



# COMMUNITY BENEFIT REPORT

## FISCAL YEAR 2022

Dear Friends and Supporters of OhioHealth,

**At OhioHealth, we believe that every action must advance our mission:  
To improve the health of those we serve.**

We are accountable to our communities through stewardship. We are committed to making quality healthcare available to all. In fact, “providing exceptional care for all” is a core tenet in our new vision statement.

In fiscal year 2022, OhioHealth provided more than \$405 million in charity care and other community benefit programs including Wellness on Wheels, Maternal Home Visiting, and COVID-19 Vaccine Equity efforts. To enhance and expand these programs, we also partner with local and nonprofit organizations.

As you review this report, you’ll see we are dedicated to:

- + Promoting wellness by connecting people to community resources.
- + Providing advocacy and emotional support services.
- + Helping people manage chronic conditions, such as diabetes and high blood pressure.
- + Providing access to primary care and medical services for all.
- + Supporting women’s health and healthy babies.
- + Investing in workforce development.
- + Advancing health equity.

We appreciate being able to recognize you as a community collaborator and partner. Thank you for your support of OhioHealth’s steadfast commitment to build better communities through better health.

With gratitude,



A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Karen J. Morrison".

**Karen J. Morrison**  
*President, OhioHealth Foundation*  
*Senior Vice President, OhioHealth*

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# 1 | COMMUNITY BENEFIT AT A GLANCE



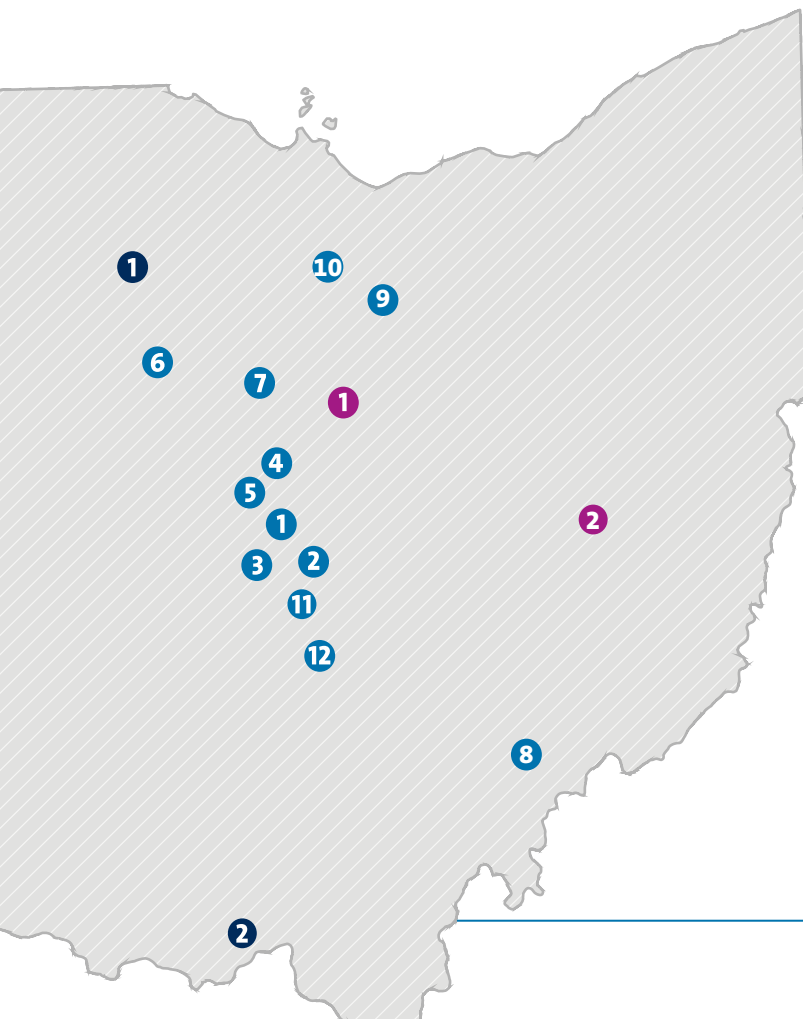
OhioHealth is a not-for-profit health system, which means our successes are reinvested into the communities we serve. We do this by:



**IMPROVING ACCESS TO HEALTH SERVICES**

**ENHANCING THE HEALTH OF OUR COMMUNITY**

**ADVANCING HEALTH AND MEDICAL KNOWLEDGE**



## We bring specialized care close to home

### HOSPITALS OWNED

1. Riverside Methodist Hospital
2. Grant Medical Center
3. Doctors Hospital
4. Grady Memorial Hospital
5. Dublin Methodist Hospital
6. Hardin Memorial Hospital
7. Marion General Hospital
8. O'Bleness Hospital
9. Mansfield Hospital
10. Shelby Hospital
11. Grove City Methodist Hospital
12. Berger Hospital

