

LEE HEALTH COMMUNITY BENEFIT REPORT 2021

Though marked by ongoing challenges related to the COVID-19 pandemic, Lee Health persevered in 2021 – our teams showed incredible resilience, and we continued focusing on enabling access to the highest quality, compassionate care.

Throughout this 2021 Community Benefit Report, you will gain insight into the ways we worked with local partners over the past year to improve the overall health of Southwest Florida.

Also, in 2021, the Lee Health Board of Directors approved the Community Health Needs Assessment implementation strategy. Through the assessment, we pinpointed opportunities based on real data of the health status, behaviors, and needs of people living in Lee County.

This Board-approved strategy will now be implemented over the next couple of years and includes system- and community-wide programs. The strategy includes access to healthcare services and health literacy, cardiovascular and respiratory conditions, mental health and substance use disorder, nutrition, physical activity, and weight (including diabetes).

Every year, Lee Health is committed to living our mission and delivering the care our community deserves and has come to expect from us for more than 105 years.



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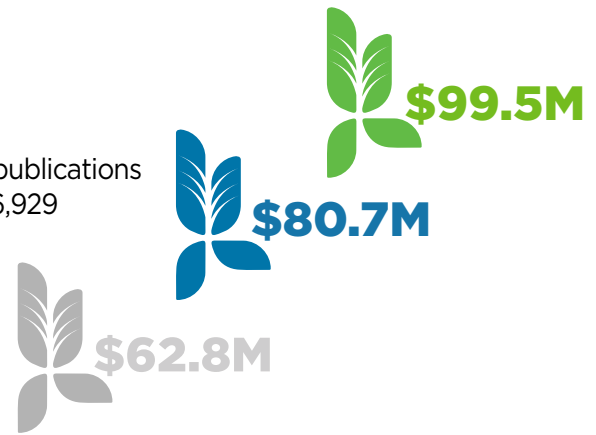


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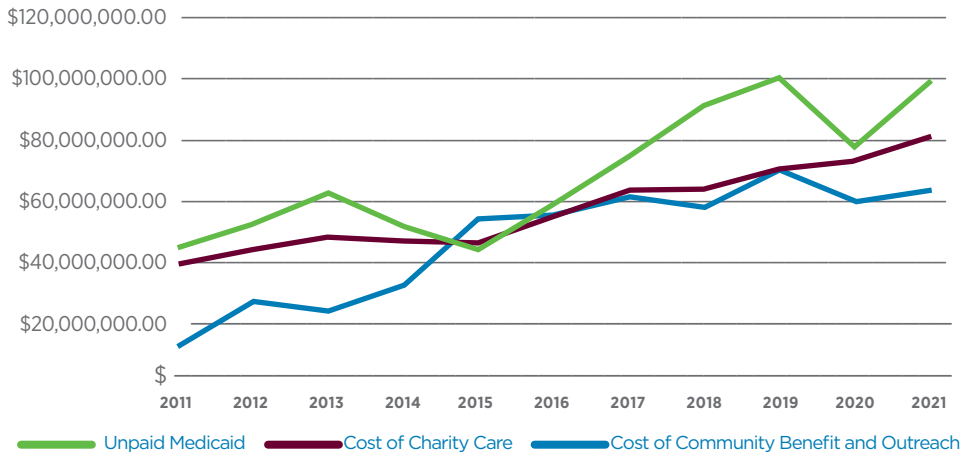
	Total Overall	Lee Memorial Hospital	HealthPark Medical Center	Cape Coral Hospital	Gulf Coast Medical Center
Cost of Charity Care	\$80,695,457	\$30,474,000	\$13,659,253	\$16,246,570	\$20,315,634
Cost of Unpaid Medicaid	\$99,496,905	\$16,899,213	\$58,834,888	\$8,424,398	\$15,338,405
Total Value of Charity Care & Medicaid	\$180,192,362	\$47,373,213	\$72,494,141	\$24,670,968	\$35,654,039
Cost of Providing Community Benefit and Outreach	\$62,801,777	\$15,700,444	\$15,700,444	\$15,700,444	\$15,700,444
Total Charity Care, Means-Tested Programs, and Other Community Benefits	\$242,994,139	\$63,073,657	\$88,194,585	\$40,371,412	\$51,354,483
Less the Benefit of Taxes	\$82,966,476	\$20,164,746	\$21,725,011	\$19,630,131	\$21,446,588
Net Value of Community Benefit	\$160,027,663	\$42,908,911	\$66,469,574	\$20,741,281	\$29,907,895

- **Cost of Unpaid Medicaid: \$99,496,905**
- **Cost of Charity Care \$80,695,457**
- **Cost of Community Benefit Programs/Services: \$62,801,777**
 - Community health education through informational programs, publications and outreach activities in response to community needs: \$13,216,929
 - Lee Community Healthcare low income clinics: \$29,936,116
 - Residency Program: \$6,289,616
- **Cost of Unpaid Medicare: \$260,731,488**

* Since Medicare is not a means-tested program, it is not included in the overall total of Lee Health's community benefit expenditures.



