listed above in additional detail, illustrating the work undertaken to help address significant community health needs.

	ACTIVATE	
Significant Health Needs Addressed	☑Access to Care  ☐Mental/Behavioral Health  ☑Chronic Diseases  ☐Cancer  ☐Safety & Violence  ☑Homelessness & Housing Insecurity	
Program Description	The ACTIVATE Program is designed to help transition patients from hospital to home. A Patient Care Advocate meets with the identified patients in the hospital or by phone and provides them with a Post-Hospital Care Plan. The plan includes a review of their medications, disease, and health information, and home needs, and assists with follow-up medical appointments.  The Patient Care Advocate is expected to meet with the patient and caregiver within 72 hours of the enrollment/hospital discharge date to provide further education and support for the patient and their family. The Patient Care Advocate provides the patient with follow-up phone calls and additional home visits for a period of 30 to 90 days post-discharge from the hospital.	
Population Served	The program serves an at-risk patient population that otherwise may be susceptible to re-hospitalization, specifically reducing readmissions and Emergency Department visits. The ACTIVATE Program serves patients with a wide range of socio-economic factors impacting their access to and treatment of their health-related needs.	
Program Goal / Anticipated Impact	The goal of the ACTIVATE program is to make patients' transition from the hospital to home as smooth as possible, prevent the need for the patient to be readmitted to the hospital, focus on Social Determinants of Health impacting the patient's health condition, and connect the patient to community resources and wrap-around services.	
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Activities Summary	The ACTIVATE program provides home safety assessments, education on diagnosis and medication, linkage to community resources, and assessment of health-related social needs.	
Performance / Impact	<ul> <li>In FY23, 2,263 patients were referred to the ACTIVATE Program.</li> <li>911 patients were enrolled in the program and received at-home follow-up.</li> <li>Of those 911 patients, ACTIVATE has had a 96% success rate in preventing readmissions.</li> </ul>	

Hospital's Contribution / Program Expense	The hospital provides 59% operational support for the ACTIVATE staff located at the hospital. The hospital connects the Patient Care Advocate to clients who may benefit from the Program during clients' care in the hospital	
FY 2024 Plan		
Program Goal / Anticipated Impact	In FY24, the ACTIVATE Program will add an additional Patient Care Advocate, which will allow the program to better serve the community, touch more lives, and continue to prevent readmissions.	

Ö	Cancer Resource Navigator	
Significant Health Needs Addressed	☑Access to Care ☑Mental/Behavioral Health ☑Chronic Diseases ☑Cancer □Safety & Violence □Homelessness & Housing Insecurity	
Program Description	Cancer Resource Navigators (CRNs) provide evidence-based patient navigation, mental health, education, resources, and emotional support through Cancer Support Community Arizona (CSCAZ) psychosocial programs and triage to other community-based resources.  The hospital connects the in-hospital navigator to clients who may benefit from the program during clients' care in the hospital. It is through the hospital connection that CSCAZ CRNs support hospital patients by addressing social determinants of health, increasing access to care, combating well-documented cancer disparities, and improving the overall well-being of Phoenix-area cancer patients and their families.	
Population Served	Cancer Resource Navigators serve vulnerable, Phoenix metropolitan area residents of any age impacted by cancer of any type and any stage.	
Program Goal / Anticipated Impact	The goal of this program is to connect cancer patients of SJHMC with needed health and psychosocial services both in the hospital setting and outside the hospital post-discharge as well as for family members to improve their health outcomes and their confidence in navigating multiple resources.  Goal 1: The Cancer Support Community Arizona Navigator will serve an average of 20 unduplicated clients per month in FY2024.  Goal 2: The Cancer Support Community Arizona Navigator will complete an average of 60 client encounters per month in FY2023.	
FY 2023 Report		

