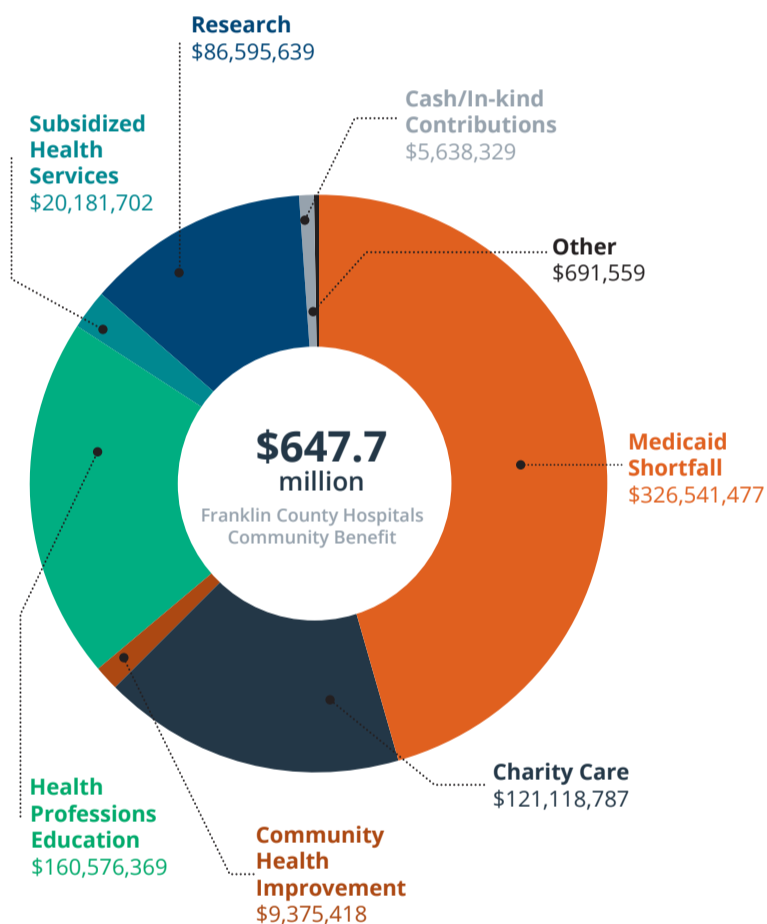


Building a Healthier Community Together

2019 COMMUNITY BENEFIT REPORT

Central Ohio 2017 Community Benefit



Growth in Uncompensated Care

	2013 <i>pre-Medicaid expansion</i>	2017 <i>post-Medicaid expansion</i>
Charity care	\$220.5 million	\$121.1 million
Medicaid shortfall	\$217.6 million	\$326.5 million
Other community benefit activities	236.7 million	\$283.1 million
Less disproportionate share payments	(\$126.3 million)	(\$83.0 million)
Total community benefit	\$548.5 million	\$647.7 million

50%

increase
in Medicaid
shortfall

45%

decrease
in charity care

18%

increase
in community benefit
over the last 4 years

In 2017

central Ohio's hospitals provided more than **\$647 million** to our community in uncompensated care as well as health provider education, research and initiatives to address our community's most critical health care needs.

Hospital Community Benefit: An Investment in the Health of Central Ohio

Central Ohio’s nonprofit hospitals are recognized as tax exempt by the Internal Revenue Service as a result of the substantial amount of benefit they provide to our community. Instead of paying income or property tax, **central Ohio hospitals reinvest their earnings to care for individuals without insurance and supplement shortfalls in coverage for Medicaid patients.** Our community

Franklin County hospitals have provided \$2.8 billion in uncompensated care over the last 12 years.

hospitals educate health professionals, conduct life-saving medical research, develop innovative medical technologies, and work closely with other community partners to identify unmet health needs and address them.

While hospitals have incurred greater costs as a result of the

expansion of Medicaid, **the community as a whole has benefited** from an increase in preventive screenings

Equal Access to Quality Care for All

Central Ohio is one of the only communities in the United States where **all residents, regardless of their ability to pay, receive the same quality of care** at all of our hospitals. In other communities, patients without health insurance are often sent to levy-supported charity hospitals.

Franklin County hospitals’ uniform charity care policy ensures that all Ohio residents receive free, medically necessary hospital care if their family incomes are under 200 percent of the federal poverty level, or \$51,500 for a family of four. These patients do not receive a bill for their care. Our hospitals have also collectively agreed to provide significant discounts for patients with family incomes up to 400% of the poverty level, or \$103,000 for a family of four and assist patients in applying for Medicaid, which covers adults earning up to 138% of the federal poverty level.



Leveraging Our Collective Strength

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Central Ohio hospitals’ collaborative efforts to improve the behavioral health crisis and emergency services system have led to reductions in wait times in emergency departments and more timely access to needed care.

OPIATE ADDICTION

Hospital personnel participated in community programs that educated 1,050 residents on opiate prevention and addiction and distributed 980 Naloxone kits to reduce the number of overdose deaths.

INFANT MORTALITY

As partners in Celebrate One’s infant mortality reduction initiative, hospitals’ efforts to promote safe sleep practices have helped to significantly decrease the number of infants who die due to unsafe sleep environments.

The Central Ohio Hospital Council leverages the collective strengths of each health care institution to address critical health needs. These initiatives include behavioral health, opiate addiction, infant mortality, supplier diversity, energy efficiency, and community health assessments.