

COMMUNITY BENEFIT SNAPSHOT

WE INVEST IN YOUR HEALTH

Everyone deserves the opportunity to lead the healthiest life possible. To realize that vision, we work in close partnership with organizations to address our communities' most pressing needs.

\$17.3 MILLION

The total benefit to our local communities throughout Southeast Washington



Community health improvement and strategic partnerships
\$166K



Health professions education and research
\$414K



Subsidized health services
\$1.4 MILLION



Free and discounted care for the uninsured and underinsured
\$4 MILLION



Unpaid cost of Medicaid and other means-tested government programs
\$11.4 MILLION

*These numbers include Home and Community Care, Dominicare and Inland Northwest Health Services

TACKLING OUR COMMUNITIES' BIGGEST HEALTH CHALLENGES

Our community health needs assessment guides our investments and partnerships. In 2018, we focused on increasing access to affordable health care and services, providing mental health and substance-use services, and addressing social determinants of health and well-being, including housing and food insecurity.

SHARED PURPOSE ACROSS OUR FAMILY OF ORGANIZATIONS

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

OUR SHARED VALUES IN ACTION



FIRE FIGHTERS RECEIVE PROTECTIVE GEAR THAT COULD SAVE LIVES IN WALLA WALLA

In a tragedy, every moment counts. The faster that emergency responders can rush aid to the injured, the more lives that can be saved.

In 2018, Providence St. Mary Medical Center donated \$20,000 to the Walla Walla Professional Firefighters Benevolent Fund for the purchase of personal protective equipment for EMS and Fire personnel to allow them to reach injured people faster in an active shooter incident. Without ballistic helmets and vests to protect them, emergency responders have little choice but to wait until the shooter is apprehended before rushing to the injured. In the meantime, lives

can be lost to bleeding. National studies of active shooter incidents have shown that lives could have been saved if EMS and fire personnel had earlier access to the victims to treat and triage wounds. With the protective gear such as that funded by Providence St. Mary, EMS/Fire personnel can make entry with law enforcement while the incident is still in progress, reaching the victims more rapidly.

The investment aligns as well with another initiative to help save lives, Stop the Bleed, that was launched earlier in 2018 by Providence St. Mary and the Walla Walla Fire Department along with around a dozen local cities, community agencies, schools, and Walla Walla County. The program seeks to do for bleeding what CPR did for heart attacks – train average bystanders to perform simple medical tasks that could save lives in those precious moments while emergency responders are rushing to the scene.

Providence St. Mary Medical Center supports EMS and Fire personnel, and believes equipping them with protective gear could save lives. We hope it will never be used, but if the worst happens we want them to have what they need to protect themselves while they provide medical care for the victims. This investment was one of many made by Providence into the health and wellbeing of this community.

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