Activities Summary	Cancer Resource Navigators collaborate with medical teams, screen for health insurance eligibility, assist with enrollment, advocate for patients, facilitate distress screenings, and provide individual follow-up to ensure mental and physical health needs are met. Navigators address social determinants of health and provide a warm hand-off to partnering service providers for needs outside of CSCAZ's scope.
	CRNs connect cancer patients and their families to no-cost, bilingual mental health and psychosocial support provided to hospitalized and home-based cancer patients. This includes free, professional, one-on-one counseling as well as support groups, cancer education, nutrition/cooking workshops, mind/body wellness classes, and therapeutic arts. Programming is offered in-person as well as virtually to reduce barriers to participation.
Performance / Impact	Goal 1: The Cancer Support Community Arizona Navigator will serve 20 unduplicated clients per month to total 240 in FY2023.  ■ CSCAZ served a total of 283 unduplicated patients in FY23  Goal 2: The Cancer Support Community Arizona Navigator will complete 60 client encounters per month to total 720 in FY2023.  ■ CSCAZ completed 801 total client encounters in FY23
Hospital's Contribution / Program Expense	The hospital provides the funding necessary for 50% of a full-time cancer navigator located at the hospital. The hospital connects the in-hospital navigator to clients who may benefit from the program during clients' care in the hospital
	FY 2024 Plan
Program Goal / Anticipated Impact	Goal 1: Cancer Resource Navigators will serve a total of 350 low-income cancer patients as well as 100 of their family members/caregivers.  Goal 2: Cancer Resource Navigator will increase the number of completed connections from 8 to 10 each month.
Planned Activities	Cancer Support Community Arizona will begin providing demographic information on all patients served to SJHMC.

	Diabetes Empowerment Education Program (DEEP)
Significant Health Needs Addressed	□Access to Care □Mental/Behavioral Health □Chronic Diseases □Cancer □Safety & Violence □Homelessness & Housing Insecurity
Program Description	DEEP is an evidence based curriculum designed to educate individuals living with pre-diabetes or diabetes. DEEP is open to the community and focuses on providing individuals and their caretakers with a better understanding of diabetes

	and helps them gain practical skills to become better informed and more involved in their care. DEEP workshops are 6 weeks long and are held once a week for 2 hours and are usually held on hospital campus, in community settings and via Zoom.	
Population Served	Low income, racial and ethnic minority populations.	
Program Goal / Anticipated Impact	Expand the infrastructure to continue improving diabetes self-management and prevention by maintaining DEEP as a virtual and in-person educational program. Continuing to operate under a Dignity Health license and creating our own program materials will allow the program to be more sustainable going forward; allowing us to continue offering 10 virtual and in-person workshops to effectively reduce the burden of diabetes on the community with a focus on reaching more diabetes at-risk ethnic groups including African American and Hispanic communities and increase education on prevention of chronic diseases.	
FY 2023 Report		
Activities Summary	Hosted 5 in-person English and Spanish workshops throughout the year, complemented with the implementation of a Healthier Living cooking series, Restorative Yoga classes and Zumba classes	
Performance / Impact	6-week DEEP workshops resulted in improvements in outcomes among diabetic participants; participants demonstrated an increase of knowledge about diabetes prevention and control, dietary habits, blood glucose and blood glucose monitoring and control. An average of a 2 pounds weight loss throughout the six week workshop period occurred amongst participants.	
Hospital's Contribution / Program Expense	Coordination, marketing and recruitment time, along with program supplies and materials provided by the Community Benefit and Health Equity Department	
	FY 2024 Plan	
Program Goal / Anticipated Impact	Continue to expand the infrastructure to continue reaching people by maintaining DEEP as a virtual education platform. Continuing to operate under a Dignity Health license and creating our own program materials will allow the program to be more sustainable going forward; allowing us to continue offering more virtual and in-person workshops to effectively reduce the burden of diabetes on the community with a focus on reaching more diabetes at-risk ethnic groups including African American and Hispanic communities.	
Planned Activities	Host 5 English/Spanish DEEP workshops throughout the year. Through these workshops, we will have 100 DEEP completers by the end of FY24	

