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Huntington Hospital
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About Huntington Hospital

Founded in 1892, Huntington Hospital is committed to providing excellent patient care delivered with compassion and respect. In August 2021, Huntington Hospital affiliated with Cedars-Sinai under the umbrella of Cedars-Sinai Health Systems. Huntington Hospital is a 619-bed, nonprofit community hospital located in Pasadena, California. The hospital offers a full complement of acute medical care and community services, ranging from general medicine to the foremost specialized programs in cardiovascular services, oncology, and the neurosciences. The hospital is a certified Comprehensive Stroke Center. It has the only Level II Trauma Center in the region as well as the only Level III Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU). In addition, Huntington Hospital offers women's and children's services, state-of-the-art orthopedic surgery, psychiatric services, Huntington Hospital Senior Care Network, and Huntington Ambulatory Care Center.

Through an ongoing partnership between Huntington Hospital and Shriners Hospitals for Children – Southern California, inpatient surgical and medical services for pediatric patients are available at Huntington Hospital and the medical team provides advanced post-surgical care. A Shriners for Children Medical Center (located across the street from the hospital campus) offers specialty care services for pediatric patients in the region. In 2018, Huntington Hospital and Providence St. Joseph Health entered into an agreement to further expand access to quality care. Providence St. Joseph Health, which includes 12 medical institutions across Los Angeles and Orange Counties, contracts exclusively with Huntington Hospital in the San Gabriel Valley for all acute care hospital and outpatient clinical services. Huntington Hospital also partners with the University of Southern California (USC) Institute for Maternal-Fetal Health to offer a Fetal Surgery Program in Pasadena, which encompasses high-risk perinatal care, surgery and NICU expertise.

Huntington Hospital is committed to providing the highest quality health care and emergency services to the residents of our community. Through our efforts, including collaborations with our long-standing community partners, we continue to work to improve the health and well-being of all individuals living and working in the community, with particular attention to those who are too often without resources.

Change in Fiscal Year

To align with Cedars-Sinai's fiscal year, Huntington Hospital changed from a January to December fiscal year to a July to June fiscal year. The previous FY21 report presented community benefit information for January to December 2021. This FY22 report reflects the new fiscal year and presents community benefit activities and contributions for the six-month period of January 1, 2022 to June 30, 2022.

Awards

Huntington Hospital was the recipient of the following awards and accolades in 2022:

- *U.S. News & World Report* ranked the hospital as a high-performing hospital for:
 - COPD
 - Gastroenterology & GI surgery
 - Geriatrics
 - Hip fracture
 - Hip replacement
 - Maternity
 - Neurology & neurosurgery
 - Orthopedics
 - Prostate cancer surgery
 - Stroke
 - Urology
- Awarded Healthgrades America's 100 Best Hospitals and the Excellence Award for Cardiac Care and Coronary Intervention
 - Five-Star Recipient for treatment of heart failure, treatment of heart attack, coronary interventional procedures, hip fracture treatment and treatment of gastrointestinal bleed
- Blue Shield of California Blue Distinction®
 - Bariatric Surgery
 - Knee and Hip Replacement
 - Maternity Care
- Get with the Guidelines Stroke Gold Plus Quality Achievement Award from the American Heart/Stroke Association, Stroke Honor Roll Elite and Type 2 Diabetes Honor Roll
- Magnet® designation for nursing excellence from the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC)
- Awarded LGBTQ+ Healthcare Equality Leader designation by the Human Rights Campaign
- Beacon Award for Excellence in critical care by the American Association of Critical Care Nurses (AACN)
- ABRET Lab Accreditation
- Baby-Friendly® USA Designated Hospital
- The Jim and Eleanor Randall Breast Center received:
 - A full three-year accreditation from the National Accreditation Program for Breast Centers (NAPBC), one of only three hospitals in Los Angeles County to achieve this level of accreditation
 - Full three-year accreditation from the American College of Surgeons' Commission on Cancer

Mission and Vision

Mission

To provide excellent health care and compassionate service to each person by bringing together outstanding physicians, caring nurses, professional staff and advanced technologies.

