

**COMMUNITY BENEFIT SNAPSHOT**

# WE INVEST IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA'S HEALTH

*Everyone deserves the opportunity to lead the healthiest life possible. To realize that vision, we work in close partnership with organizations to address our communities' most pressing needs.*

**Total benefit to our communities in 2018**  
**\$370 MILLION**



**Community health improvement and strategic partnerships**  
**\$51.5 MILLION**



**Health professions education and research**  
**\$9.6 MILLION**



**Subsidized health services**  
**\$23 MILLION**



**Free and discounted care for the uninsured and underinsured**  
**\$68.7 MILLION**



**Unpaid cost of MediCal and other means-tested government programs**  
**\$217.3 MILLION**

\*Data is consolidated based on unaudited financial reporting  
\*Home and Community Care investments included

## TACKLING OUR REGION'S BIGGEST HEALTH CHALLENGES

Our community health needs assessment guides our investments and partnerships. In 2018, we focused on access to health care and services, mental health and substance-use services, and the social determinants of health and well-being, including housing and education.

## SHARED PURPOSE ACROSS OUR FAMILY OF ORGANIZATIONS

At Providence St. Joseph Health, we invest in improving community health across all seven states we serve. Called by our Mission, we are committed to steadfastly serving all within our communities, especially the poor and vulnerable.

# OUR SHARED VALUES IN ACTION



## TATTOO REMOVAL PROGRAM GIVES EX-GANG MEMBERS A FRESH START

Dozens of ex-gang members have taken an important, if painful, first step toward a better life with the help of the free tattoo removal program created by Providence Holy Cross Medical Center in the San Fernando Valley. Launched in 1998 by the late Sister June Wilkerson as part of her ministry work to address gang violence, the free program removes gang-related and anti-social tattoos, which can be a barrier to finding a job or making positive life changes. In exchange, recipients of the procedure perform community service or attend professional or personal development courses.

Through a total community health investment of \$211,889, Providence provided 448 tattoo removal sessions to more than 124 people in 2018. The program's staff members are trained gang intervention specialists who work in partnership with community-based organizations, local law enforcement and the parole department to address gang violence in the community in other ways, as well.

*We are teaching residents to fish, so to speak. By encouraging them to obtain fitness instructor certifications and teaching them how to advocate for the changes they need in their community, we are enabling them to reverse the factors that are negatively impacting community health.*

— KEVIN MAHANY  
ST. MARY COMMUNITY  
HEALTH INVESTMENT DIRECTOR

*Patients have given us permission to share their stories, but their names have been changed to protect patient privacy.*

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LEADERSHIP**

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