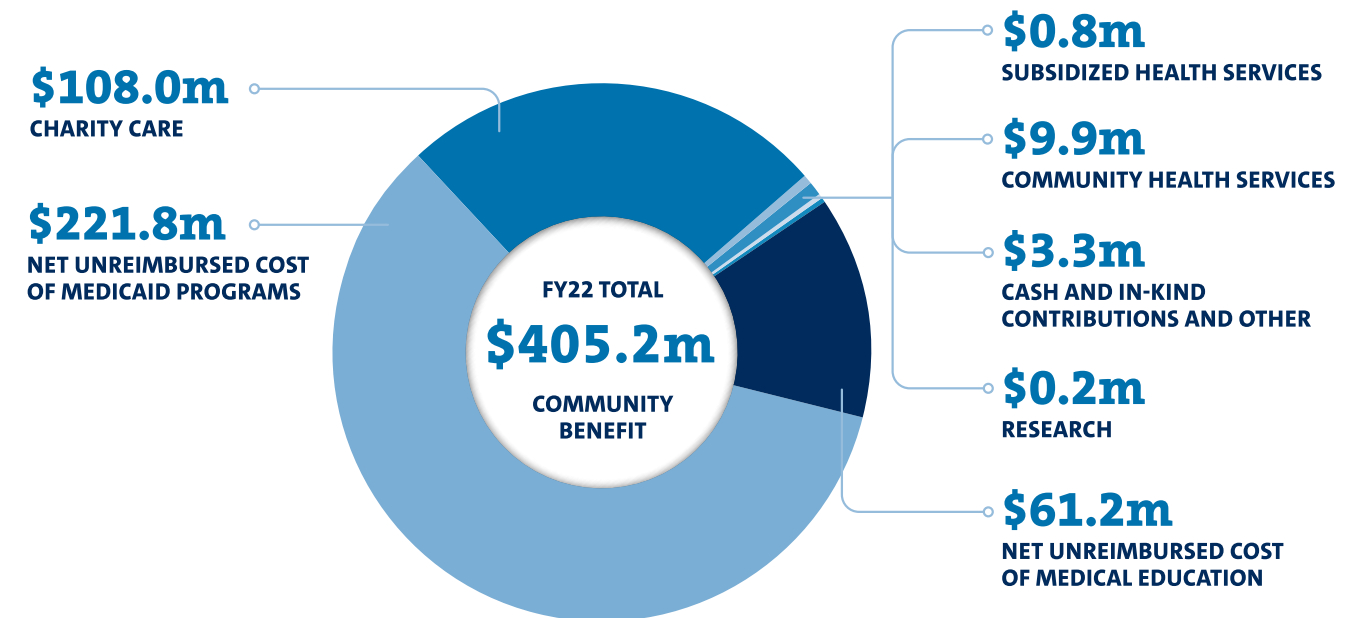
### MANAGED

1. Morrow County Hospital
2. Southeastern Ohio Regional Medical Center

### AFFILIATE

1. Blanchard Valley Medical Center
2. Southern Ohio Medical Center

Represents Fiscal Year 2022



## Community benefit summary

In fiscal year 2022, OhioHealth provided \$405.2 million in community benefit including \$108 million in charity care for people who lack insurance or the means to pay for care, and more than \$221 million in Medicaid costs not reimbursed by the state or federal government.

The net unreimbursed costs of medical education was \$61.2 million, \$10.7 million in subsidized and community health services, \$3.3 million cash and in-kind contributions, and another \$.2 million in research.



**OhioHealth associates play an active role in the communities we serve: 82% of OhioHealth senior leadership and 53% of OhioHealth vice presidents serve on community and government boards.**

# 2 | COVID-19 / COVID VACCINE EQUITY



## Bringing vaccines to those in need

At OhioHealth, the health and safety of our patients is our priority. We proactively responded and adapted to the COVID-19 pandemic to provide the best care for all.

For much of 2021 and into 2022, we continued to expand vaccine access through our mobile health program, Wellness on Wheels (WOW).

We used a data-driven approach to get vaccines to communities with the greatest needs, particularly communities of color.



**Scan the QR code to learn how this vaccine equity project was awarded a \$1 million grant from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA).** The WOW Vaccine Equity Project dedicated appointments in opportunity ZIP codes for people in need, close to where they live and work.

Once ZIP codes and populations were identified, a team formed community partnerships with trusted brokers in the communities, hosting clinics at days, times and locations where people were likely to participate.

