

# 2023 community benefit report



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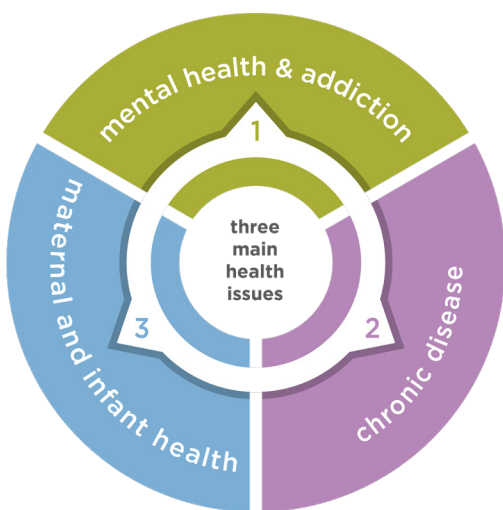
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At Dayton Children's, we are on the relentless pursuit of optimal health for every child in our reach. This means we are focused on delivering exceptional care to children inside the hospital, but looking beyond the hospital walls to impact the community where children live, learn, and play. Our 2023 community benefit report gives us a snapshot of some of the innovative community-based initiatives we are employing to advance children's health. As you read, you will see we are not alone in this effort. We are grateful to the many committed community partners who join us in this journey.

## In this report...

- Identifying 3 critical health challenges
- Addressing the root causes of poor health
- Community investments

## 2023 at a glance



To focus our community work, Dayton Children's conducts a community health needs assessment (CHNA) every three years to identify the critical health challenges children in our region face. We have been tackling challenges facing our children including mental health and addiction, chronic disease (including obesity, food insecurity and asthma), and maternal and infant health. We also know the importance of addressing community conditions and access to care which have a huge impact on health.



# health issue one: mental health and addiction

Dayton Children's continues to invest in clinical programs for children in crisis while implementing community-based programs to normalize the conversation around pediatric mental health.

## On Our Sleeves

On Our Sleeves is a national movement to break the stigma surrounding children's mental health. Dayton Children's engages with schools, non-profit community-based organizations, primary care physicians, employers and employees to spread this important movement. On Our Sleeves recently launched a Classroom Champions program. Classroom Champions is a community of educators and teachers who are committed to helping their students with mental wellness. All Classroom Champions receive free classroom activities, lesson plans and other resources to boost the mental wellness of kids in all grade levels. **We have over 300 Classroom Champions engaged in the movement!**



Learn more or sign up  
for On Our Sleeves

## student resiliency coordinators

Through our innovative student resiliency coordinator program, Dayton Children's behavioral health professionals connect families to resources, teach coping skills to lower anxiety, focus on improving school behavior so children can better engage in learning and help children navigate many personal challenges. **The program is currently serving 856 students!**

## suicide prevention

Dayton Children's offers a variety of classes for staff and the public to support suicide prevention. Youth Mental Health First Aid teaches participants to identify, understand and respond to signs of mental health and substance use challenges among children and adolescents ages 12 to 18. Question. Persuade. Refer., more commonly known as QPR, are three simple steps anyone can learn to save a life from suicide. **270 people were trained in suicide prevention in the year 2023.**





## health issue two: chronic disease

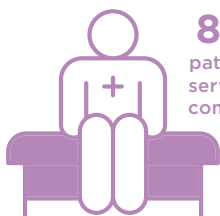
Dayton Children’s is engaged in a variety of programs and strategies to address these chronic diseases including childhood obesity, asthma and the health impacts of food insecurity both clinically and across the community.

### improving food access

Over 25,000 children (more than one in five) struggle with food insecurity in Montgomery County. Dayton Children’s engages in a variety of efforts to connect families with food resources that they need. Dayton Children’s “Food Pharm” in the Connor Child Health Pavilion provides food resources and food boxes, in partnership with The Foodbank, Inc. to patient families identifying food needs. In early 2023, Dayton Children’s also started a bi-weekly food pantry onsite that is available to members of the community. **The food pantry served over 600 people within its first six months.**

### addressing asthma one home at a time

For certain chronic conditions, such as asthma, the environment in which a child lives, learns and plays needs to be free from asthma triggers so that child can achieve optimal health. Dayton Children’s provides families access to community health workers who are a critical part of the care team and can support families through education, home visits, mitigation of triggers, and community resource connection.



