COMMUNITY BENEFIT SNAPSHOT

We invest in High Desert’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

$10 MILLION

Community health improvement and strategic partnerships

$3 MILLION

Health professions education and research

$90,000

Subsidized health services

$1 MILLION

Free and discounted care for the uninsured and underinsured

$6 MILLION

Addressing health challenges in our communities

Our community health needs assessment guides our investments and partnerships. In 2020, we focused on access to health care and services, mental health and substance use services, and the social determinants of health and well-being, including housing and education.

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.
As Demand Grows, Providence St. Mary Bolsters Local Food Supply

High Desert Second Chance serves as the central hub of a massive food distribution system and its partnerships, including Providence St. Mary, play an integral role in keeping the system running. Food Forward, a local nonprofit organization, donated 2.8 million pounds of produce grown in surrounding areas that was distributed to more than 140,000 people in the High Desert. Ninety food pantries, shelters and churches serve as distribution sites to reach families impacted by food insecurity.

Of all the challenges caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, the impact on the senior community was one of the most significant. When the statewide emergency order strongly encouraged seniors to shelter in place, food banks lost a large portion of their volunteer base. Additionally, many low-income seniors were now stranded at home and unable to get their own groceries and household items. They were also left without regular social interaction.

In response to this acute need, Providence St. Mary partnered with Victor Valley Community Services Council, a senior-focused nonprofit organization, to deliver food and household items to more than 300 seniors per week. A clinical therapy student from Providence St. Mary accompanied the council staff during food deliveries and conducted wellness checks, helped seniors address social isolation, provided home repairs and offer seniors an opportunity to socialize and interact with a friendly, trained professional.

Southern California will continue to see the impacts of the pandemic for years to come and Providence will be there to ease the way for those who suffer, providing them with the care they need and the tools they can use in recovering from this life-changing crisis.

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