These partnerships allowed OhioHealth to enter new communities neutrally and gather input on vaccine hesitancy and the preferred ways to receive health information. OhioHealth hosted educational forums and focus groups with more than 33 community partners, including Franklin County, YMCA of Central Ohio, Columbus Urban League, IMPACT Community Action, Ohio Women's Alliance, local school partners and many others. This allowed OhioHealth to continue creating partnerships and provide convenient access with a focused geographic approach. WOW hosted four weekly standing clinics and at least one weekend clinic.

More than 50% of the 3,662 COVID-19 vaccines administered through the WOW vaccine clinics were to patients of color, and over 75 community partners have hosted clinics, focus groups or education sessions.

**Scan the QR code to read about how these efforts were recently recognized by Columbus CEO Magazine, who gave the WOW Vaccine Equity Project the 2022 Healthcare Achievement Awards' Healthcare Trailblazer award.**



**Scan this QR code to learn how OhioHealth used integrated data and mapping tools to address COVID-19 vaccine equity.**



**At one community forum held in partnership with Motherful, a program that supports single mothers and their families in Columbus, nine women chose to get vaccinated on-site after participating in a Q&A session with OhioHealth physicians, a nurse manager and a pharmacist.**

## American Red Cross Block Party and Mid-Ohio Workers Association (MWA)

### CRITICAL AND CONVENIENT COVID-19 TESTING



*On December 2, 2021, MWA members attended a medical education and information session on the COVID-19 vaccine in-person and on Zoom, assisted by a Spanish interpreter.*



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*On December 10, 2021, OhioHealth brought its WOW van to Indianola Presbyterian Church's parking lot to administer COVID-19 vaccines to MWA members and others.*



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*Volunteer advocate and interpreter Luis Gomez (left) works with Mary Jane Timmons (right) of OhioHealth to sign members up for their COVID vaccinations at the December 10, 2021, session.*



## Pickerington and South-Western City School Clinics



At Pickerington Local Schools in the fall of 2021, more than 400 students were vaccinated during four clinics. In response to South-Western City Schools' vaccine mandate, a WOW clinic was established in Grove City and nurses from across the OhioHealth system delivered vaccines to more than 100 teachers and district employees.

WOW also provided over 280 sports physicals for students from Pickerington Local, South-Western City Schools and Columbus City Schools, throughout the 2021-22 school year. Of the 281 total physicals performed, 50 students were not considered ready to compete, meaning underlying illnesses were exposed that would have otherwise gone undiagnosed.

### HOSTING ON-SITE VACCINE CLINICS AT LOCAL SCHOOLS

OhioHealth's Wellness on Wheels (WOW) partnered with school districts in central Ohio to set up on-site clinics, offering students and school staff convenient access to COVID-19 vaccines and boosters.

## Distribution of free COVID-19 test kits

### CRITICAL AND CONVENIENT COVID-19 TESTING

The Ohio Department of Health furnished OhioHealth with roughly 55,000 COVID-19 test kits. These kits were distributed across the system so frontline caregivers in

emergency departments and urgent care sites could quickly respond to symptom-free patients with free home kits, allowing staff to focus on more acute needs and better care for their communities.



## COVID-19 testing — mobile drive-thru testing

### CRITICAL AND CONVENIENT COVID-19 TESTING

OhioHealth is proud to have offered drive-thru testing for the past two and a half years. In that time, the COVID-19 Curbside Care Units (CCU) have performed almost 400,000 COVID-19 tests to serve our communities.

In the fall of 2021, our health system faced a COVID-19 surge, overwhelming our emergency rooms and urgent cares. Many patients only needed a COVID-19 test. In response to the demand, our CareConnect team created a way for patients to order a combination COVID-19 and flu test through MyChart and over 18,000 patients were tested through this route in our critical care units.

**OhioHealth distributed 40,000 bottles of hand sanitizer to more than 50 organizations in the communities we serve, including schools, social service agencies and nonprofit partners. This approximate \$40,000 value supported health and avoided waste by donating sanitizers not needed by our care sites.**





# 3 | ADDRESSING HEALTH EQUITY



## Women and families

### Reducing infant mortality

#### MATERNAL HOME VISITS EXPAND INTO THREE NEW COUNTIES

OhioHealth has provided comprehensive prenatal and postpartum care, well-child visits, and immunizations to high-risk teens, expectant mothers and their families since 2011 through home visits. This approach is the most effective way to influence the social determinants of reproductive health, reduce the rate of teen pregnancy and promote healthy birth spacing.

