

# 2026 COMMUNITY BENEFIT REPORT



# CONNECTICUT HOSPITALS AND HEALTH SYSTEMS BUILDING A HEALTHIER CONNECTICUT

**Connecticut hospitals and health systems provide nationally recognized care — and so much more. They provide free and discounted care, subsidize essential health services, offer low- and no-cost health education and wellness programming, and participate in groundbreaking research trials that formulate new therapies.**

Their work takes them into the communities they serve. In partnership with community-based organizations, they are transforming care delivery, enhancing community health, and improving health equity. Together, they are building a healthier Connecticut.

Through community benefit programs that encompass a wide range of services, hospitals and health systems are collaborating with community partners to expand access to stable housing, nutritious food, reliable transportation, diaper supplies, and steady employment, reducing disparities that lead to poor health and clinical outcomes. These partnerships are addressing upstream, root-cause social, economic, and environmental drivers of health.



This report contains examples of collaborative programs currently established in Connecticut and details the collective benefit of these investments — illustrating the value of hospitals' and health systems' contributions to their communities and the potential to amplify their impact.

## BENEFITS TO COMMUNITIES BY THE NUMBERS



**\$61.8 million**

Community health improvement services and community benefit operations



**\$313.9 million**

Health professions education



**\$4 million**

Subsidized health services to provide care needed by the community



**\$1.46 billion**

Unpaid hospital care provided to Medicaid beneficiaries\*

**\$1.51 billion**

Unpaid hospital care provided to Medicare beneficiaries\*



**\$302.5 million**

Uncompensated care: charity care/bad debt to provide services for those who cannot pay\*



**\$21.9 million**

Research and other programs to advance healthcare for patients and the community



**\$13.6 million**

Community building to create stronger, healthier communities



**\$50.9 million**

Donations to help support community organizations

**TOTAL COMMUNITY INVESTMENT: \$3.74 billion**

\*These data reflect the most recently audited financial statements (FY 2024). All other data reflect the most recent data (FY 2024) reported to CHA by members. The IRS defines community benefit as a subset of the above investments.

# HOSPITALS IN YOUR COMMUNITY

## Access to Health Services

Below are examples of programs at hospitals and health systems across the state that support increasing access to health services. To learn more about these and many other initiatives at local hospitals, scan the QR code on this page.

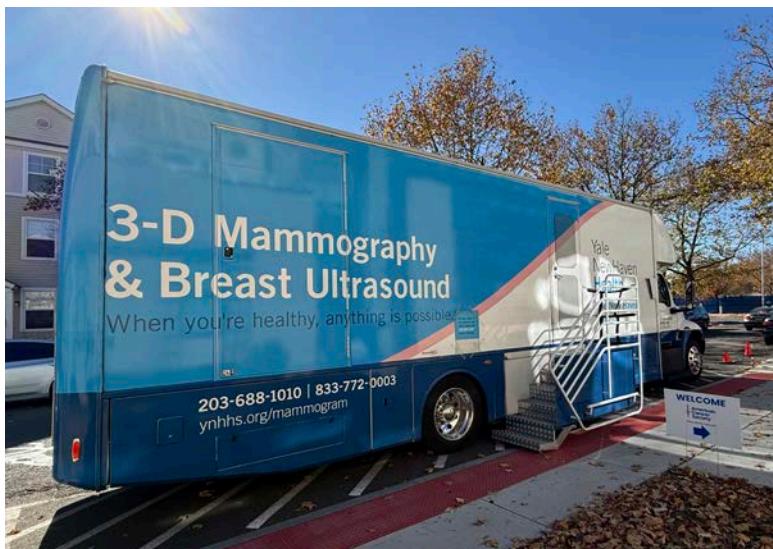
- Bridgeport Hospital Retail Pharmacy
- Bristol Hospital Lyft Program
- Charlotte Hungerford Hospital Litchfield County Firefighters Free Cancer Screenings
- Connecticut Children's Connecticut Newborn Screening Network
- Danbury Hospital Mission Health Day
- Day Kimball Health Subsidized Transportation for Oncology Patients
- Day Kimball Health Fall Prevention Education
- Greenwich Hospital Nurse Is In Program (Health Education, Screening, and Counseling)