**88**  
patients have been served by an asthma community health worker



## health issue three: maternal and infant health

Unsafe sleep practices account for 68% of accidental infant deaths in our community. As part of the Dayton Children’s staff onboarding process, patient-facing staff such as nurses and patient care assistants receive safe sleep education to ensure effective modeling. Outside the hospital, Dayton Children’s Hospital partners with Public Health - Dayton & Montgomery County on community wide safe sleep education, as part of the Safe Sleep Ambassador Program. These are in the form of monthly virtual or in-person trainings, open to all, including parents and caregivers.



**599**

staff members are educated in safe sleep



**20**

Safe Sleep Ambassadors trained in 2023





## addressing the root causes of poor health

### Family Resource Connection

The Family Resource Connection program screens patient families for social needs including food insecurity, financial strain, utility assistance needs and transportation challenges. Families identifying a need are referred for resource connection and follow-up to help alleviate identified needs.



### Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program

The Earned Income Tax Credit Assistance (EITC) program run through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) grant, is an IRS initiative designed to support free tax preparation service for the underserved through various partner organizations. By assisting low- to

moderate-income individuals, persons with disabilities, the elderly, and limited English speakers in filing their taxes each year, Dayton Children's is working to combat poverty in our community. **Our staff prepared 82 tax returns resulting in over \$37,000 in earned income tax credit (EITC) being captured and an estimated savings of \$18,000 in tax filing fees!**

## school and career readiness

Education is a critical driver of health. Dayton Children's has bolstered our efforts to support strong educational outcomes for children.

### school partnerships

Dayton Children's partners with Kiser Neighborhood School Center to enhance student performance, engage families and improve the quality of life in the Greater Old North Dayton neighborhood. To aid in this partnership, Dayton Children's employs a Family Resource Coordinator who works to remove the non-academic barriers to success students may have.

Dayton Children's also partners with Dayton Public Schools to provide a 21st Century Learning Center after school and summer learning program, Panthers Taking FLIGHT (future leaders innovating and growing healthier together). The program helps students meet state and local student standards in core academic subjects, such as reading and math, and offers students a broad array of enrichment activities that complement their regular academic programs.

### Montgomery County Imagination Library



Early literacy and access to books is a critical building block for kindergarten readiness. Dayton Children's partners the Ohio Governor's Imagination Library initiative to offer the Dolly Parton's Imagination Library for all children four and younger in Montgomery County. This program sends free books to local children each month to help them build home libraries.



## decreasing injury

Dayton Children’s implements an Early Childhood Safety Program, funded by the Ohio Children’s Trust Fund, to educate parents and caregivers about the most serious early childhood injuries including choking, falls, unintentional poisoning and unsafe sleep. **Through this program 89 families received 636 early childhood safety products needed to prevent injuries including home childproofing kits, cribs, highchairs, portable cribs, safety gates, sleep sacks and strollers.**

## child passenger safety

Dayton Children’s addresses one of the leading causes of injury, motor vehicle crashes, by providing education and child safety seats throughout the community. **In 2023, 321 child safety seats were distributed to families in the community.**

## community contributions

Dayton Children’s has a community contribution program to provide support for community programs that address issues outlined in the community health needs assessment. We were proud to support the following community programs.