Through our partnership with Nationwide Children’s Hospital, OhioHealth offers maternal, infant and early childhood home visits. These programs support pregnant people and parents with young children who are at greater risks and face barriers to achieving positive maternal and child health outcomes. This past year, OhioHealth providers referred nearly 600 patients for home visit support across our footprint.

#### CENTER FOR HEALTHY FAMILIES

OhioHealth is proud to be a longstanding partner of the Center for Healthy Families (CFHF). Through community and school-based services, the organization supports individuals ages 14 to 24 who are pregnant or parenting a child under the age of one. This partnership also provides resources for other community members experiencing pregnancy or parenting.

In early 2022, through a new affiliation between CFHF and the emergency departments and OB/GYN programs at OhioHealth Grant Medical Center and OhioHealth Riverside Methodist Hospital, our team began referring patients to CFHF’s Rental Assistance program. To reach our most vulnerable populations, we expanded referrals for Wellness on Wheels, reaching a total of 45 patients.

**Together, OhioHealth and Nationwide Children’s Hospital have expanded the Nurse-Family Partnership, a program offered for first-time mothers and their families living in poverty, into four central Ohio counties — Athens, Delaware, Franklin and Union.**



#### TEACHING REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH

As part of our commitment to reducing unintended teen pregnancies and improving infant mortality in our communities, OhioHealth provides in-kind support for the Get Real program under the Teen Reproductive Health Education committee.

Get Real is a medically accurate, age-appropriate curriculum that emphasizes social and emotional skills as a key component of healthy relationships and responsible decision-making. OhioHealth has joined forces with CelebrateOne, Nationwide Children’s Hospital, Columbus Public Health and Planned Parenthood to offer this programming in Columbus area schools.

For the past two school years, a pair of OhioHealth nurses facilitated nine-week sessions with Columbus City Preparatory School for Boys in seventh and eighth grade, which included 50 students during the fall and spring semesters.

### Latina breast cancer program

#### LATINA BREAST CANCER INITIATIVE

Breast cancer is the leading cause of death in Hispanic and Latina women. The Latina Breast Cancer Initiative is working to change this statistic by connecting Latina women to breast cancer screening services through community education programs and a breast health hotline staffed by a culturally competent, bilingual coordinator.

#### TOOLS TO PROMOTE HEALTHY MOTHERS AND BABIES



Ohio continues to struggle with infant mortality. Despite a slight decrease in overall infant mortality rates in the state, black infants still die at a rate 2.5 to 3 times higher than white infants.

OhioHealth collaborated with CelebrateOne to address infant mortality rates among African American babies born in Franklin County. Building on the success of the Teen Options to Prevent Pregnancy (TOPP) program, implemented in 2010, the TOPP expansion program provides comprehensive reproductive health education about birth control, offers referrals and links women to community resources.

Since 2020, 108 women have enrolled. Of these, 89.8% were African American, 64.8% resided in CelebrateOne priority zip codes and 61.1% participated in WIC (Women, Infants and Children) or Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program. Through TOPP, we’re increasing access to prenatal care — more than 95% of these mothers received three or more prenatal visits, and over 68% received their first visit during the first trimester.

#### MAKING GREAT STRIDES

This past year, we expanded our reach to provide 410 mammogram screenings and 37 cervical cancer screenings. Of the women who received mammograms, only 10.5% had health insurance and three received a breast cancer diagnosis. Of all patients screened, the vaccination rate was 72.7%. In addition, OhioHealth provided 85 referrals for specialized services, interpretation for 368 patients and care for five children.



## Mothers' Milk Bank



### GIVING THE BEST MEDICINE THROUGH DONATIONS

Doctors say the best medicine for premature babies is mothers' milk, but many mothers who deliver early do not have the ability to produce enough milk to meet their baby's needs. Pasteurized human donor milk is the next best thing, and OhioHealth operates one of the largest donor milk banks in the nation. Women who choose to donate extra breast milk can participate in the program free of charge. One ounce of breast milk can feed premature babies for three days, giving them the nourishment they need to fight infection, build immunity and promote healthy growth.

### NEW MILK DROP SITES FOR MORE MOTHERS

The OhioHealth Mothers' Milk Bank opened five new drop sites, including Wooster Community Hospital and OhioHealth Mansfield Hospital. We offer 18 total locations throughout Ohio — in physician offices, WIC (Women, Infants and Children) offices and health departments — for approved donors to drop off their milk. Each site packs and ships donated milk to a Columbus-based milk bank for processing. Over 201,538 ounces, or 1,574 gallons of lifesaving human milk, were collected this past year.

Scan the QR code to learn more.