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- Griffin Health Programs to Help Uninsured/Underinsured Obtain Coverage
- Hartford Hospital Institute of Living Family Resource Center
- Hospital of Central Connecticut Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program
- Lawrence + Memorial Hospital Breathe Well – Respira Bien Community-Based Asthma Intervention
- Middlesex Health Cancer Care Management/Navigation Services Program
- Norwalk Hospital Free Prescription Drug Program

- Sharon Hospital Community Health Day
- St. Vincent's Medical Center Hope Charitable Pharmacy of Greater Bridgeport
- Stamford Health Community Health Worker Program
- Stamford Health Pre-Paid Cell Phones for At-Risk Patients
- Trinity Health Of New England Joyce D. and Andrew J. Mandell Center for Comprehensive Multiple Sclerosis Care and Neuroscience Research
- UConn Health New England Sickle Cell Institute
- Yale New Haven Hospital Walk 'n Talk with a Doc Program
- Yale New Haven Hospital Mobile Mammography
- Yale New Haven Health System Connecticut Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program (CBCEDP)



## Access to Jobs

Below are examples of programs at hospitals and health systems across the state that support increasing access to jobs. To learn more about these and many other initiatives at local hospitals, scan the QR code on this page.

- Project SEARCH Internship Program for Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities – Multiple Hospitals
- Hartford HealthCare ReadyCT Partnership to Support Healthcare Pathway Education and Resources
- Bridgeport Hospital Harding High School Class Speakers
- Bristol Health/BARC Employment Program
- Connecticut Children's Walk to Work Program
- Nuvance Health, part of Northwell Health High School Immersion, Career Fair, Recruitment, and Internship Programs through Danbury, Norwalk, and Sharon Hospitals

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- Danbury Hospital Sacred Heart Nursing Immersion Program
- Greenwich Hospital Youth Access Healthcare Explorers Program
- Griffin Hospital School of Allied Health Careers
- Hartford Hospital Life Star Career Outreach
- Hospital of Central Connecticut Opportunities Industrialization Center (OIC) of New Britain Partnership
- Lawrence + Memorial Hospital and Mitchell College Clinical Site for Nursing Students
- Middlesex Health Medical Student Education
- MidState Medical Center Community Building Activities – HUBCAP Wallingford
- Norwalk Hospital High School Patient Care Technician (PCT) Program
- St. Vincent's Medical Center Annual Career Fairs
- Stamford Health and Norwalk Community College Graduates, Engaged, Mastering, Succeeding (GEMS) Program
- Trinity Health Of New England Black Men in White Coats
- Saint Mary's Hospital Job Shadow Program Middle and High School
- Saint Francis Hospital/Compass Youth Transitional Employment Program
- Yale New Haven Hospital Minority Nursing and Allied Health Scholarship Program



## Behavioral Health

Below are examples of programs at hospitals and health systems across the state that support increasing behavioral health. To learn more about these and many other initiatives at local hospitals, scan the QR code on this page.

- Connecticut Community Addiction Recovery (CCAR) Peer Recovery Coaches Program – Multiple Hospitals
- Regional Community Care Teams – Multiple Hospitals
- Backus/Windham Hospital Time to Talk – NFA Discussing Mental Health Challenges with Students Through Equity Lens
- Bridgeport Hospital REACH Intensive Outpatient Program
- Bristol Health Participation in City of Bristol Recovery Alliance (COBRA)
- Charlotte Hungerford Hospital Social Prescription Programs and KidsPlay Vouchers
- Connecticut Children's Center for Care Coordination

