



COMMUNITY BENEFIT REPORT



It's our turn to say thank you

The community was generous in its recognition of Blessing Health System caregivers during the height of the COVID-19 response. Words of thanks and support poured in, as did donations of food, handmade masks and other personal protective equipment.

We are humbled and grateful.

Now, it's our turn to say "Thank you."

Our mission at Blessing is to "Improve the health of our communities." We cannot fulfill our mission without the support of the communities we serve.

In addition to the support for the COVID-19 response, another example of community support is that Blessing Hospital is allowed to operate as a not-for-profit, tax-exempt organization. That special status is granted to us by the federal and state governments and, by extension, the residents of the community we serve. It gives us the legal right to reinvest funds left over at the end of a year, after all bills are paid, to establish programs, purchase equipment and recruit the skilled professionals to continue meeting the changing healthcare needs of our communities.

Besides the very visible pandemic response, we invest in the healthcare needs of the communities we serve in a number of ways that may not be as obvious. They are called "community benefit" investments. These are programs and services that are vital to improving the health of our communities, but don't generate enough money to support themselves. Each year, we report those investments to you in a Community Benefit Report.

In addition to the numbers you see below for total investment in Medicare delivery, free healthcare to those in need, and healthcare education support, you can find a breakdown of each investment made during Fiscal Year 2019 on our website.

Thank you for your support and for providing us the ability to fulfill our mission.

Sincerely,

Maureen Kahn, RN, MHA, MSN
President/Chief Executive Officer
Blessing Health System/Blessing Hospital



Blessing Hospital's Fiscal Year 2019 (10/01/18-09/30/19) community benefit investment

\$74 million

Here are some of the critical investments made with those dollars to improve the health of our communities:



\$50 million

shortfall between Blessing's cost of providing care to nearly 17,700 Medicare patients and the reimbursement the government provided for that care



\$12.8 million

in care provided to thousands of patients who could not pay for the care they needed



\$7 million

for support of health professionals education, including the SIU Quincy Family Medicine Residency program and Blessing-Rieman College of Nursing & Health Sciences

See a breakdown of all Blessing Hospital's community benefit investments for the past fiscal year at blessinghealth.org/communitybenefit