### RESPONDING TO THE NATIONWIDE FORMULA SHORTAGE

In the spring of 2022, the milk bank received a surge in requests during the national formula shortage, particularly for babies requiring specialized formula for medical reasons and from NICUs (neonatal intensive care units) in Ohio and 12 other states. Thanks to women responding to the crisis, and an increase in milk donations of 10% from the year prior, we were able to meet our community in need. Scan the QR code to learn more.



## Addiction and behavioral health

### Dempsey Family Education and Resource Center

#### FREE GUIDANCE, RESOURCES AND EDUCATION

When a loved one is diagnosed with a condition, family and friends may search for information online to better understand the condition. Searching for information can be overwhelming, which is why OhioHealth created The Dempsey Family Education and Resource Center. While its primary focus is brain and spine conditions, the center also helps find the most up-to-date information and resources on any medical condition, at no cost.

In addition, the center offers free classes and programs that range from support groups for ALS caregivers, to neuro yoga, long-COVID education to a stroke survivors club. The Dempsey Center also has social workers on-hand who can help complete a Healthcare Power of Attorney or Living Will. And while the center is based at Riverside Methodist Hospital, it has information on community resources for every county in Ohio.

In FY22, the Dempsey Family Education and Resource Center had over 8,400 encounters with patients, family members, staff and students.

### Opioid Navigators in the ED



#### CONTINUING RESPONSE TO THE OPIOID CRISIS

The Addiction Medicine Service and Addiction Medicine Fellowship based at OhioHealth Grant Medical Center expanded to provide services to treat and manage an increasing number of individuals with substance use disorders at our care sites. Since July 2021, the positive impact in our community has been significant:

- + Funding from the State Opioid Response 2 (SOR2) grant supported more than 574 patients in receiving services including treatment for opioid and or stimulant use disorders. The outcomes from services

provided have assisted patients to decrease use of illegal drugs, increase access to disability benefits, and positively impact social support relationships encouraging our patients in life-long recovery.

- + The Substance Use Navigator (SUN) Team worked together diligently with the emergency department clinical teams in six OhioHealth care sites to link patients to providers offering treatment for opioid use disorder (OUD), for a total of 613 initiations of buprenorphine, (a medication used to treat OUD); provide 1,167 emergency department patients with naloxone, a medication used to reverse overdose from opioids, and linked close to 2,000 patients to treatment and recovery resources beyond the emergency room.
- + The Addiction Medicine Consult team at Grant Medical Center expanded to start a team at Riverside Methodist Hospital and together, more than 4,000 new patients with substance use disorders received evidence-based care and referral to treatment.

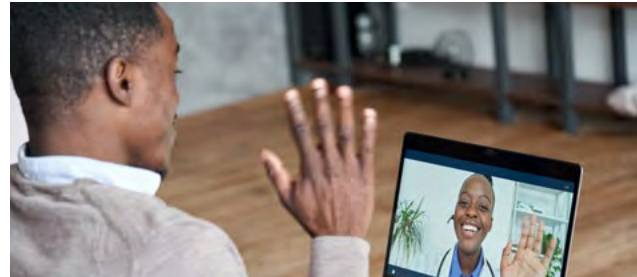
# 3 | ADDRESSING HEALTH EQUITY

## Talk Therapy Pilot

### WELLNESS ON WHEELS (WOW) TELE-THERAPY PILOT

WOW delivers primary care, women’s health services, and prenatal care, regardless of ability to pay, and travels to community centers, shelters and high schools throughout central Ohio. Recently, the WOW Team began to identify many patients who needed behavioral health support but had limited access to those services. So they partnered with OhioHealth psychotherapy residents to create a pilot where WOW patients could receive tele-talk therapy sessions for consultation and support during a mental health crisis,

and also receive standardized tests for anxiety and depression. In the pilot’s first year, residents worked with 20 patients focused on addiction and substance use disorders.



