

Community Commitment at The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center

Through The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center's three-part mission of patient care, teaching and research, we are able to impact the community in the following ways:

- Free and reduced-cost clinics
- Preventive screenings
- Support groups
- Community education and outreach programs
- Staff participation on community boards and committees
- Collaboration with local schools and in student mentorship
- Sponsored events and collaboration with other community organizations
- Medical education to educate our healthcare professionals for tomorrow
- Research that improves healthcare and empowers communities
- Economic contributions of job growth
- Monetary and In-Kind contributions



Community Health and Wellness

At Ohio State's Wexner Medical Center, we believe that the best way to improve the health of our communities is through collaboration with community partners. We are proud to partner with the Columbus Health Department to manage free and reduced-cost clinics for people with limited income.

Listed below are some of the many ways we collaborate with a variety of health partners to contribute to the health and well-being of diverse members of our community.

Asian Health Initiative

The Asian Health Center at the Rardin Family Practice Center improves the health of medically underserved Asian populations in central Ohio. They also provide the funding for lab work and a part-time staff person. Our Partners: The OSU Family Practice Foundation, Ohio State's Comprehensive Cancer Center – James Cancer Hospital and Solove Research Institute, Asian American Community Services Council, Asian American Community Services, Southeast Asian Ministries and OSU College of Pharmacy.

Center for Family Safety and Healing

This task force creates and implements training for healthcare professionals to recognize the symptoms of domestic violence and make appropriate referrals. Project SAFE, a program designed to protect pregnant women from abuse, was started at Ohio State's Wexner Medical Center and has been expanded to six central Ohio hospitals and clinics. Our Partners: central Ohio hospitals and clinics.

Community Day at University Hospital East

We are pleased to be able to offer health screenings, education and fellowship for Columbus' Near East Side community at this annual event. Our Partners: Ohio State's University Hospital East and more than 40 local organizations.

Council on Healthy Mothers and Babies

Ohio State's Wexner Medical Center participates with other hospital systems to improve pregnancy outcomes and decrease infant

mortality. The council provides wait-time studies, Pregnancy Care Capacity Roundtables and Pregnancy Care Connection. Our Partners are central Ohio hospital systems and Better Birth Outcomes.

American Red Cross Diversity Task Force

Members help raise awareness of blood donation among minority populations. Our Partner: American Red Cross.

JamesCare for Life

At The James, we understand that life continues, even with cancer. That's why our team of experts work together to offer patients and their families a wide range of comprehensive cancer support programs, classes and educational resources to help manage the unique challenges that come with a cancer diagnosis and treatment.

La Clínica Latina

Through the clinic, we provide medical care for Latino residents in central Ohio along with service learning opportunities for College of Medicine and Nursing students. Our Partners: Latino Health Alliance and the College of Pharmacy.

Mount Vernon Avenue District Improvement Association

The economic and cultural vitality of Columbus' Near East Side and the health of its residents have been greatly enriched by the programs developed through the collaboration of Ohio State's Wexner Medical Center and local business leaders. Our Partners: Mount Vernon Avenue District Improvement Association and central Ohio businesses.

Noor Community Health Center

The Noor Community Health Center is operated by the Ohio Muslim Physician Association, in partnership with the OSU College of Medicine Department of Family Medicine and The Ohio State's Wexner Medical Center Department of Community Development, serving uninsured patients seeking care.

Ohio Statewide Health Disparities Collaborative

The Ohio Statewide Health Disparities Collaborative works to reduce health inequities and disparities in Ohio. The collaborative evaluates

health coverage, access, education, and services at varying income levels. Our Partners: Ohio Commission on Minority Health, Children's Defense Fund of Ohio.

OSU African American and African Studies Community Extension Center

Ohio State's Wexner Medical Center is a member of the Advisory Board of African American and African Studies Community Center located on the near east side.

Stable Cradle Project

New mothers recovering from substance abuse can participate in this outpatient drug treatment program and receive parenting education. The program also sponsors a social worker for participating churches. Our Partners: Maryhaven, Inc. and OSU College of Nursing.

