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Connecticut Hospitals Invest \$1.7 Billion in Community Benefit Initiatives in 2016

WALLINGFORD – The positive impact of Connecticut hospitals extends far beyond the essential medical care they provide. In addition to serving patients in their time of need, these dynamic, complex organizations are working proactively to strengthen Connecticut communities. The Connecticut Hospital Association’s [2018 Community Benefit Report](#), released today, shows that in 2016, Connecticut hospitals provided more than 12 million services to individuals and families at a cost of \$1.7 billion — that’s 15.4 percent of total hospital revenue.

“Connecticut hospitals are dedicated not only to healing the sick, but to helping Connecticut residents stay healthy,” said Jennifer Jackson, CEO, CHA. “Connecticut hospitals are addressing social determinants of health and improving health equity. They are offering outreach and support services for chronic conditions, free medical screenings in the community, and many other programs targeted to meet specific community needs.”

In 2016, Connecticut hospitals benefitted their communities in many ways.

- \$671.6 million: Unpaid government-sponsored healthcare (Medicaid)
- \$793.2 million: Unpaid government-sponsored healthcare (Medicare)
- \$199.7 million: Uncompensated care: Charity care/bad debt to provide services for those who cannot pay
- \$30.9 million: Community services to improve the health of the community
- \$8 million: Research and other programs to advance healthcare for patients and the community
- \$15.3 million: Donations to help support community organizations
- \$5.1 million: Community building to create stronger, healthier communities
- \$9.1 million: Subsidized health services* to provide care needed by the community

** Most subsidized health services funds are reflected in the “unpaid costs of government programs” numbers.*

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About CHA

The Connecticut Hospital Association has been dedicated to serving Connecticut’s hospitals since 1919. Through state and federal advocacy, CHA represents the interests of Connecticut’s hospitals on key healthcare issues in the areas of quality and patient safety, access and coverage, workforce, community health, health equity, and hospital reimbursement.