## SARNCO

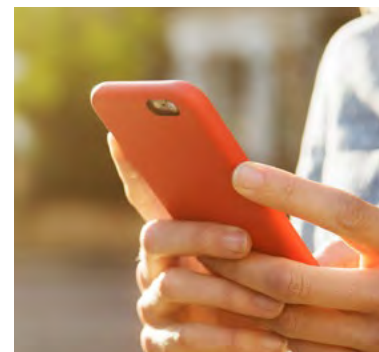
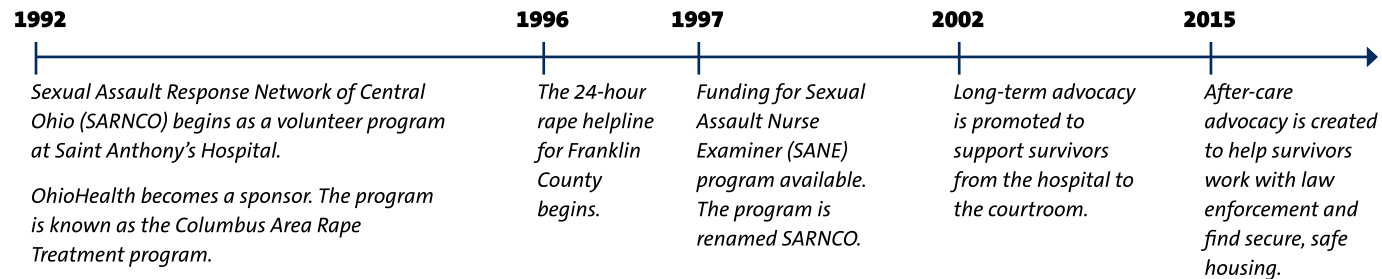
### SEXUAL ASSAULT RESPONSE NETWORK OF CENTRAL OHIO (SARNCO) CELEBRATES 30 YEARS

SARNCO began 30 years ago as a volunteer program at St. Anthony’s Hospital. The legacy of this inspired and dedicated team carries on and has continued to grow. Now responding to 20 emergency departments, survivors of sexual assault and interpersonal violence are offered immediate support, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Survivors are given aftercare support as they navigate legal and community resources. The aftercare team is also available to Spanish-speaking and incarcerated survivors.



The SARNCO team includes trained advocates and volunteers operating a local and statewide helpline available 24/7.

SARNCO has benefitted from public support through steadfast advocates like Ohio Alliance to End Sexual Violence, Franklin County Commissioners and ongoing federal funding.



**SARNCO has educational programming for K-12 schools and on college campuses, including bystander intervention instruction. This demographic is critical to reach for awareness considering one in three female victims of rape or attempted rape experienced it for the first time between the ages of 11 and 17.<sup>1</sup>**

<sup>1</sup>National Sexual Violence Resource Center

## Chronic disease management

### UpBEAT

#### SERVING SENIORS IN SOUTHEAST OHIO

UpBEAT, a program sponsored by OhioHealth O’Bleness Hospital, encourages those 55 years and older to stay engaged and active together. UpBEAT was created in 1996 to address the lack of resources for older adults in Athens County. It continues to offer activities

and enrichment throughout community members’ lifetimes with free programs focused on support and socialization. In fiscal year 2022, over 1,000 people engaged with UpBEAT programs ranging from book clubs and exercise classes to healthy eating, coping during crises and art therapy.

### Walk with a Doc



#### WALKING WITH A PURPOSE

Now more than ever, it’s important for people to find a safe way to be physically active, get outdoors, build relationships and learn reliable health information. OhioHealth’s Walk with a Doc (WWAD) programs were able to re-launch four health-vulnerable

communities — in the north, south, far east and west sides of Columbus — in May 2022 after a two-year pause during the pandemic.

Each group meets twice per month from May through October, with a short health talk from an OhioHealth physician, nurse practitioner or physician assistant on topics ranging from heart health, mindfulness, dementia, back pain, cancer screening and more.

In FY22, OhioHealth hosted 48 Walk with a Doc events led by 27 physicians and medical professionals. Participants accounted for 334 “walk visits” and traversed over 600 miles, and anyone who attended at least three events received a free t-shirt.



# 3 | ADDRESSING HEALTH EQUITY

## Grocery store tours



### GROCERY GUIDES IN MANSFIELD

At OhioHealth Mansfield Hospital, community members are invited to participate in “Healthy Supermarket Tours,” a chance to have a grocery guide – an OhioHealth registered dietitian – take them around local supermarkets to better understand nutrition labels, food packaging health claims, and ways to make healthier choices while shopping. The initiative offers a unique way to manage chronic disease like diabetes and the tours are offered at three different locations around the Mansfield area.



## Access to care

### Medical respite



Photo credit: The Columbus Dispatch

### FINDING MEDICAL RESPITE

The COVID-19 crisis highlighted the healthcare industry’s opportunity to improve healthcare access for patients experiencing homelessness, and explore ways to mitigate the financial impact of the pandemic.

Medical Respite provides transitional housing for patients experiencing homelessness. These patients are healing and are too ill or frail to recover without

proper housing, but are not ill enough to remain in hospital care. A partnership with Lutheran Social Services focuses on whole health, ensuring a safe place to heal, and case management support to mitigate barriers to housing and food security. We are providing these patients with follow-up care, meals and access to resources to attain self-sufficiency.