Schweitzer Fellowship

Launched in September 2010 and hosted by The Ohio State University College of Medicine, the Columbus-Athens Schweitzer Fellows Program is one of thirteen [U.S. Schweitzer program sites](#) working to address health disparities by developing Leaders in Service. The Columbus-Athens Schweitzer Fellows Program is now working with its fourth class of multidisciplinary Schweitzer Fellows, each of whom will partner with a local community-based organization to create and carry out a yearlong direct service project that addresses an unmet health need.

United Way

Ohio State's Wexner Medical Center partners on several initiatives with United Way. The Nutrition and Fitness Results Committee seeks to improve the health of the community. The Diversity and Inclusion Resource Committee increases neighborhood pride and addresses racial health disparities, a cultural competency training program for healthcare providers. The Volunteerism Task Force defines United Way's role in supporting and promoting volunteerism as a strategy for addressing our community impact agenda and advancing the common good by focusing on education, income, health and home. Our Partner: United Way of Central Ohio.

Women Coming Together

Women Coming Together is an annual conference during Women's Health Month (May) that focuses on the health issues and unmet needs of African-American, Asian, Latina, Appalachian and Native American women. Our Partners: Various central Ohio organizations.

For more information about a particular program or project, call The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center Community Development at 614-293-5972.



Sponsorships and Monetary and In-Kind contributions

Ohio State's Wexner Medical Center is proud to be involved in the community through various sponsorships and partnerships. We are proud to support groups, organizations and events who share our passion for improving people's lives through patient care, education and research. We also know that a healthy community starts with a vibrant, strong and connected community.

Wexner Medical Center Volunteer Program

Ohio State's Wexner Medical Center encourages our employees to participate in community events. Some of the events we participated in the past year are: Asian Festival Dragon Boat Race, Crew Corporate Challenge, Race for the cure, heart walk, diabetes walk and several others

Diversity

We see diversity as the uniqueness each person brings to achieving our shared mission and goals. We recognize and value individual perspectives, characteristics and experiences. We strive to create an environment where we thrive on and benefit from our similarities and differences.

An example is the Diversity Enhancement Program at Ohio State's Comprehensive Cancer Center – James Cancer Hospital and Solove Research Institute, which is dedicated to increasing cancer awareness in the community, with an emphasis on increasing participation in cancer clinical trials, especially by minority participants. The goals of the program are to:

- Inform the community about the cancer program at Ohio State
- Educate the community about cancer prevention, detection and treatment
- Develop relationships in the central Ohio community
- Work with healthcare providers and educate them about clinical research
- Increase minority enrollment in clinical trials and research studies

The Diversity Enhancement Program accomplishes these goals by networking with diverse groups in the community, attending community events and conducting educational sessions.

Education Partnership

Ohio State has developed several programs to inform young people about futures in medicine, encourage interest in the fundamentals of academic medicine, science and mathematics, and expose them to medical scenarios. Here are just a few of the programs that Ohio State's Wexner Medical Center is proud to offer to students from the local community.

Metro Early College High School

Metro Early College High School is designed to serve students who desire a personalized and extraordinary learning experience that prepares them for a connected world where science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) are the focus. Metro is a STEM high school operated by the Educational Council and Confederation of the 16 public school districts in Franklin County, in partnership with Battelle and The Ohio State University. Ohio State's Wexner Medical Center provides a Lunch and Learn event series and hosts the "Bodies" program which is an opportunity for students to learn about the various healthcare professions.

Math and Science Club

Students in elementary, middle and high school are given an opportunity to enhance their math and science skills through club participation.

Our Partners: Ohio State's African American and African Studies Community Extension Center, Ohio State's College of Medicine, COSI

MD Camp

The goal of this intensive, three-week summer camp is to inspire interest in health careers among high school juniors and seniors whose ethnic groups have traditionally been under-represented in medicine.

Our Partner: Ohio State's College of Medicine

Partners in Education

Participants work diligently to increase student awareness of career opportunities in health care through field trips, speakers, mentoring,

shadowing and honors breakfasts. They also aim to increase awareness of OSUMC health services among academically gifted students. Our Partners: Literature Alternative Based School at Eastgate Elementary and Whittier Elementary in Westerville, Champion Middle School, Fort Hayes and East High School

School Supply Drive

The Wexner Medical Center at Ohio State organizes a system wide school supply drive for Ohio State's Wexner Medical Center Adopt-a-Schools – Literature Based Alternative School at Hubbard, East Pilgrim, Fort Hayes and East High School.

