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.

**Community Benefit Snapshot**
**We Invest in Montana’s Health**

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Total benefit to our communities in 2018: $29.6 MILLION

_data is consolidated based on unaudited financial reporting_

**Tackling Montana’s Biggest Health Challenges**

Our community health needs assessment guides our investments and partnerships. In 2018, we focused on improving access to mental health and substance-use services, supporting the Medical Respite Program, and addressing social determinants affecting housing and homelessness.

**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.
THE GAP WE ARE ABLE TO FILL WITH POVERELLO MEDICAL RESPITE NOT ONLY SAVES OUR COMMUNITY MONEY, BUT ALSO ADDRESSES SOME OF THE CRITICAL NEEDS IDENTIFIED IN OUR COMMUNITY HEALTH NEEDS ASSESSMENT AROUND HOMELESSNESS, MENTAL AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND ACCESS TO MEDICAL CARE.

— JOYCE DOMBROUSKI
CHIEF EXECUTIVE
PROVIDENCE HEALTH & SERVICES, MONTANA

A DOSE OF NUTRITION

To combat nutritional gaps in patients’ diets, St. Patrick Hospital of Providence St. Joseph Health partners with Garden City Harvest, a farm in Missoula. With $5,000 in community benefit funding, they created the Prescription Produce Program, which helps patients and their families access fresh, local vegetables at a reduced price.

Patients who struggle to put food on the table receive a voucher for $10 each month to shop at the farm stand. The program is helping patients and their families lose weight and better manage chronic disease. In 2018, nearly 1,000 pounds of fresh produce were donated to the cause.

“By continuing to support this kind of programming, we hope not only to help those with chronic disease improve their health, but we are also sending a positive message about the importance of healthy eating out into our community,” said Merry Hutton, regional director for community health investment, Providence St. Joseph Health Washington-Montana Region.