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- Connecticut Children's Youth Suicide Prevention Center
- Nuvance Health, Part of Northwell Health Community Psychiatric Assessments
- Greenwich Hospital Youth Mental Health First Aid Training
- Griffin Health Patient Support Groups
- Hartford Hospital Racial Trauma and Community Healing
- Hospital of Central Connecticut New Britain Recovers (Opioid Use Coalition)
- Lawrence + Memorial Hospital Suicide Prevention Training: Question, Persuade and Refer (QPR)
- Middlesex Hospital Greater Middletown Opioids Task Force Village Expanded Recovery Vehicle (VERV) and Additional Work
- Nuvance Health, part of Northwell Health Mental Health and First-Aid Training (Danbury, Sharon, and Norwalk hospitals)
- Stamford Health Youth Mental Health Alliance Support
- Trinity Health Of New England Family Advocacy Center
- UConn Health Emergency Crisis Service
- Yale New Haven Hospital Transitional Aged Youth (TAY) program at YNH Psychiatric Hospital
- Yale New Haven Hospital Project ASSERT (Improving Alcohol and Substance Abuse Services and Educating providers to Refer patients to Treatment)

## Food and Nutrition

Below are examples of programs at hospitals and health systems across the state that support increasing access to food and nutrition. To learn more about these and many other initiatives at local hospitals, scan the QR code on this page.

- Backus and Windham Hospital Food Pantries
- Bridgeport Hospital Mobile Food Pantry
- Charlotte Hungerford Hospital Food4Health and Roof Top Garden
- Connecticut Children's the Start Childhood Off Right (SCOR) Program
- Danbury Hospital and Sharon Hospital Senior Meals Program
- Danbury Hospital Food as Medicine Partnership with United Way
- Greenwich Hospital Kids in the Kitchen
- Griffin Health Support for Community Garden Development in Partnership with United Way
- Hartford Hospital Food4Health Clinic
- Lawrence + Memorial Hospital FRESH New London/Food for the People Pantry
- Middlesex Health Prescription for Healthy Eating Program



- MidState Medical Center Diabetes Prevention Program
- St. Vincent's Medical Center House of Hope Food Drive
- Stamford Health Support for Fairgate Farm
- Stamford Health Pediatric Nutrition Education and Counseling
- Trinity Health Of New England Food as Medicine and Joan C. Dauber Food Pantry Programs
- UConn Health Husky Nutrition – Centers for Population Health
- Yale New Haven Hospital Irving and Alice Brown Teaching Kitchen

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## Health Equity

Nearly all the initiatives in this report advance health equity by addressing barriers to access and social determinants that benefit populations and communities at risk of poor outcomes because of racism, unmet needs, and other factors. This page highlights examples of programs at hospitals and health systems across the state in which the primary focus is improving health equity. To learn more about these and many other initiatives at local hospitals, scan the QR code on this page.



- Backus/Windham Hospital Ride Health Services Transportation Assistance
- Charlotte Hungerford Hospital Diversity Equity Inclusion and Belonging (DEIB) Council
- Connecticut Children's Hartford Youth Health Identification and Linkage Consortium (HYHIL)
- Greenwich Hospital YWCA Harmony Project
- Griffin Health Provide Community Healthcare Providers with Support Services to Maintain Equitable Access to Care

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- Hartford HealthCare Medical Mission and Neighborhood Health Initiatives
- Middlesex Health Cancer Center Community Health and Wellness Day
- Middlesex Health Greater Middletown Health Enhancement Community Coalition
- Middlesex Health Ujima Alliance Juneteenth Celebration Participation
- MidState Medical Center Social Determinants of Health (SDoH) screenings
- Nuvance Health, part of Northwell Health Race, Ethnicity, Language (REL) Listening Sessions and Inpatient Health Related Social Needs (HRSN) Screening (Danbury, Norwalk, and Sharon Hospitals)
- St. Vincent's Community Health Worker (CHW) Program
- St. Vincent's Medical Center Know Your Numbers (KYN) Community Screenings
- Stamford Health Bennett Cancer Center Services
- Stamford Health Breast Center Grant Program
- Stamford Health Enrolling Vulnerable Populations into Healthcare Programs
- Trinity Health Of New England Transforming Communities Initiative Hartford and Waterbury
- UConn Health Keeping Air in Connecticut Classrooms Safe
- UConn Health Joint Commission Health Disparities Working Group
- UConn Health The Menopause Equity Initiative
- Yale New Haven Health We Ask Because We Care