Vision

To be the leader in creating community well-being through world-class health care delivered with kindness and dignity.

Core Values

Respect * Integrity * Stewardship * Excellence * Collaboration

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Pledge

Since 1892, Huntington has provided quality care, jobs, and support to the communities we serve to ensure a bright future where all residents can reach their full potential. We are committed to addressing health disparities that exist so that all communities may thrive. We acknowledge historical barriers, societal inequities and biases that disproportionately impact low-income households, communities of color, people with disabilities and other underserved communities that make it harder for these groups to have equitable access to care, higher education, housing and jobs.

We actively pledge to:

- **Apply** an equity lens to all aspects of our business, care, and will collaborate with our community to prioritize their voices.
- **Partner** with others to breakthrough economic, cultural, and language barriers. We want to ensure that all receive high-quality care – regardless of income, sexual orientation, gender identify, race, ethnicity, or language – and can reach their full potential.
- **Enforce** equitable processes and policies in hiring, promotions, and employee compensation.
- **Develop** ways to measure, track, and share our progress on these commitments to ensure accountability and impact.
- **Revisit** and update these commitments annually as part of our ongoing journey to an equitable future.

Governance

The Huntington Hospital Board of Directors guides the direction of community benefit, with guidance from the Community Benefit Committee (CBC).

Community Benefit Oversight

The Community Benefit Committee (CBC) is an advisory committee for the hospital's community

benefit programs. The CBC reviews and validates legal and regulatory compliance specific to community benefit mandates; assures community benefit programs and services are effectively meeting identified community health needs, with emphasis on populations with unmet health needs; and increases transparency and awareness of community benefit activities. The members of the CBC include:

Akila Gibbs, Executive Director, Pasadena Senior Center

Ana Maria Apodaca, Director, Health Programs, Pasadena Unified School District

Ann Rector, Community Member

Anne Miskey, Chief Executive Officer, Union Station

Bill Bogaard, Huntington Hospital Board Member

Cathi Chadwell, Executive Director, Philanthropy and Public Affairs, Huntington Hospital

Celina Alvarez, Executive Director, Housing Works

Christian Port, Senior Manager of Business Development, Planned Parenthood of Pasadena and San Gabriel Valley

Cynthia Ramos, Assistant to Director and Health Officer, City of Pasadena Public Health Department

Debbie Williams, Huntington Hospital Board Member

Divina Bautista, Head Nurse Practitioner, Caltech Student Health Center

Ellen Kramer, Executive Director, Young & Healthy

Ellen Lee, Community Member

Elva Sandoval, Executive Director, Families Forward

Jane Haderlein, Senior Vice President Philanthropy and External Affairs, Huntington Hospital

Jennifer Howes, Acting Director, Caltech Health and Counseling Center

Jenny Van Slyke, Prehospital Care Manager/PFD Nurse Education, Huntington Hospital

Juliana Serrano, Director, Office of Creative Connections, All Saints Church

Kathy Podley, Community Member

Lena Kennedy, Community Advocate

Lori J. Morgan, President and CEO, Huntington Hospital

Marcia Penido, Director, Care Coordination, Huntington Hospital

Margaret Morrow, President and CEO, Public Counsel

Margie Martinez, Chief Executive Officer, ChapCare

Mark Watterson, Chief Executive Officer, Convalescent Aid Society

Pamela Weatherspoon, Vice-President, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, Huntington Hospital

Priscilla Gamb, Community Advocate

Rary Simmons, Huntington Hospital Board Member

Rita Elshout, Community Advocate

Ruth Pichaj, Manager, Community Outreach and Community Benefit, Huntington Hospital

