

A Mission to Care: A Commitment to Community

COMMUNITY BENEFIT

From the very beginning, civic leaders and 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.

We are concerned with the health and well-being of our entire community and in doing so, as Community Benefit Leaders:

We are committed to the dignity of each and all persons.

We are compelled to improve health care access, health and well-being for all persons at every stage of life regardless of race, gender, culture or economic status and to eliminate differences in treatment and outcomes.

We promote the common good.

We acknowledge the impact of social conditions on individual and community health, and we partner with our communities to address the social factors of health, including access to care, economic stability, housing, belonging, and the natural and built environment.

We have special concern for vulnerable persons.

We prioritize programs that address the health needs of our communities' most vulnerable and ensure that programs reach out to those most in need.

We responsibly and effectively steward resources.

We exercise prudence in developing programs and using limited resources, employing resources where they are most needed and most likely to be effective.

We are called to justice.

We advocate for access to health care and community conditions that support health and well-being and where every person can reach their fullest potential and flourish.

We care for the whole person.

We acknowledge the health needs of individuals and communities are not singular, but complex, so we design community benefit programs that improve health through prevention, health promotion, education, health care services, research and more.

We do our work in solidarity with the community.

We walk alongside our communities with humility and patience - listening first, building relationships and trust, and sharing in decision-making. We recognize our lives are interconnected and we commit to working with our communities in ways that honor our shared humanity and promote the common good.

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