## Housing

Below are examples of programs at hospitals and health systems across the state that support increasing housing. To learn more about these and many other initiatives at local hospitals, scan the QR code on this page.

- Charlotte Hungerford Hospital Housing Navigator Support
- Connecticut Children's Healthy Homes Program

- Danbury Hospital and Norwalk Hospital, part of Northwell Health, Community Care Teams
- Griffin Health In-Kind and Financial Support for Organizations Committed to Addressing Social Drivers of Health
- Hospital of Central Connecticut Respite Stay Program
- Lawrence + Memorial Hospital Habitat for Humanity of Eastern Connecticut Partnership
- Stamford Health Support for Local Homeless Shelters
- UConn Health Health-Related Social Needs Screening
- Yale New Haven Hospital Columbus House Medical Respite
- Yale New Haven Hospital Home Ownership Made Easier (H.O.M.E.) program

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## Maternal and Child Health

Below are examples of programs at hospitals and health systems across the state that support increasing maternal and child health. To learn more about these and many other initiatives at local

- Diaper Connections Distribution and Screening Program – Multiple Hospitals
- Breastfeeding Support Groups – Multiple Hospitals
- Urgent Maternal Warning Signs Bracelet Initiative – Multiple Hospitals
- Backus/Windham Hospital Space Donation for Willi Wellness – Inclusive Recreation and Diaper Support
- Family Bridge Program – Newborn Home Visiting Through Bridgeport Hospital, St. Vincent's Medical Center, and Backus/Windham Hospital
- Bridgeport Hospital Child First Greater Bridgeport Program Trauma-Informed Home Visiting for Pregnant Individuals and Young Children
- Bristol Health Birth, Breastfeeding, and Newborn Basics Educational Programs



- Charlotte Hungerford Northwest CT Perinatal Community Group Initiatives
- Connecticut Children's Primary Care East and West Locations
- Day Kimball Health Enhance Parenting Skills Program
- Greenwich Hospital My First Book Program
- Griffin Health Free Education and Parent Resources
- Hospital of Central Connecticut Pomelo Care – Case Review in Collaboration with Community Health Center, Inc.
- Lawrence + Memorial Hospital Nurturing Families Program
- Middlesex Health Prenatal and Beyond Program - Beit Paley Center for Mental Health
- Hartford HealthCare Medical Mission Pediatric Care
- Stamford Health Oula Health Midwifery Clinic Partnership
- Trinity Health Of New England #Day43 Black Maternal Health in Waterbury Program
- UConn Health Milk Depot
- Yale New Haven Hospital Regional Lead Treatment Center
- Yale New Haven Hospital (YNHH) Medical-Legal Partnership Project (MLPP)

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## Violence Prevention

Below are examples of programs at hospitals and health systems across the state that support increasing violence prevention. To learn more about these and many other initiatives at local hospitals, scan the QR code on this page.

