

**SCHEDULE H
(Form 990)**

Hospitals

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▶ **Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, question 20.**
▶ **Attach to Form 990. ▶ See separate instructions.**
▶ **Information about Schedule H (Form 990) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.**

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Name of the organization **St. Vincent Fishers Hospital, Inc.** Employer identification number **45-4243702**

Part I Financial Assistance and Certain Other Community Benefits at Cost

	Yes	No
1a Did the organization have a financial assistance policy during the tax year? If "No," skip to question 6a	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
b If "Yes," was it a written policy?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
2 If the organization had multiple hospital facilities, indicate which of the following best describes application of the financial assistance policy to its various hospital facilities during the tax year. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Applied uniformly to all hospital facilities <input type="checkbox"/> Applied uniformly to most hospital facilities <input type="checkbox"/> Generally tailored to individual hospital facilities		
3 Answer the following based on the financial assistance eligibility criteria that applied to the largest number of the organization's patients during the tax year.		
a Did the organization use Federal Poverty Guidelines (FPG) as a factor in determining eligibility for providing <i>free</i> care? If "Yes," indicate which of the following was the FPG family income limit for eligibility for free care: <input type="checkbox"/> 100% <input type="checkbox"/> 150% <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 200% <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ %	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
b Did the organization use FPG as a factor in determining eligibility for providing <i>discounted</i> care? If "Yes," indicate which of the following was the family income limit for eligibility for discounted care: <input type="checkbox"/> 200% <input type="checkbox"/> 250% <input type="checkbox"/> 300% <input type="checkbox"/> 350% <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 400% <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ %	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
c If the organization used factors other than FPG in determining eligibility, describe in Part VI the income based criteria for determining eligibility for free or discounted care. Include in the description whether the organization used an asset test or other threshold, regardless of income, as a factor in determining eligibility for free or discounted care.		
4 Did the organization's financial assistance policy that applied to the largest number of its patients during the tax year provide for free or discounted care to the "medically indigent"?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
5a Did the organization budget amounts for free or discounted care provided under its financial assistance policy during the tax year?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
b If "Yes," did the organization's financial assistance expenses exceed the budgeted amount?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c If "Yes" to line 5b, as a result of budget considerations, was the organization unable to provide free or discounted care to a patient who was eligible for free or discounted care?		
6a Did the organization prepare a community benefit report during the tax year?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
b If "Yes," did the organization make it available to the public?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

Complete the following table using the worksheets provided in the Schedule H instructions. Do not submit these worksheets with the Schedule H.

7 Financial Assistance and Certain Other Community Benefits at Cost						
Financial Assistance and Means-Tested Government Programs	(a) Number of activities or programs (optional)	(b) Persons served (optional)	(c) Total community benefit expense	(d) Direct offsetting revenue	(e) Net community benefit expense	(f) Percent of total expense
a Financial Assistance at cost (from Worksheet 1)			1,281,213.		1,281,213.	2.74%
b Medicaid (from Worksheet 3, column a)			3,962,843.	1,537,698.	2,425,145.	5.19%
c Costs of other means-tested government programs (from Worksheet 3, column b)						
d Total Financial Assistance and Means-Tested Government Programs			5,244,056.	1,537,698.	3,706,358.	7.93%
Other Benefits						
e Community health improvement services and community benefit operations (from Worksheet 4)		9,252	23,608.		23,608.	.05%
f Health professions education (from Worksheet 5)			690.		690.	.00%
g Subsidized health services (from Worksheet 6)						
h Research (from Worksheet 7)						
i Cash and in-kind contributions for community benefit (from Worksheet 8)		153	56,338.	19,798.	36,540.	.08%
j Total. Other Benefits		9,405	80,636.	19,798.	60,838.	.13%
k Total. Add lines 7d and 7j		9,405	5,324,692.	1,557,496.	3,767,196.	8.06%

Part V Facility Information

Section A. Hospital Facilities

(list in order of size, from largest to smallest)

How many hospital facilities did the organization operate during the tax year? 1

Name, address, primary website address, and state license number

1 St.Vincent Fishers Hospital, Inc.
13861 Olio Road
Fishers, IN 46037
http://www.stvincent.org/fishers/
14-013137-1

Table with columns: Licensed hospital, Gen. medical & surgical, Children's hospital, Teaching hospital, Critical access hospital, Research facility, ER-24 hours, ER-other, Other (describe), Facility reporting group. Row 1 contains 'X' marks in the first three columns and 'X' in the ER-24 hours column.