FY23 grantees	
<i>organizations</i>	<i>their programs</i>
American Red Cross	Blood Diversity Sickle Cell Initiative
Big Brothers Big Sisters	Trauma-Informed Youth Mentoring program
Daybreak Inc.	Daybreak and David’s Place LGBTQ+ Drop-In Center
Dayton Metro Library	DML Partner Pantry program
Goodwill Easter Seals	Car Seat Safety program
Lessons From The Garden	Gardens on the Go
Ohio Tri County Food Alliance	Children’s Feeding program
Catholic Social Services	Neighbors Helping Neighbors program
Miami Valley Meals	Prepared Meals program
Milk Mamas	Moms Night Out program

# community benefit and investment

## investing in kids...investing in our community

As a non-profit children's hospital, our mission requires us to reinvest hospital profits into community-based initiatives. Any hospital profits are reinvested back into the health and well-being of kids through a variety of activities that go above and beyond traditional health care. While quantifying this number is challenging, in fiscal year 2021-2022 Dayton Children's reported more than \$63 million in community benefit activities. This report covers audited financial numbers for fiscal year 2022 along with current community focused programming.

## community benefit categories

### financial assistance

We report the unreimbursed costs from providing care to patients enrolled in Medicaid and other government programs reflecting payment shortfalls versus our actual costs to provide the care.

### community health improvement

Community health improvement programs allow us to prevent injuries, improve health literacy, address mental wellness and engage the community to promote health and wellness.

### cash and in-kind

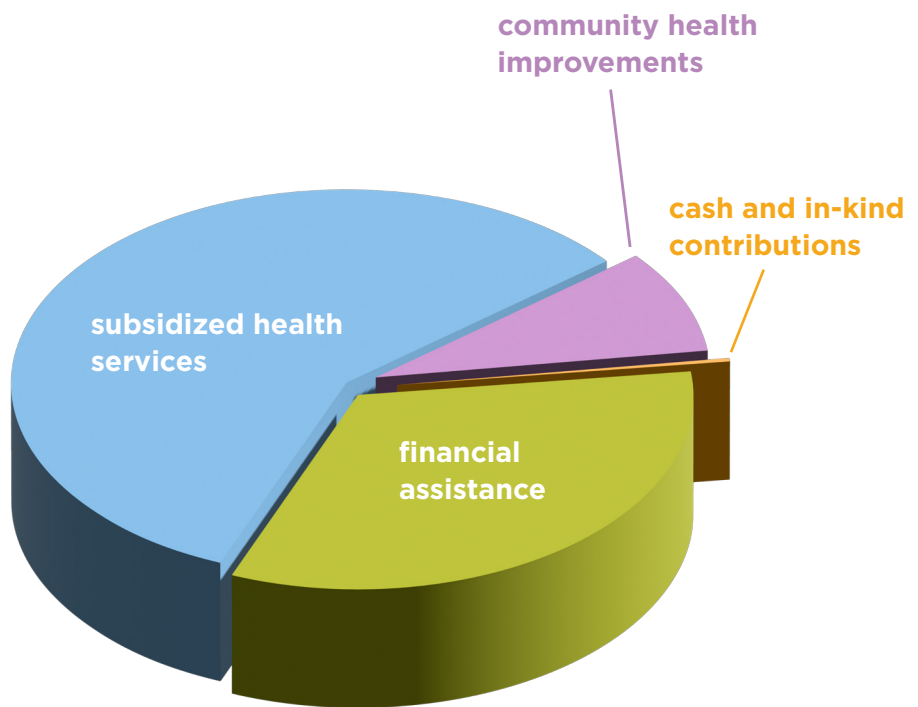
Dayton Children's contributes cash and in-kind gifts to not-for-profit organizations that share our mission and focus on children and families.

### subsidized health services

Dayton Children's supports several clinical programs despite financial loss because they meet an identified community need.

### community-building activities

Reported separately from community benefit, community-building activities include environmental improvements, workforce development and community health improvement advocacy efforts which are critical to our role as an anchor institution and community leader.



## total community benefit

cash and in-kind contributions	\$183,737
community health improvement	\$5,520,062
subsidized health services	\$36,741,800
financial assistance	\$20,807,438
<b>total</b>	<b>\$63,259,037</b>
community building activities	\$133,930

\*Financial data is for the year 2021-2022. Note: This report includes amounts expended by Dayton Children's Hospital as reported on Schedule H of the IRS Form 990. Health professionals' education expenses totaled \$0 after accounting for direct offsetting revenue through the Children's Hospital Graduate Medical Education (CHGME) program.

