COMMUNITY BENEFIT SNAPSHOT

We invest in Eastern Washington’s health

Caring for our communities has never been more important. To achieve our vision of health for a better world, we worked closely with our community partners to ensure we addressed the communities’ most pressing needs.

Total benefit to our communities in 2020
$148 MILLION

- Community health improvement and strategic partnerships: $5 MILLION
- Health professions education and research: $15.4 MILLION
- Subsidized health services: $8.4 MILLION
- Free and discounted care for the uninsured and underinsured: $13 MILLION
- Unpaid cost of Medicaid and other means-tested government programs: $106 MILLION

Addressing health challenges in our communities

Our community health needs assessment guides our investments and partnerships. In 2020, we focused on mental health and wellness, homelessness, deploying community health workers and partnering with the communities to provide care to those in need.

Bringing our Mission to life

At Providence, we invest in improving community health across all seven states we serve. Called by our Mission, we are committed to serving all within our communities, especially the poor and vulnerable.

* Data are consolidated based on unaudited financial reporting.

The numbers include home and community care investments.
Our shared values in action

First-of-its-Kind Play Environment Welcomes Children of all Abilities

“This is amazing,” said six-year-old Emmett Sonnemaker as he circled around the play area in his wheelchair with his brothers and sister. Opened in October 2020 as the first inclusive play space in Spokane, Washington, Providence Playscape is a wide-open space with play structures for kids of all ages and abilities.

Providence Playscape is an all-inclusive playground designed to accommodate a range of physical and social needs and to support cognitive and sensory development. The creation of the 11,600 square foot park was supported by a community benefit grant from Providence Health Care managed by the Spokane Parks Foundation’s Campaign for Riverfront. With more than 20 different play elements to help with visual, auditory and tactile processing, all visitors can learn and play at this sensory-rich park.

Watching her children explore the park, Keesha Sonnemaker said she was excited to have access to a park that meets the needs and interests of all her children with varying abilities. “We can now go to one spot that offers something for everyone – for my son in his wheelchair, my daughter with core balance needs, and our older kids who want to do bigger-kid things.”

Our community benefit program invests in partnerships to improve the health and well-being of the community. Working together with our community partners, Providence and our caregivers are helping address family violence, mental health and homelessness while promoting dignity and compassion for all.

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