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Section B. Facility Policies and Practices

(Complete a separate Section B for each of the hospital facilities or facility reporting groups listed in Part V, Section A)

Name of hospital facility or facility reporting group St.Vincent Fishers Hospital, Inc.

If reporting on Part V, Section B for a single hospital facility only: line number of hospital facility (from Schedule H, Part V, Section A) 1

	Yes	No
Community Health Needs Assessment (Lines 1 through 8c are optional for tax years beginning on or before March 23, 2012)		
1 During the tax year or either of the two immediately preceding tax years, did the hospital facility conduct a community health needs assessment (CHNA)? If "No," skip to line 9	X	
If "Yes," indicate what the CHNA report describes (check all that apply):		
a <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A definition of the community served by the hospital facility		
b <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Demographics of the community		
c <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Existing health care facilities and resources within the community that are available to respond to the health needs of the community		
d <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> How data was obtained		
e <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The health needs of the community		
f <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Primary and chronic disease needs and other health issues of uninsured persons, low-income persons, and minority groups		
g <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The process for identifying and prioritizing community health needs and services to meet the community health needs		
h <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The process for consulting with persons representing the community's interests		
i <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information gaps that limit the hospital facility's ability to assess the community's health needs		
j <input type="checkbox"/> Other (describe in Section C)		
2 Indicate the tax year the hospital facility last conducted a CHNA: 20 <u>12</u>		
3 In conducting its most recent CHNA, did the hospital facility take into account input from persons who represent the broad interests of the community served by the hospital facility, including those with special knowledge of or expertise in public health? If "Yes," describe in Section C how the hospital facility took into account input from persons who represent the community, and identify the persons the hospital facility consulted	X	
4 Was the hospital facility's CHNA conducted with one or more other hospital facilities? If "Yes," list the other hospital facilities in Section C		X
5 Did the hospital facility make its CHNA report widely available to the public?	X	
If "Yes," indicate how the CHNA report was made widely available (check all that apply):		
a <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hospital facility's website (list url): <u>www.stvincent.org/CHNA/</u>		
b <input type="checkbox"/> Other website (list url):		
c <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Available upon request from the hospital facility		
d <input type="checkbox"/> Other (describe in Section C)		
6 If the hospital facility addressed needs identified in its most recently conducted CHNA, indicate how (check all that apply as of the end of the tax year):		
a <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adoption of an implementation strategy that addresses each of the community health needs identified through the CHNA		
b <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Execution of the implementation strategy		
c <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Participation in the development of a community-wide plan		
d <input type="checkbox"/> Participation in the execution of a community-wide plan		
e <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Inclusion of a community benefit section in operational plans		
f <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adoption of a budget for provision of services that address the needs identified in the CHNA		
g <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prioritization of health needs in its community		
h <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prioritization of services that the hospital facility will undertake to meet health needs in its community		
i <input type="checkbox"/> Other (describe in Section C)		
7 Did the hospital facility address all of the needs identified in its most recently conducted CHNA? If "No," explain in Section C which needs it has not addressed and the reasons why it has not addressed such needs		X
8a Did the organization incur an excise tax under section 4959 for the hospital facility's failure to conduct a CHNA as required by section 501(r)(3)?		X
b If "Yes" to line 8a, did the organization file Form 4720 to report the section 4959 excise tax?		
c If "Yes" to line 8b, what is the total amount of section 4959 excise tax the organization reported on Form 4720 for all of its hospital facilities? \$		

