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**Connecticut Hospitals and Health Systems Invest \$1.9 Billion in Community Benefit Initiatives and Generate \$28.9 Billion for the State's Economy**

WALLINGFORD — Connecticut hospitals and health systems play a critical role in preserving, protecting, and improving lives. Their impact is illustrated in two reports published today by the Connecticut Hospital Association (CHA): The [2020 Economic Impact Report](#) and the [2020 Community Benefit Report](#).

Connecticut hospitals and health systems are economic cornerstones in the communities they serve. According to the *2020 Economic Impact Report*, they generate \$28.9 billion for the state's economy and drive growth in the health, medical, and research fields, as well as in many other sectors. Connecticut hospitals and health systems provide great jobs to 106,000 people. And nearly every hospital job produces another job outside the hospital. In total, Connecticut hospitals and health systems generate 217,400 jobs in our state.

“Our hospitals are vital economic anchors, providing the stability and growth that contributes greatly to the financial health of the state and the communities they serve,” said Jennifer Jackson, CEO, CHA. “In addition to providing core healthcare services to everyone in Connecticut, 24 hours a day, regardless of ability to pay, Connecticut hospitals are working in our communities to help people with social needs, such as housing and food. Hospitals and healthcare systems, in collaboration with state government and other sectors, are working to build a healthier Connecticut.”

Connecticut hospitals and health systems are improving community health, managing chronic illness, expanding access to primary care, and addressing social determinants of health. According to the *2020 Community Benefit Report*, Connecticut hospitals and health systems provided the following community benefits in 2018\*:

- \$225 million: Uncompensated care: Charity care/bad debt to provide services for those who cannot pay
- \$23 million: Community services to improve the health of the community such as screenings, support groups, and educational programs
- \$17 million: Donations to help support community organizations
- \$11 million: Research and other programs to advance healthcare for patients and the community
- \$7 million: Community programs and partnerships to create stronger, healthier communities
- \$7 million: Subsidized health services to provide care needed by the community

\*The most recently available data

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## **About CHA**

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