



## 2021 COMMUNITY BENEFIT SNAPSHOT

# We invest in High Desert's health.

Caring for our communities is vitally important. To achieve our vision of health for a better world, we work closely with local partners to ensure we respond to the most pressing needs.



Total benefit to our communities in 2021  
**\$22 MILLION**

### Taking action on health challenges

In 2021, we continued to focus on pandemic response and other core priorities including equitable access to care, housing and homelessness, mental health and substance use, and food insecurity.

### Bringing our Mission to life

At Providence, we are dedicated to improving community health and reducing disparities in the Western U.S. and beyond. Called by our Mission, we are steadfast in serving all, especially those who are poor and vulnerable.



Community health improvement and strategic partnerships  
**\$5.5 MILLION**



Health professions education and research  
**\$24,000**



Subsidized health services  
**\$3,000**



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



Unpaid cost of Medicaid and other means-tested government programs  
**\$12 MILLION**

\*Data is consolidated based on unaudited financial reporting.

# Our shared values in action

## Providence places a high priority on youth mental health.



The pandemic has brought to light vulnerable populations, such as children in desperate need of mental health care, to the point that many contemplate suicide.

The Providence St. Mary Medical Center Community Investment team has strong partnerships to expand mental wellness programs. Children are one of the main patient populations to benefit from these services. One such program at St. Mary is funded by the Well Being Trust, an independent foundation established by Providence to advance the mental, social and

spiritual health of the nation. The grant funds a multi-pronged approach to address the mental wellness of school children. It includes:

- A partnership providing mental health services in the St. Mary emergency room to youth in crisis, either after a suicide attempt or when they acknowledged suicidal thoughts. Out of 83 youths encountered, just one returned following a second suicide attempt.
- A contract with Care Solace, a mental health concierge service, to help Hesperia Unified School District (HUSD) connect students to care.
- A school-based approach in partnership with HUSD, offering a mental wellness framework to structure the delivery of mental health services.

Providence also sponsored a wellness center at a middle school where two children died by suicide. "It's a place where kids having a bad day can go in for a reset," said Michelle Torres, a community services program coordinator at St. Mary, explaining the need for help when anxiety is overwhelming. Here, two teachers and a psychologist counsel children in crisis.

Providence will continue its focus on mental health, committed to its vision of Health for a Better World.

“ In the tradition of our founding sisters, Providence offers compassionate care to those most in need, bringing to life our heartfelt promise to everyone we touch: Know me, care for me, ease my way. ”

— KEVIN MANEMANN  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE  
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