Stacy Miller, Director Volunteer Services, Huntington Hospital

Steve Madison, Councilmember District 6, City of Pasadena

Takako Suzuki, Field Representative District 6, City of Pasadena

Tim Sell, Chief of Emergency Services, Pasadena Fire Department

Vannia DeLaCuba, Deputy to Mayor, City of Pasadena

Wendy Wang, MPP, Director of Community Education, Outreach, and Public Policy, Pacific Clinics

Ying-Ying Goh, Director and Health Officer, City of Pasadena Public Health Department

Caring for our Community

Huntington Hospital has provided compassionate, world-class care for 130 years. Huntington Hospital offers the full spectrum of care for every need, in a variety of settings and through community partnerships. From primary care to urgent care, and from emergency care to trauma care, Huntington Hospital and its partners ensure that community members receive the right care, in the right place, at the right time.

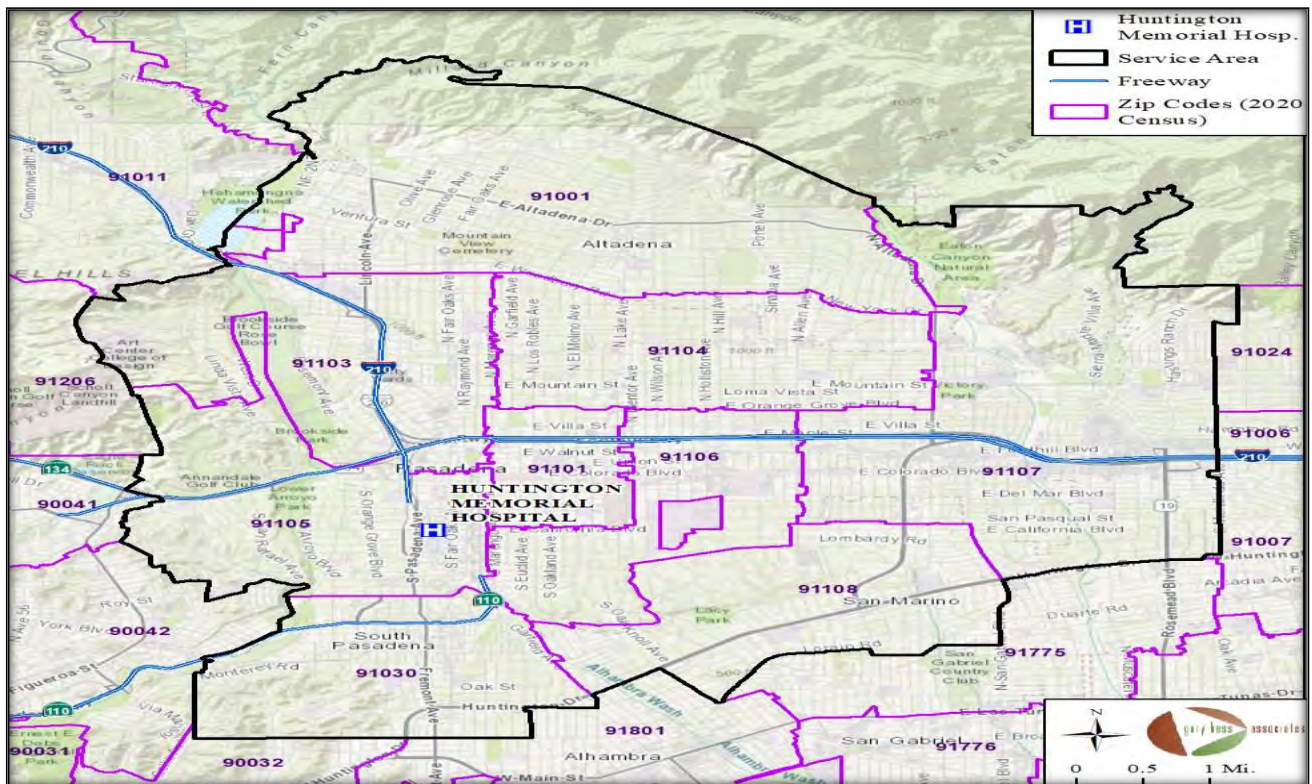
Service Area

Huntington Hospital is located at 100 W. California Blvd., Pasadena CA 91105. The hospital’s service area encompasses nine ZIP Codes in the cities of Altadena (unincorporated), Pasadena, San Marino, and South Pasadena. The service area is located in the Los Angeles County 5th Supervisorial District and in Los Angeles County Service Planning Area (SPA) 3.

Huntington Hospital Service Area

Geographic Areas	ZIP Codes
Pasadena	91101, 91103, 91104, 91105, 91106, 91107
San Marino	91108
Altadena	91001
South Pasadena	91030,

Service Area Map



Community Snapshot

Population Characteristics	Huntington Hospital
Total Population of the service area	234,421
Gender	Percent
Female	51.7%
Male	48.3%
Race/Ethnicity	Percent
White	36.9%
Hispanic/Latino	29.9%
Asian	19.3%
Black/African American	9.7%
Other or Multiple Races	4.0%
American Indian/Alaskan Native	0.1%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0.1%
Age	Percent
Less than 18 years	19.6%
18 – 64	64.0%
65+	16.4%
Socioeconomic Status	Percent
Residents living below 100% of the federal poverty level (FPL)	11.6%
Residents living below 200% of the federal poverty level (FPL)	24.2%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2015-2019. <https://data.census.gov/cedsci/>

Community Health Needs Assessment

Huntington Hospital conducted a Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) in 2022 as required by state and federal law. The CHNA is a primary tool used by Huntington to determine its community benefit plan, which outlines how it will give back to the community in the form of health care and other community services to address unmet community health needs. The assessment incorporated components of primary data collection and secondary data analysis that focused on the health and social needs of the service area. Huntington Hospital worked in collaboration with the City of Pasadena Public Health Department to complete the CHNA.

