

2023 COMMUNITY BENEFIT SNAPSHOT

We invest in South Puget Sound's health.



Bringing our Mission to life

At Providence, we are dedicated to improving community health and reducing disparities in the Western U.S. and beyond. Called by our Mission, we are steadfast in serving all, especially those who are poor and vulnerable.

Taking action on health challenges

To achieve our vision of health for a better world, the Providence family of organizations identifies community health needs and invests in programs and meaningful solutions that meet the diverse needs of our neighbors. Alongside local partners, we build stronger, healthier communities by focusing on areas of lasting impact:

- Foundations of health
- Removing barriers to care
- Community resilience
- Innovating for the future

Our longstanding commitment to identify needs and provide community benefit is an essential way we live our Mission each day.



\$226,000

Community health improvement and strategic partnerships



\$12 MILLION

Health professions education and research



\$6 MILLION

Subsidized health services



\$12 MILLION

Free and discounted care for the uninsured and underinsured



\$72 MILLION

Unpaid cost of Medicaid and other means-tested government programs

*Data is consolidated based on unaudited financial reporting.

Community investment in action

Residency programs fill needs, help develop providers of the future

In 2023, Providence Swedish invested \$11.7 million in the development of health professionals in South Puget Sound. There are currently 21 residents at St. Peter Family Medicine Residency Program, nine in the Chehalis Family Medicine Rural Residency Program and six in the St. Peter Summit Pacific Rural Family Medicine Program.

The residents and interdisciplinary faculty steadfastly serve vulnerable populations, including those in rural, medically underserved areas. Residents and faculty work diligently to address health inequities, reduce healthcare disparities and improve patient outcomes.

These residents care for more than 15,000 patients annually in South Puget Sound, the vast majority of whom are uninsured or underinsured and might not otherwise be able to find a provider.

The St. Peter and Chehalis residents also participate in numerous programs supporting vulnerable individuals, including:

- **Mobile Outreach Program:** St. Peter Family Residency has a collaborative relationship with the Providence Street Medicine Team and Mobile Clinic Unit and with Olympic Health & Recovery Services' Homeless Outreach and Stabilization Team which allows primary care providers to bridge the gap between unhoused individuals and the many barriers that prevent them from accessing traditional primary care models. This work helps train the future primary care workforce to engage more effectively with stigmatized and marginalized populations and to understand the unique health challenges of unhoused patients and the community resources that exist to help them.
- **Adolescent Obstetrics:** For 25 years, St. Peter Family Medicine has operated a prenatal care program for adolescent parents that incorporates group-based, resident/student-led

education in pregnancy and newborn care and facilitation of peer support for this high-risk population.

- **Substance Use Disorder Treatment:** Residents rotate twice a month to support a Med First Clinic and identify patients for the Chehalis Family Medicine Substance Use Disorder Treatment Clinic. These patients then receive treatment at Chehalis Family Medicine for substance use/misuse and are also enabled to establish care with a primary care provider for all other medical needs. Residents also partner with the Lewis County Drug Court to help individuals with drug offenses through their treatment plans.
- **Health and Hope Free Clinic:** Residents rotate at this Centralia free clinic monthly and provide culturally competent care for those with language barriers.



Resident physician Jacqueline Gorzynski sees a patient at the Providence Medical Group – Chehalis Family Medicine Clinic.

“ By focusing on the development of physicians in our residency programs, we strive to ensure access to health care for all while remaining dedicated to serving those who are most vulnerable. We take pride in the collaboration between our residents, faculty, and community partners to reach out and assist those in need wherever they may be. ”

— DARIN GOSS
Chief Executive
South Puget Sound

“ Developing meaningful relationships with my patients is so important to me and I’m very pleased to be working in a healthcare setting where that is possible and encouraged. ”

— CHAYLE TURNER, MD
Resident physician at Providence Medical Group –
Chehalis Family Medicine