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Financial Assistance Policy		Yes	No
Did the hospital facility have in place during the tax year a written financial assistance policy that:			
9	Explained eligibility criteria for financial assistance, and whether such assistance includes free or discounted care?	X	
10	Used federal poverty guidelines (FPG) to determine eligibility for providing <i>free</i> care?	X	
If "Yes," indicate the FPG family income limit for eligibility for free care: <u>200</u> %			
If "No," explain in Section C the criteria the hospital facility used.			
11	Used FPG to determine eligibility for providing <i>discounted</i> care?	X	
If "Yes," indicate the FPG family income limit for eligibility for discounted care: <u>400</u> %			
If "No," explain in Section C the criteria the hospital facility used.			
12	Explained the basis for calculating amounts charged to patients?	X	
If "Yes," indicate the factors used in determining such amounts (check all that apply):			
a	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Income level		
b	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Asset level		
c	<input type="checkbox"/> Medical indigency		
d	<input type="checkbox"/> Insurance status		
e	<input type="checkbox"/> Uninsured discount		
f	<input type="checkbox"/> Medicaid/Medicare		
g	<input type="checkbox"/> State regulation		
h	<input type="checkbox"/> Residency		
i	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (describe in Section C)		
13	Explained the method for applying for financial assistance?	X	
14	Included measures to publicize the policy within the community served by the hospital facility?	X	
If "Yes," indicate how the hospital facility publicized the policy (check all that apply):			
a	<input type="checkbox"/> The policy was posted on the hospital facility's website		
b	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The policy was attached to billing invoices		
c	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The policy was posted in the hospital facility's emergency rooms or waiting rooms		
d	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The policy was posted in the hospital facility's admissions offices		
e	<input type="checkbox"/> The policy was provided, in writing, to patients on admission to the hospital facility		
f	<input type="checkbox"/> The policy was available on request		
g	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (describe in Section C)		

Billing and Collections		Yes	No
15	Did the hospital facility have in place during the tax year a separate billing and collections policy, or a written financial assistance policy (FAP) that explained actions the hospital facility may take upon non-payment?	X	
16	Check all of the following actions against an individual that were permitted under the hospital facility's policies during the tax year before making reasonable efforts to determine the individual's eligibility under the facility's FAP:		
a	<input type="checkbox"/> Reporting to credit agency		
b	<input type="checkbox"/> Lawsuits		
c	<input type="checkbox"/> Liens on residences		
d	<input type="checkbox"/> Body attachments		
e	<input type="checkbox"/> Other similar actions (describe in Section C)		
17	Did the hospital facility or an authorized third party perform any of the following actions during the tax year before making reasonable efforts to determine the individual's eligibility under the facility's FAP?		X
If "Yes," check all actions in which the hospital facility or a third party engaged:			
a	<input type="checkbox"/> Reporting to credit agency		
b	<input type="checkbox"/> Lawsuits		
c	<input type="checkbox"/> Liens on residences		
d	<input type="checkbox"/> Body attachments		
e	<input type="checkbox"/> Other similar actions (describe in Section C)		

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- 18** Indicate which efforts the hospital facility made before initiating any of the actions listed in line 17 (check all that apply):
- a Notified individuals of the financial assistance policy on admission
 - b Notified individuals of the financial assistance policy prior to discharge
 - c Notified individuals of the financial assistance policy in communications with the individuals regarding the individuals' bills
 - d Documented its determination of whether individuals were eligible for financial assistance under the hospital facility's financial assistance policy
 - e Other (describe in Section C)

Policy Relating to Emergency Medical Care

19 Did the hospital facility have in place during the tax year a written policy relating to emergency medical care that requires the hospital facility to provide, without discrimination, care for emergency medical conditions to individuals regardless of their eligibility under the hospital facility's financial assistance policy?

	Yes	No
19	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

If "No," indicate why:

- a The hospital facility did not provide care for any emergency medical conditions
- b The hospital facility's policy was not in writing
- c The hospital facility limited who was eligible to receive care for emergency medical conditions (describe in Section C)
- d Other (describe in Section C)

Charges to Individuals Eligible for Assistance under the FAP (FAP-Eligible Individuals)

20 Indicate how the hospital facility determined, during the tax year, the maximum amounts that can be charged to FAP-eligible individuals for emergency or other medically necessary care.

- a The hospital facility used its lowest negotiated commercial insurance rate when calculating the maximum amounts that can be charged
- b The hospital facility used the average of its three lowest negotiated commercial insurance rates when calculating the maximum amounts that can be charged
- c The hospital facility used the Medicare rates when calculating the maximum amounts that can be charged
- d Other (describe in Section C)

21 During the tax year, did the hospital facility charge any FAP-eligible individual to whom the hospital facility provided emergency or other medically necessary services more than the amounts generally billed to individuals who had insurance covering such care?

21		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

If "Yes," explain in Section C.

22 During the tax year, did the hospital facility charge any FAP-eligible individual an amount equal to the gross charge for any service provided to that individual?