- Gun Buyback and Gun Safe Distribution – Multiple Hospitals and Systems
- Stop the Bleed Program – Multiple Hospitals
- Hospital-based Violence Intervention Programs (HVIP) – Multiple Hospitals
- Hartford HealthCare East Region Public Safety K9 Officers Community Outreach and De-Escalation Trainings
- Bridgeport Hospital Partnership with CatalystCT Street Safe in ED Waiting Rooms After Victim of Violence Arrives
- Bridgeport Hospital FED-UP: Working Together for a Safer Community
- Connecticut Children's Injury Prevention Center

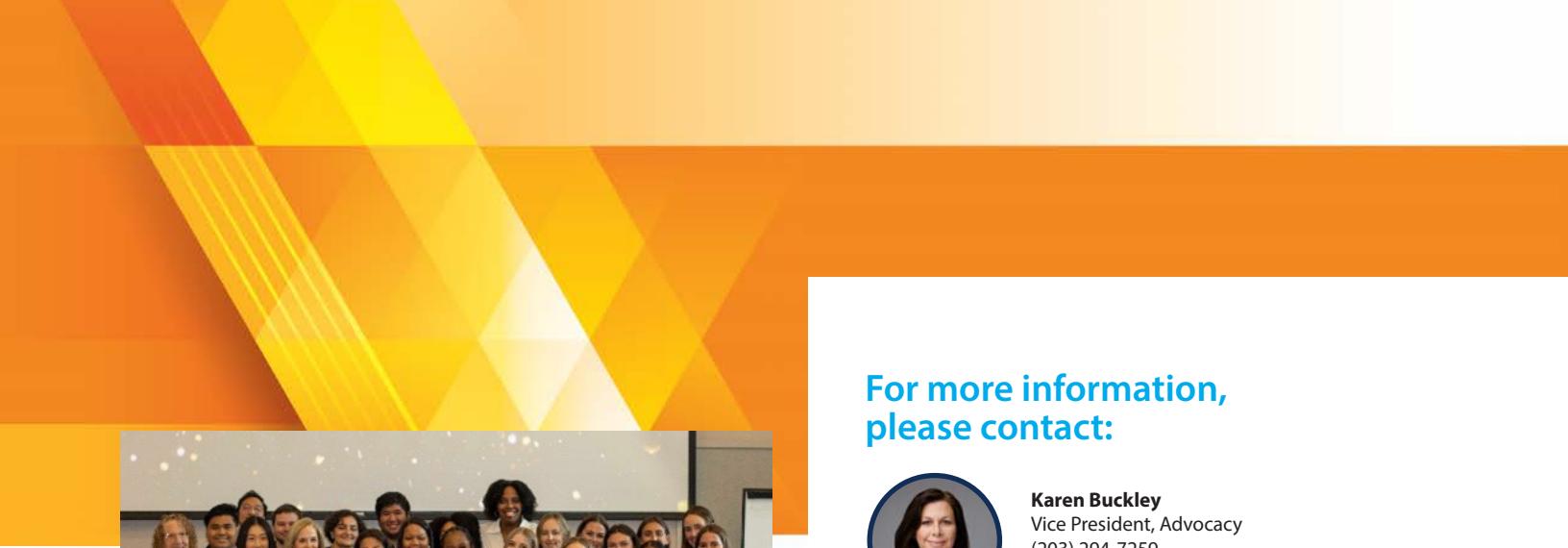
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- Griffin Health Emergency Department Screening for Domestic Violence Instances
- Hospital of Central Connecticut Providing Therapy in Collaboration with the Office of Victim Services (VOCA – Victims of Crime Act)
- MidState Medical Center Pastoral Care Meriden-Wallingford Domestic Violence Services
- Nuvance Health, Part of Northwell Health (Danbury Hospital, Norwalk Hospital, and Sharon Hospital) Gun Violence Prevention Program
- Stamford Health Support for CT Domestic Violence Cancer Center (DVCC) and the Rowan Center
- Trinity Health Of New England 'Let's Not Meet By Accident' Youth Education
- UConn Health Domestic Violence Screening
- Yale New Haven Hospital Center for Injury & Violence Prevention







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The Connecticut Hospital Association has been dedicated to serving Connecticut's hospitals and health systems since 1919. Through state and federal advocacy, CHA represents the interests of Connecticut's hospitals on key healthcare issues in the areas of quality and patient safety, access and coverage, workforce, community health, health equity, and hospital reimbursement.



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