Research

The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center has seen dramatic growth in our research programs in recent years, both in funding and in impact. Our research benefits many people within our community, in particular those who are economically or educationally disadvantaged.

A health disparities research team is partnering with churches in a five-state region to refine and test a previously piloted faith-based intervention program to promote health and reduce cancer risk by addressing obesity.

Electra Paskett, PHD, MSPH, leads the project, which is the research component of the larger Appalachian Community Cancer network (ACCN), funded at \$6.13 million over five years by the NCI. The research component, "Faith-Based Initiative to Promote Health in Appalachia,) is funded at \$2.7 million.

The intervention will employ community-based participatory research strategies aimed at two behavioral causes of obesity: sedentary lifestyle and unhealthy diet. The target region is mainly rural and contains medically underserved populations characterized by low income, education deficits, poor health, increased rates of obesity and high cancer incidence.

"An obesogenic environment promotes obesity by encouraging physical inactivity and limiting healthy food choices," Paskett says. "The goal of this project is to test a faith-based intervention in 10 churches compared to a

comparison program in 10 additional churches where participants will receive information and cancer-screening tests.”

Participants in the intervention churches will receive help in increasing physical activity and consuming healthier foods, including more fruits and vegetables daily.

“We believe this project will have an immediate impact among member of the participating churches,” she says, “and the successful strategies could be used to improve the health of residents in other states throughout Appalachia in the future.”

Economic Impact

The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center’s phenomenal growth in all three of our mission areas – research, education and patient care – has created a community impact of a different kind: job and economic development for the city of Columbus and state of Ohio.

Ohio State's Wexner Medical Center added about 8,000 new jobs between 2000 and 2011 and generated \$1.7 billion in operating revenue during fiscal year 2011.

Currently under construction, the new James Cancer Hospital and Solove Research Institute and Critical Care Center is the largest expansion project in the University’s history, will nearly double the amount of money Ohio State's Wexner Medical Center pumps into Ohio’s economy each year.