	Enrollment Specialist / Community Health Worker	
Significant Health Needs Addressed	☑Access to Care  ☐Mental/Behavioral Health  ☐Chronic Diseases  ☐Cancer  ☐Safety & Violence  ☐Homelessness & Housing Insecurity	
Program Description	The Enrollment Specialist, through Keogh Health Connection (CPLC) offers patients of the hospital and community members free enrollment assistance for AHCCCS (Arizona's Medicaid), KidsCare, Marketplace Health Insurance (The Affordable Care Act), SNAP (Food Stamps), TANF (Emergency Cash Assistance) and connects community members not eligible to receive benefits to free or low-cost community resources.	
Population Served	The program serves all community members and patients, especially those who are low-income and have limited access to services. The service is provided in English and Spanish.	
Program Goal / Anticipated Impact	The goal the program is to identify and train qualified Community Health Workers/Promotores de Salud to link health care providers and patients, identify available social services, and teach healthy living and disease management. Community Health Workers are not just an extension of core clinical services; they are key to providing effective primary care and supporting client goals.	
	FY 2023 Report	
Activities Summary	The Enrollment Specialist helps patients apply for AHCCCS, KidsCare, Marketplace Health Insurance, SNAP, and TANF in English and Spanish.	
Performance / Impact	In FY23, 890 patients were enrolled in AHCCCS, KidsCare, SNAP, and TANF by the Keogh Enrollment Specialist.	
Hospital's Contribution / Program Expense	The hospital provides salary / operational support for the Enrollment Specialist located in Family Medicine. The Enrollment Specialist also assists with patients from the hospital.	
FY 2024 Plan		
Planned Activities	In FY24, the Keogh enrollment specialist will be onsite at SJHMC five days per week to support enrollment assistance for patients and community members.	

## Other Programs and Non-Quantifiable Benefits

The hospital delivers community programs, services and non-quantifiable benefits in addition to those described elsewhere in this report. Like those programs and initiatives, the ones below are a reflection of the hospital's mission and its commitment to improving community health and well-being.

#### **Medical Education and Research**

Medical education at SJHMC includes education for medical students through a partnership with Creighton University School of Medicine as well as post-medical school training through residency and fellowship programs. As part of their medical training, students and residents provide healthcare services to communities that are poor and disenfranchised. For example, medical residents of Internal Medicine provide health services at St. Vincent's de Paul Medical Clinic in the Pediatric Continuity Clinic for patients who are uninsured and underinsured.

#### **Community Investment Program**

The CommonSpirit Community Investment Program is funded out of Common Spirit's funded depreciation. This program is one way in which Common Spirit realizes its mission and enhances the advocacy, social justice and healthier communities' efforts of its hospitals and religious and community sponsors. Current investment projects for Arizona are as follows:

Brighter Way Institute (BWI) In June 2018 Dignity Health approved a 3-year \$500,000 loan to BWI to help manage cash flow as it expands its dental health programs. BWI is a dental clinic serving low-income adults, highrisk children, and military veterans with basic preventive procedures, orthodontia, dentures and implants. BWI operates three clinics—Parsons Center for Pediatric Dentistry in south central Phoenix, the Brighter Way Dental Center on the Homeless Services Campus of Central Arizona Shelter Services in central Phoenix, and the Canyon State Academy Clinic in Queen Creek. The loan was extended for 7 years in 2022.	\$ 500,000
Chicanos Por la Causa (CPLC) In January 2017 Dignity Health approved a 7-year \$3,000,000 loan to CPLC, a multifaceted nonprofit organization offering a wide array of bilingual and bicultural services that include education, advocacy, small business lending, and affordable housing development. This loan complements CPLC's Neighborhood Stabilization Program grant specifically to help acquire, rehabilitate, and manage 95 units of affordable multi-family housing in Phoenix, Arizona with wraparound services. Another 7-year loan for \$1,000,000 was approved in 2018 to provide bridge financing for the development of 187 units of affordable mixed-use and mixed-income housing as part of a comprehensive revitalization for the City of Mesa.	\$ 4,000,000
COPA Health In March 2021 CommonSpirit approved a \$4,950,000 loan to COPA Health to expand its health clinic in north Phoenix. COPA Health was formed by a merger between Marc Community Resources and Partners in Recovery in 2018, and is the largest provider of services to the Severely Mentally Ill population in the greater Phoenix, Arizona market.	\$ 4,950,000

