



The local, state and federal governments have identified certain taxes from which Blessing Hospital and other non-profit healthcare providers are exempt. At Blessing, we invest that money into programs and services to improve the health of our communities. These expenditures are known as "community benefit" investments. We invest more in community benefit programs and services than we would pay in the taxes from which we are exempt.

This partnership allows government to focus its attention and resources on programs and services in which it has expertise while allowing us to do what we do best, address healthcare needs in the communities we serve.

In addition to community benefit investments, we work side-by-side with other agencies to identify the healthcare needs of the people and communities we serve and create plans to address them.

We report our community benefit investments annually to the government and to you because we are a community-owned hospital and you are the community. Thank you for your support.

During Fiscal Year 2017 (10/1/16 through 9/30/17) Blessing Hospital invested

\$66,900,270

into what are known as "Community Benefit" programs and services.

Following is where some of those dollars were invested.

For the complete investment report, go to blessinghealth.org/publications

\$6 million

**in FREE CARE
to those in need**

**Number of
lives touched: 2,447**



\$1.6 million

**to support delivery of
BLESSING HOME CARE
services**



**Number of
lives touched:
48,000
home visits
annually**

Not all hospital services financially support themselves. When the service involved is vital to meeting communitywide needs, Blessing Hospital provides support. The services of Blessing Home Care are vital to meeting communitywide needs.

Blessing Home Care's staff of registered nurses, certified nursing assistants and certified therapists work with a patient's provider to deliver home-based healthcare to people recovering from illness or surgery or living with a chronic condition.

Following is a comment from a recent Blessing Home Care patient: *"The occupational therapist was very aware of all of my pain, not just the pain she was supposed to be correcting. She encouraged me to call her any time, even after hours, if I needed her."*

Your continued support of Blessing means access to safe, quality healthcare delivered by a local provider who has been a part of the fabric of life in the region for more than 140 years. THANK YOU!

B BLESSING HOSPITAL 2017 Community Benefit Report

10/01/16 - 09/30/17 (Fiscal Year 2017)

\$66,900,270

CHARITY CARE \$6,088,558

Uncompensated healthcare to patients who stated *before receiving care* that they had no ability to pay.

BAD DEBT \$3,060,113

Uncompensated healthcare to patients who stated *after receiving care* that they had no ability to pay.

MEDICARE/MEDICAID FUNDING SHORTFALLS \$46,496,675

The difference between what Medicare and Medicaid paid for patients covered by the programs and what it cost Blessing Hospital to provide their care.

Medicare Shortfalls
Medicaid Shortfalls

\$41,381,057
\$5,115,618

HEALTH PROFESSIONALS EDUCATION:

\$6,929,765

SIU Residency Program	\$4,119,937
Blessing-Rieman College of Nursing	\$1,500,992
Preceptors	\$955,961
Radiology School	\$293,311
Lab School	\$59,564

SUBSIDIZED HEALTH SERVICES: **\$3,489,110**

Blessing Home Care	\$1,597,236
Care Coordination	\$1,572,392
Blessing FastCare	\$309,808
Blessing Hospice & Palliative Care	\$9,674

COMMUNITY BENEFIT OPERATIONS:

Community Health Needs Assessment	\$34,891
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IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS/ DONATIONS:

\$440,913

Donations/Sponsorships	\$284,629
Adams County Ambulance Services	\$139,931
Meeting Space	\$16,353

COMMUNITY HEALTH IMPROVEMENT SERVICES:

\$360,245

SIU Patient Centered Medical Home	\$115,401
Adams Co. Health Dept. Dental Program	\$85,000
Charity Pharmacy Prescriptions	\$46,661
Patient Transportation & lodging	\$38,301
Medical supplies/Services for patients	\$29,221
Support Groups	\$23,358
Health Screenings/Tests	\$9,017
Educational Programs	\$6,809
Medical Interpreting Services	\$6,477

The community benefits because
of your support of the care
provided by Blessing Hospital

Together
We Make The Difference

Thank you!