Huntington Hospital and the City of Pasadena Public Health conducted targeted interviews to gather information and opinions from persons who represent the broad interests of the community served by the hospital. Twenty (20) interviews were completed with key community informants, including obtaining input from the City of Pasadena Public Health Department.

Priority Health Needs

Significant health needs were identified from an analysis of the primary and secondary data sources. Interviews and focus groups with community stakeholders were used to gather input and identify the significant health needs.

- Access to care
- Chronic diseases
- COVID-19
- Dental health
- Housing and homelessness
- Mental health
- Overweight and obesity
- Preventive practices
- Substance use and misuse

The identified significant community needs were prioritized with input from the community. The interviewees were asked to prioritize the health needs according to highest level of importance in the community. Mental health, COVID-19, housing and homelessness, access to care and substance use were ranked as the top five priority needs in the service area.

The CHNA and Implementation Strategy are available on the hospital's website at <https://www.huntingtonhealth.org/community/community-benefit/>. Public comment on the CHNA and Implementation Strategy is encouraged as community input is used to inform and influence this work. Written comments can be submitted to Ruth Pichaj at Ruth.Pichaj@huntingtonhospital.com.

Addressing Priority Health Needs

In FY22, Huntington Hospital engaged in activities and programs that addressed the priority health needs identified in the 2020-2022 Implementation Strategy. Huntington Hospital chose to address: access to health care services, older adults and aging, child and adolescent health, and heart disease and stroke through a commitment of community benefit programs and resources.

Access to Health Care Services

Financial Assistance, Insurance Enrollment and Transportation

The hospital provided financial assistance through free and discounted care for health care services. To address health care access issues, Huntington Hospital offered information and enrollment assistance in low-cost insurance programs. The hospital also provided transportation support for those patients and families who were not able to access needed care due to a lack of transportation.