<b>Hush-A-Bye Nursery ("HN")</b> In November 2020 CommonSpirit approved a \$500,000 loan to Hush-A-Bye Nursery to pay for tenant improvements for HN's new 12-bed facility in metro Phoenix, Arizona. HN was founded in 2018 and is one of only a handful of companies nationwide specializing in Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome ("NAS").	\$ 500,000
Housing Solutions of Northern Arizona In June 2020 CommonSpirit Health approved a 7-year \$2,680,000 loan to HSNA to help lower finance costs of 12 scattered site affordable housing properties and refurbish and expand Sharon Manor, HSNA's domestic violence supportive housing property. Eight of the current 16 units at Sharon Manor will be upgraded to include interior bathrooms, new flooring, new fixtures, and two of the units will be upgraded to be ADA-accessible. HSNA was founded as the Affordable Housing Coalition in 1990 through the grassroots efforts of local citizens concerned about the lack of affordable housing in the Flagstaff community.	\$ 2,680,000
Native American Connections (NAC) In 2010, Dignity Health approved a 7-year \$420,419 loan to NAC (originally with HomeBase Youth Services Inc.) for providing a transitional living facility for homeless youth ages 18-24 in Phoenix, Arizona. The loan was extended for 7 years in 2018 with a loan maturity date of September 2025.	\$ 420,419
Tempe Community Action Agency In February 2023, CommonSpirit approved a 10-year secured loan for \$5.0 million to Tempe Community Action Agency ("TCAA"), a Tempe, Arizona-based nonprofit social services agency. TCAA is Tempe's largest social service agency in terms of number of people served and range of programs offered. Funds will be used to purchase land and construct a new facility that will become TCAA's permanent home, with adequate space to support current needs and allow for future growth as the surrounding population increases. The new facility will support multiple programs and resources addressing nutritional, health, employment, shelter, housing, and education.	\$ 5,000,000
<b>Trellis</b> In January 2018 Dignity Health approved a 7-year \$500,000 loan to this CDFI specializing in promoting home ownership to low- and moderate-income residents of Maricopa County through first and second mortgages and down payment assistance. Trellis also provides financial counseling and homeownership education.	\$ 500,000

## **Economic Value of Community Benefit**

09/21/2023 500 St. Joseph's Hospital Medical Center Complete Summary - Classified (Programs) Including Non Community Benefit (Medicare) For period from 07/01/2022 through 06/30/2023 Offsetting **Net Benefit Persons Expense** % of Revenue **Expenses Benefits for Poor Financial Assistance** 17.010 \$31.614.775 \$31.614.775 2.0% 9.0% Medicaid 215,631 \$517,563,803 \$377,946,123 \$139,617,680 **Community Services** A - Community Health Improvement 0.1% 7,363 \$2,227,332 \$267,969 \$1,959,363 Services C - Subsidized Health Services 0.3% 6,928 \$5,364,275 \$145,440 \$5,218,835 0.0% E - Cash and In-Kind Contributions 20,015 \$653.469 \$0 \$653,469 F - Community Building Activities 1.648 \$4,248 \$4,248 0.0% \$0 0.1% G - Community Benefit Operations 916 \$796,009 \$796.009 0.6% **Totals for Community Services** 36,870 \$9,045,333 \$413,409 \$8,631,924 11.6% **Totals for Benefits for Poor** 269,511 \$558,223,911 \$378,359,532 \$179,864,379 **Benefits for Broader Community Community Services** A - Community Health Improvement 0.0% 127,984 \$207,926 \$0 \$207,926 Services B - Health Professions Education \$47,553,657 \$9,471,121 \$38,082,536 2.5% 3,529 0.1% D - Research Unknown \$44,538,196 \$42,775,046 \$1,763,150 0.0% E - Cash and In-Kind Contributions 160 \$685,957 \$0 \$685,957 F - Community Building Activities Unknown \$27,173 \$0 \$27,173 0.0% **Totals for Community Services** 131,673 \$93,012,909 \$52,246,167 \$40,766,742 2.6% **Totals for Broader Community** 131,673 \$93,012,909 \$52,246,167 \$40,766,742 2.6% 14.2% **Totals - Community Benefit** 401,184 \$651,236,820 \$430,605,699 \$220,631,121 Medicare 63,786 \$247,378,158 \$172,651,531 \$74,726,627 4.8%