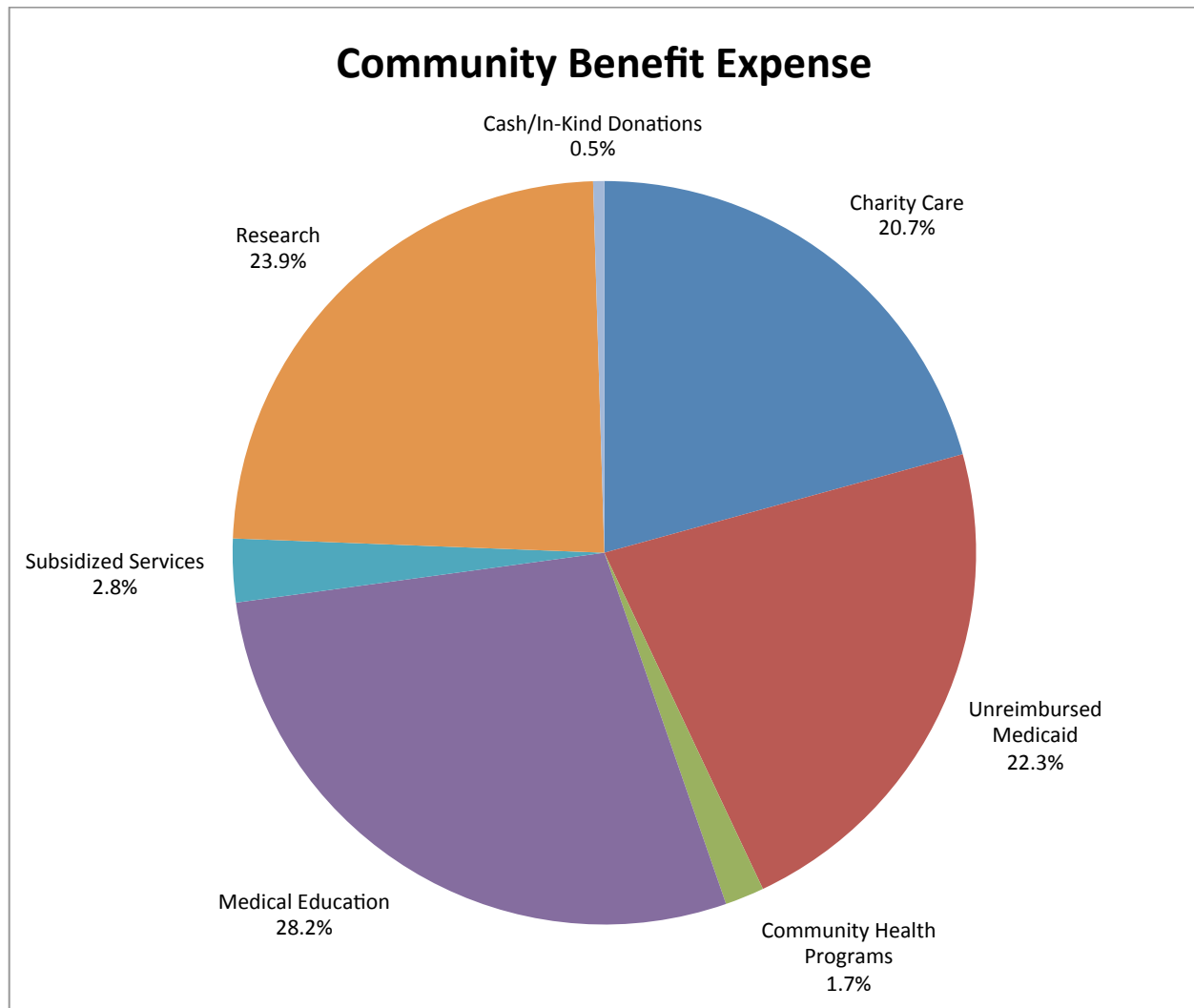
This state-of-the-art transformation will make the Medical Center – already recognized as one of the nation’s top hospitals on the *U.S. News & World Report* – a leader in innovation and a magnet for the best and brightest students, doctors and scientists.

Our investment will also stimulate Ohio’s economy immediately with the creation of 5,000 new construction jobs, and it will pay dividends long into the future by generating an additional 10,000 new full-time jobs at Ohio State and throughout the area. The net economic benefit of the expansion is projected to be as much as \$1.7 billion in added revenues for Ohio’s

economy every year beginning in 2015; this is in addition to the Medical Center's current \$1.7 billion impact.

Each new job we add helps us deliver on our promise of personalized health care and increases health access for more people in our community and region.

Ohio State's Wexner Medical Center represents the largest concentration of employment at Ohio State, with nearly a third more employees than all other areas of the University combined. This immense growth has a significant financial impact – Ohio State's effect on the regional economy approaches \$4 billion annually, a number that will rise by at least \$1.7 billion per year when the expansion is complete.



2013 Total-\$178,867,648

Community Benefits: What does it mean?

In 2013, Ohio State's Wexner Medical Center contributed over \$178 million in charity care and benefits to the community. Learn more about what each piece of the pie chart means by reading the definitions below.

Research

This includes clinical and community health research, as well as studies on health care delivery.

Donations/Sponsorships

This includes funds and in-kind services donated to community groups and programs. In-kind services include time paid for by the Medical Center and contributed by staff to the community. The costs associated with space, food, equipment, and supplies donated to not-for-profit community groups for meetings or programs are also included.

Charity Care

This is the cost of care provided to persons who cannot afford to pay.

Medicaid Shortfall

This is the cost of care provided to persons on Medicaid that is not covered by payments made from Medicaid.

Subsidized Health Service

This is the cost of clinical services provided to meet community needs, despite a financial loss, such as burn care. If the service was no longer offered, it would either not be available or it would fall to a government or another not-for-profit agency to provide.

Community Health

This includes activities carried out to improve the health of the community. These include lectures, presentations, health fairs, support groups, free clinics, screenings, donated clinic time and mobile units.

Medical and Paramedical Education

This includes the cost to create and maintain the training environment for medical, nursing and allied medical professional students. This includes both Ohio State University students, and other students and professionals outside of Ohio State who use our facilities.