22		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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If "Yes," explain in Section C.

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Section C. Supplemental Information for Part V, Section B. Provide descriptions required for Part V, Section B, lines 1j, 3, 4, 5d, 6i, 7, 10, 11, 12i, 14g, 16e, 17e, 18e, 19c, 19d, 20d, 21, and 22. If applicable, provide separate descriptions for each facility in a facility reporting group, designated by "Facility A," "Facility B," etc.

St.Vincent Fishers Hospital, Inc.:

Part V, Section B, Line 3: In conducting its CHNA, the hospital facility took into account input from representatives of the community as well as those with special knowledge or expertise in public health. These representatives included Hamilton County Health Department, Aspire Indiana, Good Samaritan Network, Trinity Free Clinic, and Hamilton County Business Magazine.

St.Vincent Fishers Hospital, Inc.:

Part V, Section B, Line 7:

Access to Health and Wellness Services - St.Vincent Fishers will be creating opportunities to partner with many organizations in Hamilton County that are focused on access to health and wellness services.

Obesity/Physical Activity - St.Vincent Fishers is focusing on physical activity through a stress management approach with the trail project.

St.Vincent Fishers Hospital, Inc.:

Part V, Section B, Line 20d: The discount was determined by reviewing the lowest discount provided to managed care payers that comprise at least 3% of our volume with an added prompt pay discount to the highest paid discount provided to our managed care payers.

Part VI Supplemental Information

Provide the following information.

- 1 Required descriptions.** Provide the descriptions required for Part I, lines 3c, 6a, and 7; Part II and Part III, lines 2, 3, 4, 8 and 9b.
- 2 Needs assessment.** Describe how the organization assesses the health care needs of the communities it serves, in addition to any CHNAs reported in Part V, Section B.
- 3 Patient education of eligibility for assistance.** Describe how the organization informs and educates patients and persons who may be billed for patient care about their eligibility for assistance under federal, state, or local government programs or under the organization's financial assistance policy.
- 4 Community information.** Describe the community the organization serves, taking into account the geographic area and demographic constituents it serves.
- 5 Promotion of community health.** Provide any other information important to describing how the organization's hospital facilities or other health care facilities further its exempt purpose by promoting the health of the community (e.g., open medical staff, community board, use of surplus funds, etc.).
- 6 Affiliated health care system.** If the organization is part of an affiliated health care system, describe the respective roles of the organization and its affiliates in promoting the health of the communities served.
- 7 State filing of community benefit report.** If applicable, identify all states with which the organization, or a related organization, files a community benefit report.

Part I, Line 3c:

The organization provides medically necessary care to all patients, regardless of race, color, creed, ethnic origin, gender, disability or economic status. The hospital uses a percentage of federal poverty level (FPL) to determine free and discounted care. At a minimum, patients with income less than or equal to 200% of the FPL, which may be adjusted for cost of living utilizing the local wage index compared to the national wage index, will be eligible for 100% charity care write off of charges for services that have been provided to them. Also, at a minimum, patients with incomes above 200% of the FPL but not exceeding 400% of the FPL, subject to adjustments for cost of living utilizing the local wage index compared to national wage index, will receive a discount on the services provided to them.

Part I, Line 7:

The cost of providing charity care, means tested government programs, and community benefit programs is estimated using internal cost data, and is calculated in compliance with Catholic Health Association

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("CHA") guidelines. The organization uses a cost accounting system that addresses all patient segments (for example, inpatient, outpatient, emergency room, private insurance, Medicaid, Medicare, uninsured, or self pay). The best available data was used to calculate the amounts reported in the table. For the information in the table, a cost-to-charge ratio was calculated and applied.

Part II, Community Building Activities:

St.Vincent Fishers Hospital promotes the health of its communities by striving to improve the quality of life within the community. Research has established that factors such as economic status, employment, housing, education level, and built environment can all be powerful social determinants of health. Additionally, helping to create greater capacity within the community to address a broad range of quality of life issues also impacts health. St.Vincent Fishers Hospital meets regularly with local organizations in the community to learn what resources are available and plan community health improvement efforts. In fiscal year 2014, these organizations included: Trinity Free Clinic, Chaucie's Place, PrimeLife Enrichment, and YMCA.

