Community Investments

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 2021 (July 2020 – June 2021), UC Davis Health provided $673 million in community benefits. Community benefits included financial assistance (charity care) and subsidized care, services provided to Medi-Cal and Medicare patients where reimbursement doesn’t cover 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 inequities — both in our region and beyond.

844 volunteer hours provided by 76 faculty, staff, residents and students at 19 pop-up vaccination clinics at community centers, high schools and the Mexican Consulate during the first few months that COVID-19 vaccines were available to community members. The Joan Viteri Memorial Clinic, a student-run clinic associated with the School of Medicine, was the lead COVID-19 testing partner for Sacramento County Public Health at encampment sites in Sacramento County. From May 2020 through February 2021, the partnership administered 946 tests.

253 high school and undergraduate students attended in-person and virtual Health Equity Academy events and conferences in Sacramento and San Joaquin counties to learn about health professions and health sciences.

1,600 bags of groceries distributed over 10 weeks to 1,070 food-insecure households in South Sacramento. UC Davis Health donated $25,000 to Asian Resources, Inc. to underwrite the cost of culturally valued food items and their distribution to families impacted by the COVID-19 epidemic.

1,065 medical, graduate nursing and physician assistant students and 987 medical residents and fellows received innovative training needed to provide them with the skills and values needed to lead change and improve health care for all.
100 community members attended a virtual half-day *Vietnamese Mini-Medical School* community health education event focused on the health of older Vietnamese refugees and immigrants and that of their caregivers.

93 people experiencing homelessness who were seen at UC Davis Medical Center 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 provides $115,000 annually in ongoing financial support for the operations of the ICP program.

12,320 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 Health Center*.

46 gastroenterology procedures provided by UC Davis physicians through *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. UC Davis Health also provides $35,000 annually to support program administration.

257 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.

$206,000 awarded to 35 local nonprofit organizations through UC Davis Health’s formal sponsorship process. This direct financial support underwrites health and social service programs throughout the region.

100,000 pounds of food distributed each month at the River City Food Bank’s St. Matthew’s Church location in the Arden Arcade neighborhood, which is supported in-part by a grant from UC Davis Health. 85 percent of families served in 2021 were refugees. *River City Food Bank* uses a farmer’s market-style experience that empowers guests to select foods that best meet their needs while decreasing food waste.