

# Community Benefit in Wisconsin

FISCAL YEAR 2017

**Ascension Wisconsin** operates 23 hospitals and hundreds of related healthcare facilities that together employ more than 19,600 associates. Serving Wisconsin for 169 years, Ascension is a faith-based healthcare organization committed to delivering compassionate, personalized care to all, with special attention to persons living in poverty and those most vulnerable. Ascension is the largest non-profit health system in the U.S. and the world's largest Catholic health system, operating 2,500 sites of care - including 141 hospitals and more than 30 senior living facilities - in 24 states and the District of Columbia. Visit [www.ascension.org/wisconsin](http://www.ascension.org/wisconsin).

**Our commitment to community benefit** flows from our Catholic Mission imperative and reflects our Mission to serve all persons with special attention to those who are poor and vulnerable. The purpose of community benefit programs or activities is to address community needs by providing treatment or promoting health and healing so as to:

- ▶ Improve access to health services
- ▶ Advance increased general knowledge
- ▶ Enhance population health
- ▶ Relieve or reduce the burden of government to improve health

## Our contributions this year included:

### FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

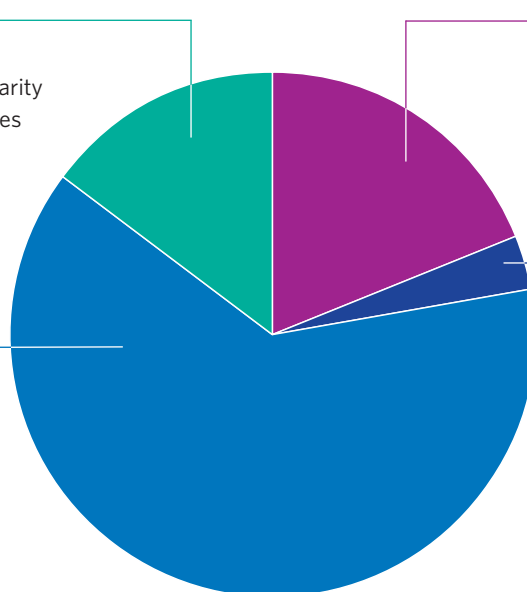
\$38,505,519

Financial assistance (formerly called charity care) is free or discounted health services provided to persons who cannot afford to pay and who meet the organization's financial assistance policy criteria.

### MEDICAID SHORTFALL

\$162,095,261

The shortfall is created when a facility receives payments that are less than the cost of caring for beneficiaries of public programs.



### PROGRAMS/SERVICES FOR THE GENERAL COMMUNITY

\$48,213,255

### PROGRAMS/SERVICES FOR LOW-INCOME PERSONS

\$8,265,023

These categories include activities such as community health improvement services, health professions education, subsidized health services, research, cash and in-kind contributions, community-building activities and community benefit operations

**TOTAL \$257,079,058**