464,970 \$898,614,978

19.0%

**Totals Including Medicare** 

\$603,257,230 \$295,357,748

## **Hospital Board and Committee Rosters**

## 2023 Hospital Board

#### AGBOOLA, Liz

CEO of Moses Behavioral Care

#### **BLISS, M.D., Lindley**

Chief of Medical Staff, Desert Hospitalists

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Executive Director of the Norton Thoracic Institute, Department Chairman for Thoracic Disease and Transplantation at Norton Thoracic Institute

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**DAVIS, J.D., Helen** (ex-officio representative from East Valley Hospitals Community Board) Managing Partner, The Cavanagh Law Firm

#### DOHONEY, Jr., Milton

Assistant City Manager, City of Phoenix

#### FINLEY-HAZLE, Gabrielle

President/CEO of St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center

#### **GENTRY**, Patti

Partner/Designated Broker, Keyser

#### GONZALEZ, Sarah

President of Gonzales Consulting, LLC

#### **HEREDIA, Carmen** (FY 22 Board Chair)

Chief Executive Officer, Valle del Sol (non-profit organization)

#### HOFFMAN, Joel

#### HORN, Rick

Independent financial and retail advisor and corporate board member

#### **HUNT, Linda** (ex-officio member)

Sr. Vice President of Operations of Dignity Health Arizona

#### JONES, Sister Gabrielle Marie

Sister of Mercy, retired hospital executive and nurse

#### MORALES, Joanne

Director of Refugee Programs, Catholic Charities Community Services

#### PALMER, Tom

President of Claremont Capital Management

#### PONCE, M.D., Francisco

Neurosurgeon and Associate Professor, Barrow Brain and Spine

#### SIMKIN, Gayle

**Retired Infection Preventionist** 

#### **SPELLERI, Maria** (FY22 Board Secretary) (FY23 Board Chair)

Executive V.P. & General Counsel, Chicanos Por La Causa, Inc.

## 2023 Community Benefit and Health Equity Committee

#### Agboola, Liz - Co-Chair

CEO of Moses Behavioral Care

#### Cardenas, Liliana

Manager, Office of Community Empowerment, Maricopa County Department of Public Health

#### Crittenden, Sonora

Director, Community Benefit and Health Equity

Dignity Health, St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center

#### Daymude, Annie

Community Impact Analyst, Maricopa County Department of Public Health

#### **Dhillon-Williams, Ruby**

Assistant Deputy Director of Housing and Development, Arizona Department of Housing

#### Gonzalez, Sarah – Chair

President of Gonzales Consulting, LLC

#### Graham, Julie

Director, External Affairs, Dignity Health Arizona

#### Hillman, Debbie

Chief Administrative Officer, Mercy Care

#### Hoffman, Terri

President and Chief Philanthropy Office,

Dignity Health, St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center Foundation

#### Horn, Richard

Retired Business Executive, Current Board Member, and Consultant

#### Jewett, Matt

Director of Grants, Mountain Park Health Center

#### Jones, Ashley

Program Manager, Community Benefit and Partnerships

Dignity Health, St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center

#### Mascaro, CarrieLynn

Vice President of Program Operations, Catholic Charities (non-profit organization)

#### McBride, Sr. Margaret

Vice President of Mission Integration

Dignity Health, St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center

#### Orsini, Craig

Manager of Care Coordination

Dignity Health, St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center

#### Riley, Julie

Chief Administrative Officer and VP of Service Lines

Dignity Health, St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center

#### Smith, Carrie

Chief Operating Officer, Foundation for Senior Living (non-profit organization)

#### Spelleri, Maria

Executive Vice President & General Counsel, Chicanos Por La Causa/Keogh (non-profit organization)

#### Torrealva, Josy

Lead Community Health Worker

Dignity Health, St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center

#### Unrein, Serena

Director, Arizona Partnership for Healthy Communities

#### VanMaanen, Pat

Health Consultant, PV Health Solutions