

# We invest in Alaska's health.



## 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.

Total benefit to our communities in 2023  
**\$65 MILLION**



**\$8 MILLION**  
Community health improvement and strategic partnerships



**\$8.6 MILLION**  
Health professions education and research



**\$11.1 MILLION**  
Subsidized health services



**\$19 MILLION**  
Free and discounted care for the uninsured and underinsured



**\$18 MILLION**  
Unpaid cost of Medicaid and other means-tested government programs

\*Data is consolidated based on unaudited financial reporting. The numbers include home and community care investments and joint ventures by percentage ownership.

# Community investment in action

## Therapeutic equestrian program helps Kodiak children thrive



*Easton Foreman, 7, enjoys his time with Payday as part of Kodiak's Therapeutic Riding and Equine Assisted Therapy Program.*

Kodiak's Therapeutic Riding and Equine Assisted Therapy Program assists children with neurodiversity autism spectrum disorders, developmental delays, learning difficulties and physical delays by enhancing their social skills and improving attention, communication, sensory processing and motor coordination.

The program, run in cooperation with the local 4-H organization, has helped local children for nearly 20 years. In 2023, Providence Alaska invested \$10,000 in community benefit to bolster the program.

The program serves 19 children and requires at least 20 volunteers. In each session, there are at least three individuals per rider, including a therapist and horse handlers.

Seeing children thrive makes the countless hours they put in more than worth it. "That's why you do it," Zimmerman said. "You just see the progress in every kid; they are special."

## Respite program provides a chance to heal physically, recover completely



*James Norman shares how the Medical Respite Program has provided a space for him to recover while being treated for kidney failure, as Robin Dempsey, chief executive officer of Catholic Social Services, looks on.*

James Norman uses a knee scooter to get around at Brother Francis Shelter, easing the discomfort of the prosthetic he uses for his amputated left leg. He is at the shelter while being treated for kidney failure.

Catholic Social Services' Medical Respite Program provides a haven for patients like James to recover from serious medical issues.

The program has been serving the needs of critically ill individuals since 2015, when Providence Alaska Medical Center in Anchorage invested \$500,000 to help create recuperative living quarters for patients experiencing homelessness. Providence invested \$265,000 in community benefit in the program in 2023.

"We serve over 100 people a year in this space," said Catholic Social Services CEO Robin Dempsey. "By providing this space, where individuals can recuperate and rest, we are benefiting the community because this is reducing the rates of re-admittance."

In 2023, the program provided more than 2,900 nights of healing to 135 clients, many of whom might otherwise have needed to be re-admitted to the hospital.

“None of this work is possible without the opportunity to collaborate with people who share our vision. We are blessed and honored to live and work in communities where organizations exist that are dedicated to improving the lives of Alaskans.”

— ELLA GOSS, MSN, RN  
Chief Executive  
Providence Alaska

“It's amazing to see how fast these kids get their balance. That's why you do it. You just see the progress in every kid; they are special.”

— BARBARA ZIMMERMAN  
Certified therapeutic riding instructor  
Therapeutic Riding and Equine Assisted Therapy Program, Kodiak