

NGMC COMMUNITY BENEFIT REPORT

"Improving the health of our community in all we do."

Northeast Georgia Health System (NGHS) serves more than one million people across the region. As a non-for-profit health system, all revenue generated above operating expenses is returned to the community through improved services and innovative programs, as well as funding for charity care, education and research initiatives, workforce development and outreach efforts.

In addition, NGHS values cooperative efforts with many community groups and other healthcare providers that improve the health of those in our region.



A few highlights of community benefit activities provided by Northeast Georgia Medical Center between Oct. 1, 2017, and Sept. 30, 2018:

Visit nghs.com/community-benefit-resources to view NGMC's full Community Benefit Report.

\$1.8 BILLION

in economic impact, the ripple effect the hospital's* spending has on other sectors of the local and state economies. Source: Georgia Hospital Association 2017 calculations

more than
\$8.9 MILLION

in community benefit programs and outreach provided by NGMC*.

*NGMC Gainesville, Braselton and Barrow combined



NGMC IS WORKING WITH ONE HALL TO MAKE MENTAL AND BEHAVIOR HEALTH A PRIORITY BY:

- Offering a peer support program in NGMC emergency departments and neonatal intensive care units that connect people with drug or alcohol-related problems to trained specialists who are in recovery themselves.
- Implementing a communication plan to destigmatize the need for mental health help.
- Working with Partnership for Drug Free Hall to provide the people of Hall County with information, resources and actions to address drug abuse.
- Earmarking proceeds from the 2019 Medical Center Open for The Hub, a Student Success Center on the Gainesville High School campus, to increase access to and education about mental and behavioral health support.

COMMUNITY HEALTH NEEDS ASSESSMENT

NGMC conducts regular **Community Health Needs Assessments** with input from the community and in partnership with other organizations to identify the most critical health needs. Priorities identified fit hand-in-glove with the strategic direction of the organization. For more information, visit nghs.com/chna.



PARTNERING TO REACH THE UNINSURED

NGMC partners with other providers to **serve the uninsured**. Partners include Northeast Georgia Physicians Group Primary Care Clinic at the Hall County Health Department, Longstreet Clinic, Medlink, Good News Clinics in Gainesville, Good Shepherd Clinic of Dawson County and Community Helping Place in Dahlonega.

Total Charity Care for fiscal year 2018 was

\$48.7 MILLION

for residents across the region.

NGMC had an average of

35 clinical research studies

available to patients and enrolled approximately **250 patients** into these trials. Oncology and Cardiology Research programs were recognized by industry organizations for various measures of excellence.