Health Screenings

To empower individuals to enjoy the healthiest lifestyles possible, registered nurses fluent in English and Spanish conducted free health screenings and counseling at diverse locations, including senior centers, grocery stores, libraries and farmers markets.

Health Information and Outreach

The [Healthy Pasadena Website](#) was made available free to service providers, nonprofits organizations and the general public. This hospital sponsored information about access to health care, community health status, social factors, tips for staying healthy, living longer, critical prevention, and healthy aging.

Care Navigation

Patients who were identified as vulnerable and in need of additional assistance were provided with post-discharge follow-up and assistance with care transitions. A community navigator and two community coordinators assisted vulnerable populations, including people who were experiencing homelessness. Support services included access to needed medical equipment and supplies, and discharge to recuperative care shelter. Care navigators provided 1,370 encounters to assist people to access need care resources.

In collaboration with the Health Consortium of Greater San Gabriel Valley, five member hospitals, Union Station Homeless Services, and United Way of Greater Los Angeles, the Service Planning Area 3 San Gabriel Patient Navigation Pilot began implementation in 2021. The program provided post-discharge case management for persons who were experiencing homelessness, connecting patients to support and needed services.

PORT Team

The Pasadena Outreach Response Team (PORT) is a joint effort of the City of Pasadena Public Health and Fire Departments, and Union Station Homeless Services that addresses homelessness as a public health concern. PORT provided field-based support and advocacy for people who were experiencing homelessness, living with chronic health conditions, diagnosed with mental health and/or substance use disorders. Huntington Hospital provided a registered nurse, 10 hours per week, to assist the program. Additionally, PORT provided field-based health screenings and administered flu vaccines and COVID-19 vaccines.

Ambulatory Care Clinic

Staffed by the hospital's internal medicine residents, the Huntington Ambulatory Care Clinic (HACC) provided primary and specialty care for uninsured and underinsured community members.

Psychiatric Care

The Della Martin Center offers two levels of care: a five day a week Partial Hospitalization Program (PHP) and a three day a week Intensive Outpatient Program (IOP). The Outpatient Program provides screening and treatment for adult psychiatric patients, and/or those with substance abuse and alcohol use disorder, who are experiencing mild to severe symptoms. This includes patients who recently have been discharged from inpatient settings, detox, or those at risk for psychiatric hospitalization, and others who can benefit from ongoing outpatient psychiatric or addiction treatment.

Outpatient Rehabilitation Services

The Outpatient Rehabilitation Services Department is a fully integrated program specializing in neurological and orthopedic diagnoses. We provide Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, and Speech Therapy services for persons who have experienced stroke, traumatic brain injury/concussions, spinal cord injury, ALS, Multiple Sclerosis, Parkinson's Disease, and other neurologic conditions.

Outpatient Palliative Care

Palliative care services were provided to persons in the outpatient setting.

Nalaxone Distribution

Huntington Hospital distributed naloxone nasal spray kits to patients at no cost. The kits were provided to patients after a brief counseling by a trained staff member. This program is an ongoing initiative within the emergency department to reduce deaths from drug overdoses.

Community Support

Huntington Hospital provided cash donations to nonprofit community organizations dedicated to increasing access to health care.

Child and Adolescent Health

Lactation Support

Under the supervision of a lactation specialist, Huntington Hospital provided lactation support by phone to breastfeeding mothers.

Community Support

Huntington Hospital provided cash donations to nonprofit community organizations dedicated to supporting child and adolescent health.

Heart Disease and Stroke

Health Education and Outreach

Health education sessions on heart health and stroke care were offered through the Senior Care Network.

Chronic Disease Screenings

Registered nurses fluent in English and Spanish conducted free health screenings and counseling at diverse locations, including senior centers, grocery stores, libraries and farmer's markets.

Food For All

Huntington Hospital is a member of the Food for All San Gabriel Valley Initiative. The program introduced food insecurity screening with patients and used a Social Determinates of Health platform to connect at-risk patients with patient navigators who are located at food agency partners.