Part III, Line 2:

After satisfaction of amounts due from insurance and reasonable efforts to collect from the patient have been exhausted, the Corporation follows established guidelines for placing certain past-due patient balances within collection agencies, subject to the terms of certain restrictions on collection efforts as determined by Ascension Health. Accounts receivable are written off after collection efforts have been followed in accordance with the Corporation's policies. After

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applying the cost-to-charge ratio, the share of the bad debt expense in fiscal year 2014 was \$4,755,257 at charges, (\$1,801,379 at cost).

Part III, Line 3:

The provision for doubtful accounts is based upon management's assessment of expected net collections considering economic conditions, historical experience, trends in healthcare coverage, and other collection indicators. Periodically throughout the year, management assesses the adequacy of the allowance for doubtful accounts based upon historical write-off experience by payor category, including those amounts not covered by insurance. The results of this review are then used to make any modifications to the provision for doubtful accounts to establish an appropriate allowance for doubtful accounts.

Part III, Line 4:

The organization is part of the Ascension Health Alliance's consolidated audit in which the footnote that discusses the bad debt expense is located on page 19.

Part III, Line 8:

A cost to charge ratio is applied to the organization's Medicare Expense to determine the Medicare allowable costs reported in the organization's Medicare Cost Report. Ascension Health and its related health ministries follow the Catholic Health Association (CHA) guidelines for determining community benefit. CHA community benefit reporting guidelines suggest that Medicare shortfall is not treated as community

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benefit.

Part III, Line 9b:

The organization has a written debt collection policy that also includes a provision on the collection practices to be followed for patients who are known to qualify for charity care or financial assistance. If a patient qualifies for charity or financial assistance certain collection practices do not apply.

Part VI, Line 2:

Communities are dynamic systems in which multiple factors interact to impact quality of life and health status. In addition to the formal CHNA conducted every 3 years, St.Vincent Fishers Hospital participates in a community roundtable called Hamilton County Task Force whose purpose is to periodically assess assets and needs within the community, prioritize action and work in partnership to address identified challenges. The coalition works closely with its member organizations which come from multiple sectors of the community, including local government, business, education, faith communities, public health, health care providers and other social and human service organizations. In addition, the coalition works closely with other coalitions as well as the local and state health departments to stay abreast of changing needs within the community by identifying evidence-based and promising practices to address these needs.

Part VI, Line 3:

St.Vincent Fishers Hospital communicates with patients in multiple ways to ensure that those who are billed for services are aware

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of the hospital's financial assistance program as well as their potential eligibility for local, state or federal programs. Signs are prominently posted in each service area, and bills contain a formal notice explaining the hospital's charity care program. In addition, the hospital employs financial counselors, health access workers, and enrollment specialists who consult with patients about their eligibility for financial assistance programs and help patients in applying for any public programs for which they may qualify.

Part VI, Line 4:

St.Vincent Fishers Hospital is located in Fishers, Indiana and serves Hamilton and contiguous counties, in Central Indiana. Hamilton County has an estimated population of 296,693. The county has experienced significant growth over the past decade. Since 2010, the census has reported an increase of 8.1% for Hamilton County. Per capita personal income and median household income are above state averages. The poverty rate for Hamilton County is 4.7%, which is significantly less than the state at 15.5%. The unemployment rate for Hamilton County is 5.3% compared to the state average of 7.5%.

Part VI, Line 5:

To provide the highest quality healthcare to all persons in the community, and in keeping with its not-for-profit status, St.Vincent Fishers Hospital:

- delivers patient services, including emergency department services, to all individuals requiring healthcare, without regard to patient race, ethnicity, economic status, insurance status or ability to pay
- maintains an open medical staff that allows credentialed physicians to

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practice at its facilities

- trains and educates health care professionals
- participates in government-sponsored programs such as Medicaid and Medicare to provide healthcare to the poor and elderly
- is governed by a board in which independent persons who are representative of the community comprise a majority

Part VI, Line 6:

As part of the St.Vincent Health System, St.Vincent Fishers Hospital is dedicated to improving the health status and quality of life for the communities it serves. While designated associates at St.Vincent Fishers Hospital devote all or a significant portion of their time to leading and administering local community-based programs and partnerships, associates throughout the organization are active participants in community outreach. They are assisted and supported by designated St.Vincent Health community development and service staff who work with each of its healthcare facilities to advocate for and provide technical assistance for community outreach, needs assessments and partnerships as well as to support regional and state-wide programs community programs sponsored by St.Vincent Health in which St.Vincent Fishers Hospital participates.

