



**ST. CLARE MEDICAL CENTER**

**ST. ELIZABETH REGIONAL HEALTH**

# 2007 Community Benefit Report



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MEDICAL CENTER

*Sisters of St. Francis Health Services*



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## 2007 IN REVIEW

# Continuing a tradition of care

As the Sisters of St. Francis have done since 1999, they continue to look for investments that benefit the communities we serve. In 2007, we began numerous hours of planning the 9,000+ square foot cancer center that will offer radiation therapy, a service that local residents currently have to leave the community to receive. In addition to radiation therapy, the cancer center will provide chemotherapy and healing gardens that will be visible from the chemotherapy treatment rooms.

Due to some creative thinking and planning this year, we were able to put together our largest MUFFY (Montgomery United Fund For You) internal campaign. Forty-five percent of our employees have committed more than \$26,000 to benefit local non-profits in Montgomery County, up from a 26% participation rate in 2006.

We continue to see a steady demand for health care services in Montgomery County and surrounding areas. In 2007, we provided more than \$1.9 million in charity care and more than \$8.9 million in un-reimbursed costs of Medicaid and Medicare, showing our commitment to caring to the rising number of uninsured or underinsured.

As we look into the future of St. Clare Medical Center, we are focused on continuing to provide quality, compassionate medical services close to home. From prenatal care to bereavement counseling and everything in between, life really does happen right here.

For more than 106 years, we've been here for you – and we intend to be here for years to come.

*–Jim Siemers  
Executive Director, St. Clare Medical Center*

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YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 2007

## Benefit for the poor

|                                |                    |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| Charity care                   | 1,954,309          |
| Unreimbursed costs of Medicaid | 2,382,417          |
| St. Clare Neighborhood Clinic  | 468,868            |
| Other                          | 54                 |
| <b>Total</b>                   | <b>\$4,805,648</b> |

## Benefit for the community

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|---|--------------------|
| Unreimbursed costs of Medicare              | 6,613,322          |
| Sports medicine                             | 120,894            |
| Cash and in-kind donations                  | 19,281             |
| Health fairs, screenings and other programs | 72,921             |
| <b>Total</b>                                | <b>\$6,826,418</b> |

**Total Community Benefit**      **\$11,632,066\***

*\*Net benefit represents total expenses incurred for providing services less any payments received.*

## Charity care

St. Clare Medical Center is committed to providing charity care to low-income families of the Crawfordsville community who demonstrate financial need. Through our charity policy, all area patients received quality health care regardless of their ability to pay or insurance coverage.

**2007 TOTAL: \$1.9 MILLION**

## Unpaid cost of government-sponsored programs

Reimbursement from government-sponsored programs – Medicare, Medicaid and TRICARE – continues to decrease. St. Clare Medical Center is committed to providing health care services to all patients regardless of reimbursement or the patient's ability to pay.

**2007 TOTAL: \$9 MILLION**

## St. Clare Neighborhood Clinic

St. Clare Medical Center, sponsoring organization of the St. Clare Neighborhood Clinic, provided substantial funding for clinic operating costs. The clinic, a non-profit organization established in 2000, offered affordable health care to the uninsured and Medicaid population in Montgomery County – people living at or below the poverty level. Demand for services continued to rise, but in keeping with our mission, no one was denied care.

**2007 TOTAL: \$468,868**

*St. Clare was named the 2008 Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce Big Business of the Year, recognized for our quality health care, corporate citizenship and employee involvement in the community. Gov. Mitch Daniels was present at the dinner.*



# Community education, wellness and health screening programs

## SPORTS MEDICINE

St. Clare provides licensed, athletic trainers for sporting events at Crawfordsville, North Montgomery and Southmont schools, as well as sports physicals, school outreach programs, coaches' clinics and student trainer workshops and more.



