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#### 2022 COMMUNITY BENEFIT SNAPSHOT

# We invest in Southeast Washington's health.



Total benefit to our communities in 2022 \$109 MILLION

#### **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.

#### **Taking action on health challenges**

To achieve our vision of health for a better world, the Providence family of organizations identifies community health needs and invests in programs and meaningful solutions that meet the diverse needs of our neighbors. Alongside local partners, we build stronger, healthier communities by focusing on areas of lasting impact:

- Foundations of health
- Removing barriers to care
- Community resilience
- Innovating for the future

Our longstanding commitment to identify needs and provide community benefit is an essential way we live our Mission each day.



\* Data are consolidated based on unaudited financial reporting. The numbers include home and community care investments. Free and discounted care totals reflect at-cost amount.

### Community investment in action



Melanie O'Brien, RN, a volunteer from the Kadlec Ambulatory Surgery Center, sits with Douglas Barnes and his dog, Macky-Rae, at Homeroom at the Mid-Columbia Libraries Pasco Branch.

## Those experiencing homelessness find services, respect in Homeroom

Reaching those experiencing homelessness who may shy away from traditional shelters is a delicate endeavor. One of the places where Kadlec Population Health Community Health Worker Maria Perez seeks to connect with this community is at the library – a location that led to the creation of a library-based homeless outreach program called Homeroom Connect in October 2022.

In Pasco, Wash., like many communities, the library is a warm, safe place where those experiencing homelessness gather. Homeroom gathers many community partners to offer a welcoming environment, meals, clothes, haircuts and health services monthly at the local library. Just as importantly, it builds trust and relationships with individuals who often feel unseen.

"We help to strengthen our community connections and support society in breaking the cycle of poverty," said Perez. "We will not stop caring, we will not stop serving and we will never give up."



Undersheriff Joe Klundt (left) and Sgt. Kevan Maas of the Walla Walla County Sheriff's Office examine the contents of a trauma kit.

### Providence ministry and community partners help keep students safe, healthy

In the rolling farmland of rural Walla Walla County in Washington, there often are many miles between students and the schools they attend. The closest hospital often is even further.

Prescott School District is among the recipients of an innovative project led by the Walla Walla Sheriff's Foundation, funded by Providence St. Mary Medical Center and other community partners, to put trauma kits in schools and buses in rural areas and train school personnel how to use them.

The use of trauma kits can help buy time for emergency medical care to arrive, take over treatment and transport the individual to a hospital.

"Many of our kids come from 20 miles away," Justin T. Bradford, Jr., superintendent of the Prescott School District, said. "Having the ability to respond in case something happens is one more thing to keep our students safe."

Our deep commitment to serving our communities is expressed in many ways, from providing high-quality care for all to reaching out to aid people experiencing homelessness. As needs increased in 2022, we responded by investing \$109 million, which is \$28 million more than the year before.

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Chief Executive
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Maria and the whole team have been heaven-sent. We see a lot of people experiencing homelessness, and they need more than we are able to provide.

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