Form 990, Part III, Line 4a, 4b and 4c:

Community Benefit Report

St.Vincent Fishers Hospital provides inpatient and outpatient health care services that include Medical/Surgical Services, Obstetrical-Gynecological, Orthopedics, Diagnostic Imaging Services, Respiratory Services, Physical Therapy/Rehabilitation, Occupational

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Therapy, Sleep Disorders, Spine, Sports Medicine, Diagnostic Cardiovascular, Laboratory Services, Maternal Fetal Medicine, and the Center for Women's Health. Some of these services operate at a loss in order to ensure that comprehensive services are available to the community.

Such community-focused programs improve access to healthcare, advocate for the poor and vulnerable, promote health through free education and screenings and help to build better communities by improving quality of life.

Community Benefit Overview

St.Vincent Fishers Hospital is part of St.Vincent Health, a non-profit healthcare system consisting of 22 locally-sponsored ministries serving over 47 counties throughout Central Indiana. Sponsored by Ascension Health, the nation's largest Catholic healthcare system, St.Vincent Health is one of the largest healthcare employers in the state.

As part of St.Vincent Health, the St.Vincent Fishers vision is to deliver a continuum of holistic, high-quality health services and improve the lives and health of Indiana individuals and communities, with special attention to the poor and vulnerable. This is accomplished through strong partnerships with businesses, community organizations, local, state and federal government, physicians, St.Vincent Fishers associates and others. Working with its partners, and utilizing the CHNA completed every three years, St.Vincent Fishers Hospital is committed to addressing community health needs and developing and

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executing an implementation strategy to meet identified needs to improve health outcomes within the community.

Community benefit is not the work of a single department or group within St.Vincent Fishers, but is part of the St.Vincent mission and cultural fabric. The hospital leadership team provides direction and resources in developing and executing the Implementation Strategy in conjunction with the St.Vincent Health Community Development Department, but associates at all levels of the organization contribute to community benefit and health improvement.

Charity Care and Certain Other Community Benefits at Cost**Patient Services for Poor and Vulnerable**

Hospital and outpatient care is provided to patients that cannot pay for services, including hospitalizations, surgeries, prescription drugs, medical equipment and medical supplies. Patients with income less than 200% of the Federal Poverty level (FPL) are eligible for 100% charity care for services. Patients with incomes at or above 200% of the FPL, but not exceeding 400% of the FPL, receive discounted services based on an income-dependent sliding scale. Hospital financial counselors and health access workers assist patients in determining eligibility and in completing necessary documentation. St.Vincent Fishers Hospital is committed to 100% access, and is proactive in providing healthcare that leaves no one behind.

Public Program Participation

St.Vincent Fishers Hospital participates in government programs

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including Medicaid, SCHIP (Hoosier Healthwise), Healthy Indiana Plan (HIP), the Insurance Exchange and Medicare and assists patients in enrolling for programs for which they are eligible. Per Catholic Health Association guidelines and St.Vincent Health's conservative approach, Medicare shortfall is not included as community benefit.

Community Health Needs Assessment

True community benefit responds to the particular needs and challenges of the community, building on its unique strengths and assets. The hospital leads a community health needs assessment every 3 years. Using a variety of tools, including surveys, key person interviews, focus groups, secondary data, and data analysis professionals, the team identifies community issues and concerns. These are shared with the community at large, and a consensus is reached about priorities and available resources.

To provide community input and a basis for collaboration within the community to address health needs, St.Vincent leads or participates in a community roundtable or forum. This group brings together individuals and organizations from throughout the community who share a common interest in improving health status and quality of life and provide expertise in a variety of community areas including public health. Stress management/behavioral health, awareness of health needs and resources, and transportation have all been identified as key community needs.

Implementation Strategy

Using the CHNA completed in fiscal year 2013, the hospital developed a

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2014-2016 Implementation Strategy to address priority community health needs. These strategies include:

1. Stress Management/Behavioral Health

Address the need for stress management and behavioral health services in Hamilton County

- Conduct three community education sessions on behavioral health issues and responses to include: Recognizing Post-Partum Depression and Signs and Symptoms of Depression.