In 2021, in partnership with Lutheran Social Services, Medical Respite at OhioHealth Grant Medical Center:

- + Offered a 16-bed facility that is fully staffed and operates 24/7. It averages 14 patients per month with an average stay of 30-45 days.
- + Accepted 225 referrals from all OhioHealth hospitals in its first year of operation.
- + Obtained housing (including apartments, residential treatment facility or family) for 25 patients.
- +

## Social determinants of health



### A COMMUNITY COLLABORATION

Examining social determinants of health is a priority for both the Mid-Ohio Food Collective and OhioHealth. As a result, a dynamic partnership exists between the two non-profits. In fiscal year 2022, OhioHealth volunteers contributed close to 40 hours sorting and packing food for the Mid-Ohio Food Collective. In honor of Doctors’ Day, a fundraising initiative for the OhioHealth Foundation, \$26,000 was donated to explore the root causes of food insecurity.

And in the summer of 2022, OhioHealth invested \$25,000 in a new partnership with the Mid-Ohio Food Collective for their Mid-Ohio Farm on the Hilltop. Located less than a mile from the OhioHealth David P. Blom Administrative campus, this 2.8-acre area will be renovated to grow and distribute roughly 300,000 pounds of fresh local produce. This vacant property borders a neighborhood with many New Americans who don’t have access to a source for fresh, local produce. In addition to financially supporting this new endeavor, OhioHealth associates will be able to volunteer at the farm to help fight hunger in our community.





# 4 | ASSOCIATES GIVING BACK



2021 CAMPAIGN TOTAL:	TOTAL PARTICIPANTS:	EXECUTIVE PARTICIPATION:	INDIVIDUAL DEPARTMENT PARTICIPATION:
<b>\$724,000</b>	<b>2,221</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>695</b>

## WE Give

In 2021, more than 2,200 OhioHealth associates gave back to the communities they serve by raising \$724,000 for the OhioHealth Foundation and the United Way. Over 150 Foundation funds were supported, impacting areas like emergency assistance for associates, nursing

scholarships and resources for caregiver well-being. For United Way agencies across OhioHealth's footprint, 172 charitable organizations expanded their hunger prevention initiatives and local resources for education and economic mobility.



### TOP 3 Funds Supported:

- OhioHealth Greatest Needs
- Associate Emergency Assistance
- Provider and Associate Well-being



### TOP 3 Causes Supported:

- Hunger Prevention Initiatives
- Local United Way Priorities
- Basic Needs/Social Service Agencies

Due to COVID-19, OhioHealth paused on all in-person volunteering for the first three quarters of fiscal year 2022 to keep our associates and their families safe. Even with that suspension, more than 8,435 volunteer hours were committed through Mission Matters by 2,012 associate volunteers, benefitting 179 local organizations.



## Nutrition services food rescue

### INNOVATION IN FOOD RESCUE

In June 2022, OhioHealth partnered with Food Rescue US in Columbus to provide food to those in need. Food Rescue US coordinates volunteers to save surplus foods from OhioHealth care sites in central Ohio and deliver them directly to nearby social service agencies. Since its launch, OhioHealth has donated 875 pounds of food, including milk, prepackaged meals and dry goods.

## Speakers Bureau

### INSIGHTS FROM THE EXPERTS

The OhioHealth Speakers Bureau was invaluable as a resource to provide vaccine education. For FY22, the OhioHealth Speakers Bureau coordinated 33 community speaking events with OhioHealth associates as featured speakers. Through these events, we've had 44 OhioHealth experts speak with the regional and central Ohio communities we serve.

## Ukraine relief

### MISSION MATTERS BEYOND OUR BORDERS

When Russia launched a military invasion of Ukraine in February 2022, OhioHealth was there to serve others. OhioHealth provided a \$50,000 donation to Ukraine relief efforts, partnering with an organization identified by the West Ohio Conference of the United Methodist Church. Associates were encouraged to give to the United Methodist Church and American Red Cross relief efforts, raising \$6,895. Five truckloads of supply donations valued at about \$1.5 million were shipped to support this cause.





# 5 | INVESTING IN COMMUNITY WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT



## O'Bleness Scholarship

In late fall of 2021, OhioHealth O'Bleness Hospital announced it was making a \$500,000 charitable donation to the J. Warren McClure Athens Education Foundation for a scholarship that would allow Athens

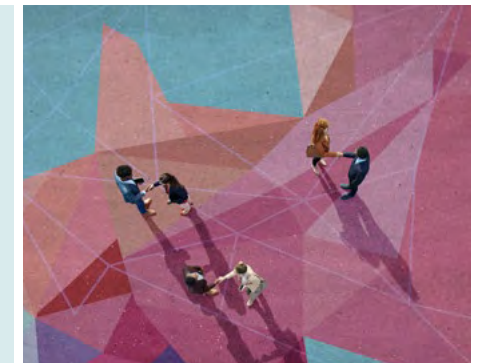
City School District students to pursue a career in healthcare. For the graduating class of 2022, two students were awarded scholarships. **Scan the QR code to learn more.**



