

2022 Community Benefit Report

A MESSAGE FROM OUR CEO





River Bend

Dear Community Members,

I am delighted to present our 2022 River Bend Hospital Community Benefit Report. This report showcases a snapshot of the remarkable work we have done over the past year to support the health and well-being of our community.

Over 1.1 million adults in Indiana have a mental health condition. One of our most significant accomplishments this year has been our continued investment in mental health services. Despite the many challenges we faced due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we remained committed to providing high-quality inpatient psychiatric care. We recognized the critical importance of mental health and its impact on individuals, families, and our community. As a result, we continued to collaborate, build new partnerships, and invest in new programs, like the IU School of Social Work expansion in Tippecanoe County.

We recognize that access to healthcare and social services is essential for all community members. In 2022, we granted Ivy Tech Community College to expand their nursing program to align in our commitment to removing barriers and make it easier to access the care and resources needed to stay healthy and thrive. This is consistent with our dedication to addressing healthcare inequalities and addressing the social factors that influence health outcomes.

I want to express my gratitude to our team at River Bend Hospital for their unwavering dedication, commitment, and compassion. I also want to thank our community partners for supporting our organization. Together, we have significantly impacted the lives of those we serve, and we look forward to continuing our work in the years ahead.

In Partnership,

Stephanie Gong

Stephanie Long, FACHE North Central Health Services CEO/President

BUILDING HEALTHY COMMUNITIES

COMMUNITY BENEFIT PARTNERSHIPS

NCHS initiates strategic partnerships with coalitions, funders, nonprofits and other entities to directly address the most critical community health needs identified by the 2021 River Bend Hospital Community Health Needs Assessment. These NCHS-initiated community benefit partnerships fund the launch, expansion or strengthening of programs and services that improve health outcomes and develop healthy communities.

DEVELOPING THE MENTAL HEALTH CARE WORKFORCE

IVY TECH COMMUNITY COLLEGE NURSING PROGRAM EXPANSION

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the retirement of baby boomers, there is a shortage of registered nurses and licensed practical nurses, which has made it difficult for hospitals and the healthcare community to fill nursing positions. Consequently, Ivy Tech Community College has been facing challenges in expanding its nursing program. However, the college has been able to grow its nursing program with the help of a grant awarded by NCHS.

According to The American Nurses Association (ANA), nursing jobs are projected to increase more than any other profession in the United States until 2022. The US Bureau of Labor Statistics also predicts that to prevent further shortages, 11 million additional nurses will be required. The employment opportunities for nurses are expected to increase at a rate of 15% from 2016 to 2026, which is faster than all other occupations.

To address the shortage of nurses in Lafayette and across the nation, Ivy Tech Community College collaborated with NCHS to expand its nursing program. With a grant of \$2,037,552 awarded by NCHS in 2022, the school will construct a new simulation lab and hire additional faculty and support staff. Ivy Tech plans to grow its nursing program by approximately 36% over a period of four years, with the new simulation lab set to open in August 2023.

"We are so thankful for the support that NCHS is providing to our program. We will be able to accept more students into the ASN program and prepare them to enter the workforce at a time when there is a shortage of nurses," said Dr. Sandy Fights, Dean of the School



CONTINUING OUR CARING TRADITION

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

River Bend Hospital serves the mental and behavioral health needs of those requiring inpatient intervention and mental health care regardless of their ability to pay for services. River Bend Hospital, the only nonprofit mental health hospital in our service area, is committed to offering financial assistance to people who have health care needs and are not able to pay for care.

COMMUNITY BENEFIT SERVICES

NCHS is committed to providing health care and promoting healthy communities for the benefit of its eight-county service area. NCHS offers grants to qualified nonprofits primarily for capital projects and initiates strategic funding partnerships to address directly the most critical community health needs in the NCHS service area. Visit the NCHS website, nchsi.com, for guidelines and application information.



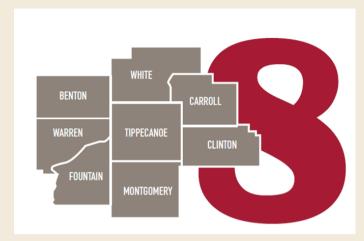
AWARDING FUNDS TO BENEFIT COMMUNITIES

\$2,880,823.35

NCHS-INITIATED COMMUNITY BENEFIT PARTNERSHIPS		
Indiana Rural Health Association	Annual Conference Scholarship	\$12,640.00
Lafayette Daybreak Rotary	Mental Health Support	\$3,500.00
Community Foundation of Greater Lafayette	2022 Nonprofit Executive Development Initiative	\$15,504.00
Community Foundation of Greater Lafayette	2022 Douglas W Eberle Board Governance Educational Series	\$30,000.00
Community Health Network Foundation	Psychiatry Residency Program	\$40,850.00
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Prescription Drug Safety Network	Prescription for Life Drug Safety Courses Mental Wellness	\$20,000.00
Indiana School of Social Work	Social Work Program	\$128,423.00
Indiana University School of Medicine	Psychiatry Residency Program	\$468,864.00
Ivy Tech Community College Nursing	Nursing Program	\$895,686.00
Mental Health America Wabash Valley Region	n Mental Health Summit	\$2,500.00
NCHS COMMUNITY BENEFIT CAPITAL GRANTS		
Meridian Health Services	Women's Recovery Home	\$686,056.35
The Arts Federation	NCHS Capital Subgrants for Arts and Culture Organizations	\$255,000.00

DEVELOPING HEALTHY COMMUNITIES

OUR GOAL is to develop healthy communities by supporting mental health, substance abuse prevention and health improvement initiatives.



Governed by a volunteer board of individuals serving our eight-county area, NCHS is a 501(c)(3) organization with a long tradition of providing medical services.

Benefiting residents of Indiana's Benton, Carroll, Clinton, Fountain, Montgomery, Tippecanoe, Warren and White counties



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