UC Davis Health’s commitment to our mission of patient care, education and research is demonstrated through our dedication to improving community health, providing community benefit projects and services in the community, and through training professionals who will serve the region.

In Fiscal Year 2020 (July 2019 – June 2020), UC Davis Health provided $570 million in community benefits. Community benefits included financial assistance (charity care) and subsidized care, services provided to Medi-Cal patients where reimbursement doesn’t meet costs, community health and wellness programs, training for community medical professionals, and cash and in-kind donations to community programs and non-profit organizations.

The programs described in this document highlight the significant impact on programs devoted to providing access to care and reducing health disparities — both in our region and beyond.

600 families served each week at River City Food Bank’s St. Matthew’s Church location in the Arden Arcade neighborhood. River City Food Bank uses a farmer’s market-style experience that empowers guests to select foods that best meet their needs.

112 people experiencing homelessness received services from the Interim Care Program (ICP), a partnership between WellSpace Health, the area’s health systems and Sacramento County. The Interim Care Program provides respite care, case management, and other services for patients experiencing homelessness who are discharged from the hospital. UC Davis Health also provides $115,000 annually in ongoing financial support for the operations of the ICP program.

243 free car seats and related education and installation services provided for community members in need. The UC Davis Health Trauma Outreach and Prevention Program also partners with organizations to provide these much-needed services to vulnerable and underserved populations, including refugee families and pregnant and parenting teens.

1,054 medical students and 957 medical residents and fellows received innovative training to provide them with the skills and values needed to lead change and improve health care for all.

92 patients experiencing acute mental health crises were provided stabilization services by the Bender Court Crisis Residential Center. Bender Court provides intensive psychiatric care in a residential setting, avoiding hospitalization.
$250,000 donated to Sacramento Native American Health Center (SNAHC) to support tenant improvements in their new clinic in an area of South Sacramento identified as a Community of Concern in the 2019 Community Health Needs Assessment. SNAHC is a Federally Qualified Health Center, committed to enhancing quality of life by providing a culturally competent, holistic, and patient-centered continuum of care.

13,800 Medi-Cal, Healthy Partners, uninsured and refugee patients cared for by UC Davis Health physicians, nurse practitioners, residents and medical students at the Sacramento County Primary Care Center.

41 gastroenterology procedures provided by Sacramento Physicians Initiative to Reach Out, Innovate and Teach (SPIRIT) at no cost to the patient. The program provides free surgeries for uninsured individuals who are referred from a medical home, including patients who utilize UC Davis medical student-run clinics.

8,015 patient care visits provided by UC Davis medical student-run clinics. To support these visits, the UC Davis Health Pathology Department provided $810,000 in lab services at no cost.

$45,000 donated to two community organizations for personal protective equipment (PPE), to conduct enhanced outreach and provide meals to people experiencing homelessness at the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. UC Davis Health also donated medical supplies including PPE to two Navajo Nations hospitals caring for Indigenous communities hit hard by the COVID-19 pandemic.

460 people experiencing homelessness referred to the Whole Person Care program, a five-year pilot operated by the City of Sacramento. The program brings together health systems, community clinics, health plans, homeless services and housing providers, first responders, and community-based organizations to create an integrated system of care and improve the health outcomes of individuals experiencing homelessness.