# 2021 Community Benefit Snapshot

## We invest in Montana’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.

### 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.

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<th>Benefit Area</th>
<th>Amount</th>
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<td>Community health improvement and strategic partnerships</td>
<td>$600,000</td>
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<td>Health professions education and research</td>
<td>$5.5 MILLION</td>
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<td>Subsidized health services</td>
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<td>Free and discounted care for the uninsured and underinsured</td>
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<td>Unpaid cost of Medicaid and other means-tested government programs</td>
<td>$3,000</td>
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*Data is consolidated based on unaudited financial reporting.*

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Total benefit to our communities in 2021: $27 MILLION
Our shared values in action

Expectant patients are supported by Journey of Hope.

In Lake County, a Providence program identifies early complications from substance use and pregnancy and then supports patients and newborns on a path toward recovery. More than five years in the making, Journey of Hope (formerly Wrapped in Hope) combines pre- and post-natal screenings, postpartum support, lactation clinic services and pediatric interventions with behavioral health and trauma-informed care to support parents and infants with health issues caused by substance use.

Providence created Journey of Hope after identifying a need in the community, and in particular a gap in services of concern to the local Indigenous communities, including the Bitterroot Salish, Upper Pend d’Oreille and Kootenai tribes. In 2021, nearly one in four deliveries presented either positive maternal drug screenings or positive infant drug screenings.

The program identifies participants through provider referrals from OB/GYNs or pediatricians. It also partners with Child Protective Services and Tribal Health to deliver resources to patients. When patients begin the program, they learn what to expect, receive information about the program and their options, and get connected with a supportive community.

Through a combination of funding from Providence’s health equity initiative, state funding and a Meadowlark grant, the program increased capacity to conduct more substance use screenings which created additional opportunities to intervene, direct resources and provide treatment.

Lisa Grainey, RN, AMB-BC CLC, is a chronic care manager leading the program. She hopes to hire a community health worker to increase community outreach for the program.

“We want to get to the point where this is the care patients expect and deserve, regardless of their choices. They should have the healthiest pregnancy possible,” Lisa says.