



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 2019
\$16 MILLION



Community health improvement and strategic partnerships
\$6 MILLION



Health professions education and research
\$6,000



Subsidized health services
\$5 MILLION



Free and discounted care for the uninsured and underinsured
\$5 MILLION

*Data is consolidated based on unaudited financial reporting.

ADDRESSING HEALTH CHALLENGES IN OUR COMMUNITY

Our community health needs assessment guides our investments and partnerships. In 2019, 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.

Our shared values in action



ACCESS TO CARE FOR THE HIGH DESERT'S MOST VULNERABLE

Some of the most vulnerable populations in Southern California live in rural enclaves in the sprawling High Desert area served by St. Mary Medical Center in Apple Valley. Committed to providing access to affordable quality health care for all, St. Mary operates three standing clinics and two mobile clinics that make regular stops in five areas across the desert.

The health clinics partner with experts, including clinical social worker Lina Enciso who counseled a client with high levels of stress and a recent diagnose of pre diabetes. The woman, undocumented and uninsured, made positive life changes that improved her physical and emotional health. Unfortunately, she was diagnosed a year later with cancer and unable to access high-level care. Lina worked tirelessly and overcame roadblocks to get the care her patient needed. The woman soon started treatment, with no sharing of costs.

In 2019, the eight clinics provided primary care to 10 percent more patients that the previous year, with the goal of addressing health concerns before they become emergencies.

“We believe health is a human right, and that health begins with a focus on wellness through primary care. We invest in the health of our communities by expanding access to care; educating challenged communities about healthy eating, fitness and preventive care; recognizing and managing social determinants of health; and addressing mental health as part of our commitment to whole person care. This all helps us realize our vision of health for a better world.”

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