## Making a promise



**OhioHealth committed \$150,000 to “The Columbus Promise,” an educational strategy developed by the City of Columbus to close the racial and equity gap in Columbus City Schools. The initiative will create workforce opportunities for students and a pipeline for employers like OhioHealth.**



## Dublin Medical Academy

### INVESTING IN COMMUNITY WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Dublin Medical Academy is a workforce development opportunity hosted by the Ohio University Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine and OhioHealth. The Academy provides a weeklong camp for over 50 Ohio high school students so they can work alongside faculty, students and 15 OhioHealth healthcare professionals from a variety of disciplines.



Students are immersed in a series of interactive academic and clinical learning activities. OhioHealth has provided key partnership support for the Academy, including a program investment, medical content experts to actively engage with students, supplies to facilitate interactive experiences, and administrative support to continue to grow and expand the program.



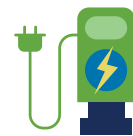
**The Cristo Rey program is a professional work-study in which businesses invest in students with economic need for college-preparatory education. Students from Cristo Rey Columbus High School work at OhioHealth Grant Medical Center and OhioHealth Riverside Methodist Hospital as part of the program. OhioHealth was proud to once again host two student teams — eight Cristo Rey students — at our facilities.**

# 6 | SUSTAINABILITY



## Green transportation

As part of our work towards a healthier future for our communities, we've identified needs for care accessibility and efficient commuting, and set goals to improve transportation, preserving natural resources and reducing toxic air pollution to support public health. We're diverting to alternative fuel sources, efficient vehicles and alternative transportation and commuting options to fuel mobility and increase accessibility to our care sites.



**WE INSTALLED OVER 60 CHARGING STATIONS ACROSS OUR SYSTEM TO PROMOTE ELECTRIC VEHICLES.**

Transportation is a necessary part of our business, but a major consumer of nonrenewable energy. It's one of the largest contributors of greenhouse gas emissions. Maximizing the efficiency of our fleet of vehicles preserves natural resources and reduces toxic air pollution that contributes to many chronic health problems.

## Healthy buildings

Creating healthy spaces starts from the ground up. To support our patients with buildings that impact their health both actively and through the environment, we aimed to rethink construction and remodeling, creating safe spaces for a thriving future.

We use a method of designing and constructing spaces that caters to the well-being of the people who use them and lessens the impact on the surrounding environment.

Healthy, resilient buildings leave a smaller carbon footprint, providing safe spaces where our people and patients can thrive for generations.



**We diverted 7 tons of materials from landfills while moving an OhioHealth clinic. Over 93% of collected items were donated across the region.**

## Less waste



**AS A SYSTEM WE RECYCLED OVER 2,000 TONS IN 2021.**

Responsibly handling waste supports the future of our patients with cleaner living and healthier, more sustainable food. This year, we committed to diverting waste and utilizing efficient recycling and composting methods to minimize the health risks associated with pollution.

OhioHealth will divert operational, nonhazardous waste from landfills by reducing use, implementing and expanding recycling, and utilizing food composting across our footprint.

Recycling large volumes of solid waste and reducing waste production will minimize health risks associated with landfill pollution and create a healthier, safer future for those we serve.

## Responsible purchasing



Every purchase impacts our environment, thus shaping the future of those we serve. By establishing policies and standards for our primary purchases, patients have better experiences with responsibly

sourced products to work towards a healthier world. We evaluate the environmental and human impact of products and services before we purchase them.

Thoughtful purchasing protects the health and safety of people, reduces unnecessary waste and supports suppliers who are working hard to protect our environment.

**BY PURCHASING REUSABLE ISOLATION GOWNS, WE'LL DIVERT OVER 230,000 POUNDS FROM LANDFILLS EACH YEAR.**

## Smart energy



**WE'RE CONVERTING 100% OF THE SYSTEM'S LIGHTING TO LEDS. THAT'S OVER 22,000 LIGHTS.**

Cost-efficient energy consumption means a lower cost on the environment. To combat the negative effects of over-consumption and improve the well-being of our communities, we've committed to reducing energy consumption across our footprint.

By maximizing efficiency and minimizing the financial and environmental cost of operations, we support our patients with healthier, more cost-efficient care sites and resources.

OhioHealth will reduce energy consumption by 10% per square foot across the system by 2023 to align with Central Ohio Hospital Council's "10 x 25" initiative's target and timing.