Support Groups

Huntington Hospital offered a variety of support groups including nutrition/weight management and stroke.

Community Support

Huntington Hospital provided cash donations to nonprofit community organizations dedicated to preventing and treating heart disease and stroke.

Older Adults and Aging

Flu Vaccines

Free community flu shots were provided at a variety of locations including: local area community

centers, senior centers, senior supportive living centers, churches, public libraries, community events, farmers markets.

Health Education and Exercise Activities

Health education sessions and chair yoga were offered to seniors at senior centers and community centers.

Cancer Care

The Huntington Hospital Cancer Center offered education and support groups helping patients and their families cope with their diseases. In addition, cancer navigators, who are nurses, dieticians, and social workers, helped coordinate services and navigate through appointment scheduling, insurance coverage questions, and complementary therapies. At the Constance G. Zahorik Appearance Center at Huntington Hospital, a licensed cosmetologist helped clients manage the cosmetic side effects of cancer treatment, including the use of wigs, makeup, scarves and hats, and sun protective clothing. Referrals for breast prosthesis and bra fittings were also provided.

Senior Care Network

The Senior Care Network (SCN) helps older adults and adults with disabilities and their families remain healthy and independent and live safely in their homes. The community-based team includes over 30 staff and additional volunteers and students. They responded to phone inquiries from the general public, provided a variety of educational lectures, and distributed biannual Health Connection Newsletters, containing information and advice on aging and disease management.

Community Support

Huntington Hospital provided cash donations to nonprofit community organizations dedicated to the care of older adults.

Other Community Benefit Services

Huntington Hospital provided community benefit services in addition to those programs focused on addressing priority health needs.

Health Professions Education

Graduate Medical Education (GME)

Huntington Hospital offered two residency training programs in affiliation with USC Keck School of Medicine. There were 45 medical residents who participated in the internal medicine program or the general surgery training program.

Nursing Education

Huntington Hospital has partnerships with universities and colleges to provide staff-precepted clinical education for nursing students. This year, 391 student nurses were precepted by nursing staff.

Other Health Professions Education

Other health professionals are educated and performed their clinical hours and/or internship rotations at the hospital. Hospital staff trained and precepted 87 students in:

- Clinical laboratory
- Occupational therapy
- Pharmacy
- Physical therapy
- Radiology
- Rehabilitation
- Respiratory services
- Social work
- Speech language pathology

Emergency Services Training

The hospital is an emergency care base station for the region. The Emergency Department staff, in partnership with the Pasadena Fire Department, provided continuing education classes for emergency technicians, paramedics and mobile intensive care nurses from the surrounding communities and Los Angeles County. Additionally, 16 EMT and paramedic interns completed required clinical rotations in the Emergency Department.

Research

The Clinical Research Department (CRD) supports clinical research studies, including those involving human subjects, to advance the science of medicine, investigate enhanced treatment options and improve health care delivery.

Cash and In-Kind Donations

Cash Donations

Huntington Hospital supported community organizations through cash donations that addressed priority health needs.

In-Kind Donations

- People experiencing homelessness were provided with clothing, as needed.
- Leadership staff participated in community collaboratives and partnerships to increase access to health care and address community needs.

Community Benefit Operations

In FY22, community benefit operations supported:

- Lyon Software CBISA subscription
- Administrative support
- MySidewalk CHNA dashboard
- Community benefit consultants

Community Building Activities

Workforce Development

Huntington participated in programs that encouraged students to consider careers in the field of health care.

Financial Summary of Community Benefit

Huntington Hospital’s financial summary of community benefit for the FY22 six-month reporting period (January 1, 2022 to June 30, 2022) is summarized in the table below. The Hospital’s community benefit costs comply with Internal Revenue Service instructions for Form 990 Schedule H. Costs are based on the hospital's overall cost to charge ratio.

