



# *A Mission to Care*

## *A Commitment to Community*

**FROM THE VERY BEGINNING**, congregations of religious women and men courageously responded to the needs of the communities they were called to serve.

Today, that same call to provide health and hope is being answered in unique and creative ways through community benefit programs.

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# As Catholic Health Care Ministry,

## **We are concerned with the dignity of persons.**

We are committed to improving health care access for all persons at every stage of life from conception to natural death regardless of race, culture or economic status and to eliminating disparities in treatment and outcome.

## **We are concerned about the common good.**

We design community benefit programs to improve health through prevention, health promotion, education and research.

## **We have special concern for vulnerable persons.**

We put a priority on programs that address the most vulnerable in our communities and ensure that all programs reach out to persons most in need.

## **We are concerned about stewardship of resources.**

We use resources where they are most needed and most likely to be effective.

## **We are called to justice.**

We advocate health care for all and work to improve social conditions that lead to improved health and well-being.

## **We care for the whole person.**

We engage partners in our communities so that together we improve health and quality of life through better jobs, housing and the natural environment.

## **We minister as part of a community of faith in the Catholic tradition.**

We work side by side with many faith communities to serve our common purpose of compassionate care for God's people.

*For more information about community benefit and Catholic health care, go to [www.chausa.org/communitybenefit](http://www.chausa.org/communitybenefit)*