*St. Clare Sports Medicine trainer Kim Lighty works with a Southmont athlete.*

## SUPPORT GROUPS AND CLASSES

St. Clare Medical Center sponsors or provides assistance for Stroke, Alzheimer's, Ostomy and SHARE bereavement support groups. St. Clare offered total joint replacement, prenatal and sibling classes to the community.

## FAMILY FUN & HEALTH DAY

This free event offers many free health screenings, health information, as well as booths featuring doctors, health care professionals and not-for-profit agencies in the community.

## HEALTH FAIRS

Blood pressure checks and cholesterol screenings are just a few services provided. This is an opportunity for community employers to promote health and wellness to employees.

*The annual Family Fun & Health Day allows community members to participate in screenings, as well as see emergency equipment.*



## EMERGENCY AND TRAUMA CARE

Recognizing its mission to the community, St. Clare Medical Center maintains an emergency department that is open and staffed at all times (24 hours a day, 365 days a year). During 2007, the emergency room treated more than 20,000 patients.

## MISSION INTEGRATION COMMITTEE

- Baby Welcome Gifts: provided essential gifts and newborn items for more than 40 new mothers in need after delivery at St. Clare Medical Center.
- St. Clare Neighborhood Clinic Angel Tree: coordinated Christmas gifts and goodies drive to benefit 107 youth at the St. Clare Neighborhood Clinic.
- St. Clare Neighborhood Clinic Food Pantry: provided a monthly stipend to stock the shelves of the pantry that benefit the patients and families of the Clinic.

## MEALS ON WHEELS

More than 15,000 hot lunch meals and optional sandwich meals are provided to persons with disabilities, elderly and other participants. These meals are prepared at St. Clare.

## CNA CLINICAL TRAINING

Provided more than 100 hours of clinical training to students seeking their Certified Nursing Assistant certification.

## Cash and in-kind donations

St. Clare donated approximately \$20,000 in monetary donations to local organizations such as the American Heart Association, March of Dimes, Boys and Girls Club, American Cancer Society, Red Cross and Crawfordsville Parks & Recreation.



*In 2007, St. Clare employees donated \$26,636 to MUFFY. The total 2007 gift was 2.5 times greater than 2006 giving.*

## St. Clare Neighborhood Clinic

The St. Clare Neighborhood Clinic (the Clinic) was established in October 2000 to serve the uninsured and Medicaid population in Montgomery County.

Clinic services include:

- Routine adult and child physical exams,
- Basic labs,
- Medication Assistance Program (MAP),
- Referrals to medical specialists, social services and counseling,
- Sports physicals,
- Minor procedures,
- Treatment of chronic conditions like diabetes and high blood pressure and
- Dental van on-site, twice a year.

The services at the Clinic are provided on a sliding scale with a minimum of \$5 co-pay, however no one is denied services due to the inability to pay the \$5 office visit fee.

The Clinic is strategically located near several low-income housing neighborhoods close to downtown Crawfordsville. This location puts affordable health care within walking distance for most patients.



*Nurse practitioner Russell Creel examines a patient at the St. Clare Neighborhood Clinic.*



## St. Clare Cancer Center

A new era of cancer treatment is coming to Montgomery County. The days of local cancer patients having to travel to larger cities to receive treatment are coming to an end. In 2007, plans began for a \$5 million cancer center to make it easier for patients with certain types of cancer to receive treatment in Crawfordsville.

The new 8,900 square foot cancer center will have one linear accelerator for radiation therapy that can handle 15 patients a day, six chemotherapy bays and examination rooms. Designers are working with a cancer survivor to ensure the interior décor will be calming and relaxing for worried patients and their families. The exterior will boast a beautiful healing garden accessible for patients to enjoy while receiving their chemotherapy.

With the St. Clare Cancer Center, friends, family and neighbors will be better served by offering the latest technologies with compassionate service right here at home.

The cancer center will be located at St. Clare Medical Center's main hospital campus on Lafayette Road in Crawfordsville.