- Conduct three teacher education/resource sessions on the identification of behavioral health/stress issues in K-12 students.

- Sponsor at least two prescription drug drop-off and disposal days annually.

- Continue to Develop and Promote the "Pathway to Wellness" which includes physical exercise and spiritual wellness e.g. an outside trail around the hospital.

2. Awareness of Health Needs and Resources

Increase accessibility to health resources

- Develop role of Patient Navigator to assist with connecting Hamilton County residents to community resources and create a plan to share the resources.

- Conduct three Continuum of Care education sessions for senior citizens (and their families) in the Del Web community. Sessions will include long term care planning, resources for the aging population, and end of life decisions, etc.

- Partner with the Area Agency on Aging to educate senior citizens by providing long term care planning, resources for the aging population,

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and end of life decisions.

- Conduct public education and awareness sessions on community resources, particularly "How to Access Primary Care" and "How to Access 211" at the Hamilton County Resource Fair, the Hamilton County Health and Wellness Expo, and the three free clinics.

3. Transportation

Increase awareness of current public transportation opportunities

- Promote the transportation program at Prime Life for residents of Hamilton County who are over the age of 55.
- Promote the usage of the Hamilton County Express (HCE).
- Partner with the Janus Developmental Services/Hamilton County Express to build their organizational capacity by providing a St.Vincent Fishers Hospital's board member and supporting the HCE with community benefit funds.
- Work with the Hamilton County Task Force to develop a strategy for working with community leaders toward policy change that will impact the availability of public transportation in Hamilton County.

Health Fairs and Screenings

St.Vincent Fishers Hospital participated in several health fairs and screenings throughout the year including those held at Del Webb, a senior living community. Health fair screenings included: blood pressure, cholesterol, BMI, hearing, stroke risk, clinical mammography exams, colon screenings, carotid artery, foot assessment, nutrition consults, sleep assessments, fall prevention, and flu shots, all at no cost. St.Vincent Fishers Hospital also hosted a series of educational seminars called Pathway to Wellness, with the focus on health and

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wellness, offered to the Fishers and surrounding community at no cost. Materials on health information and preventive services are a vital part of health fairs and screenings. In fiscal year 2014, approximately 400 residents participated in these events.

Car Seat Program

St.Vincent Fishers Hospital provides car seat inspections by certified child passenger safety technicians. The technicians check the child restraints for damage/recalls, determine if the restraint fits the child correctly, educate parents on proper installation in the vehicle and answer any questions they may have. All stages and sizes of child restraints are inspected. The technicians also determine if an older child could be restrained properly by the vehicle safety belt or if a booster seat is needed. All inspections are free of charge. Replacement seats are available at manufacturer's cost if needed. If financial need is demonstrated, child restraints are provided at no cost.

Breastfeeding Support Group

St.Vincent Fishers Hospital provides mothers with a continuum of care after their pregnancy. Support groups, for moms and babies only, are essential in providing a secure and comfortable place to discuss personal topics relevant with many new mothers. Breastfeeding provides the baby with nutrients that can ward off ear infections, asthma, allergies and respiratory illnesses and insures a healthy foundation for the future. Meetings are free for mothers and babies.

Community Benefit Cash and In-Kind Contributions

In addition to the outreach programs operated by the hospital, the

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hospital makes cash and in-kind donations to a variety of community organizations focused on improving health status in the community.

These take the form of cash donations to outside organizations, the donation of employee time/services to outside organizations and the representation of the hospital on community boards and committees working to improve health status and quality of life within the community.

Community Building Activities

Research shows that social determinants and quality of life play a major role in the health status of individuals and communities. Community building activities, which focus on improving the quality of life within a community, ultimately influence and improve health status.

Fishers Safety Day

St.Vincent Fishers partnered with the Fishers Fire Department to host the Fishers Safety Day in October. The Fishers Safety Day is an event free to the community that provides hundreds of children and parents the opportunity to learn about health and safety topics including fire safety, emergency response, health and fitness, child/infant safety and seat belt safety through live demonstrations, hands-on learning, and interactive displays. Last year, more than 100 community members attended Fishers Safety Day.

Community Building Cash and In-Kind Contribution

The hospital makes cash and in-kind donations to a variety of community organizations focused on building the community and improving quality

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