Lee Health Cost of Charity Care, Unpaid Medicaid, and Providing Community Benefit and Outreach



**Total Community Benefit
\$242,994,139**

COVID-19 COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Pediatric Mobile Vaccination Clinic

During the pandemic the Pediatric/Neonatal Transport team addressed the concerns of access to vaccinations by meeting people where they were, in the community. The pediatric mobile vaccination clinic provided free vaccines to not only eligible children but also their families and adults who visited the various locations out of convenience. From the start of the program in May through September the end of Lee Health's fiscal year, the pediatric mobile clinic:

- Visited 79 community locations
- Vaccinated 1,828 people through the pediatric mobile vaccination clinic



Increased Access

Lee Health is committed to providing regular updates with internal COVID numbers, education and best practices on how to keep yourself and loved ones safe throughout the pandemic. Drive-through testing sites and vaccination clinics were set up at various locations in Fort Myers and Cape Coral to serve the community. Monoclonal antibody infusions were also available to those in need.

- Performed 167,947 COVID tests and vaccinated 32,950 people at clinics and testing sites
- Administered 3,233 monoclonal antibody infusions

Virtual Visits to the Doctor

Everyday health concerns, checkups, and illnesses don't stop during difficult times. Lee Health eliminated the costs of our 24/7 Lee TeleHealth platform to encourage telemedicine usage during COVID surges. To find out more: leehealth.org/our-services/telemedicine

- \$174,858 community benefit
- 3,921 persons served



LEE HEALTH OUTREACH TEAM

Over 100 Lee Health clinicians and experts make up the Lee Health Outreach Team. This team is dedicated and has been flexible throughout the pandemic

to continue to serve the community in appropriate formats based upon the COVID positivity rates.



\$62.8M cost of providing community benefit and outreach

OUTREACH EXAMPLES

- Support Groups
- Health Fairs



- Virtual Cooking Classes
- Guided Meditations



- Community Education
- Speakers Bureau



THANK YOU:

Lee Health thanks SWFL for the outpouring of support the community has shown its healthcare workers as new COVID-19 variants evolve. We continue to encourage our community to slow the spread by masking, physical distancing, practicing good hand hygiene and through vaccination.



Community Care Outreach

Community Care Outreach provides free support and resource guidance to eligible patients, including navigating the health system and managing health needs such as chronic diseases, behavioral health, and food security.



- **\$191,573 community benefit**
- **5,532 staff hours**

Health Professions Education

Lee Health partners with regional colleges and universities to fuel the pipeline for our healthcare training programs investing in our future workforce. Programs include training for: nurses, APRNs, pharmacists, physicians, social workers, radiologists, lab scientists, and more.

- **\$4,537,950 community benefit**
- **124,052.75 staff hours**
- **8,691 persons served**



Lee Community Healthcare

Lee Community Healthcare (LCH) has 23 facilities throughout Lee and Charlotte County that provide primary medical care to medically uninsured and economically distressed communities. LCH patient care teams are committed to providing a medical home to those individuals that have historically used local emergency rooms to meet their primary care needs.

In 2021, Lee Community Healthcare:

- **Added 8 pediatric & 2 specialty care practices to the LCH family**
- **\$29,936,116 community benefit**
- **53,382 patients served**
- **175,775 office visits**



Injury Prevention

The Lee Health Trauma Center Injury Prevention Program provides community-based services, education, and training prevention of violence, bullying, substance abuse, motor vehicle crashes, sports injuries, falls, and more. Mentor programs and support groups are also offered for community members suffering from traumatic injuries and events.

- **\$51,937 community benefit**
- **547 staff hours**
- **452,495 persons served**



Child Advocacy

Trained advocates within Golisano Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida Child Advocacy Program provide education on child passenger safety, medicine safety, drowning prevention, bike/pedestrian safety, and many other risk areas. Child advocates also teach Safe Sitter and parenting classes.

- **\$139,083 community benefit**
- **6,067 staff hours**
- **121,084 persons served**



Kids' Minds Matter

A portion of the Kids' Minds Matter program falls under the Child Advocacy program. Kids' Minds Matter addresses the ongoing need for pediatric mental and behavioral healthcare services in Southwest Florida. Mental Health Navigators and Mental Health First Aid are two vital components of the Kids Minds Matter program. Mental health awareness presentations were provided to more than 1,000 community leaders and 310 at various community locations with community partners.



To learn what Lee Health is doing for the community visit [LeeHealth.org/community-affairs](https://www.leehealth.org/community-affairs)