Community Benefit Categories	Net Benefit
Charity Care/Financial Assistance ¹	\$3,118,000
Unpaid Costs of Medi-Cal ²	\$26,801,000
Education and Research ³	\$11,290,612
Other for the Broader Community ⁴	\$6,195,088
Total Community Benefit Provided Excluding Unpaid Costs of Medicare	\$47,404,700
Unpaid Costs of Medicare ²	\$24,872,712
Total Quantifiable Community Benefit	\$72,277,412

¹ Financial Assistance includes traditional charity care write-offs to eligible patients at reduced or no cost based on the individual patient’s financial situation. Financial Assistance or Charity Care does not include costs for patients who had commercial insurance, but could not afford their out-of-pocket costs.

² Unpaid costs of public programs include the difference between costs to provide a service and the rate at which the hospital is reimbursed.

³ Costs related to the health professions education programs and medical research that the hospital sponsors.

⁴ Includes non-billed programs such as community health education, screenings, support groups, clinics, support services, cash and in-kind donations, and community benefit operations.

Community Benefit Plan FY23

As a result of the 2022 Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA), Huntington Hospital selected significant health needs it will address through its Implementation Strategy. The plan outlines the health needs the hospital will and will not address and the strategies it will use to address the selected health needs.

Significant Needs the Hospital Intends to Address

Huntington intends to take actions to address the following health needs identified in the FY22 CHNA:

- Access to care
- Chronic diseases
- Housing and people experiencing homelessness
- Mental health
- Overweight and obesity
- Preventive care

Health Need: Access to Health Care Services (including Mental Health and Preventive Care)

Goals

- Increase access to health care, mental health care and preventive care to improve the health of medically underserved individuals in the community.
- Increase the capacity of health care provider partners to meet the needs of the medically underserved.

Strategies and Programs

Financial Assistance

Provide financial assistance through free and discounted care and government health programs for low-income patients for health care services, consistent with the hospital's financial assistance policy.

Insurance Enrollment Assistance

Offer health insurance information and enrollment assistance. Convene community organizations to identify strategies to enroll low-income residents in affordable health insurance plans and assist them to obtain a medical home.

Transportation and Prescription Medication Support

Provide transportation support for patients who cannot access health services because of lack of transportation. And provide discounted or free prescription medications for patients who were unable to afford the cost of their medications.

Health Screenings

Registered nurses, fluent in English and Spanish, conduct free health screenings and counseling at community locations.

Vaccines

Provide free flu shots and COVID-19 vaccines at community locations.

PORT Team

The Pasadena Outreach Response Team (PORT) is a joint effort of the City of Pasadena Public Health and Fire Departments, and Union Station Homeless Services that addresses homelessness as a public health concern. PORT provides field-based support and advocacy for people who are experiencing homelessness, living with chronic health conditions, diagnosed with mental health and/or substance use disorders. Additionally, PORT provides field-based health screenings and administers flu vaccines and COVID-19 vaccines. Huntington Hospital will provide a registered nurse to assist the program.

Ambulatory Care Clinic

Provide primary and specialty care for uninsured and underinsured community members through the Huntington Ambulatory Care Clinic (HACC). Provide pop-up community medical clinics with follow-up at HACC as appropriate. Explore creation of an LGBTQ+ clinic as a component of HACC.

Community Support

Provide cash and in-kind donations to nonprofit community organizations dedicated to increasing access to health care.

Health Need: Chronic Disease (including Overweight and Obesity)

Goals

- Reduce the impact of chronic diseases on health and increase the focus on chronic disease prevention and treatment education.
- Reduce overweight and obesity as a result of increased healthy eating and physical activity.

Strategies and Programs

Chronic Disease Screening

Registered nurses, fluent in English and Spanish, conduct free health screenings and counseling at community locations.

Diabetes Empowerment and Education Program

Provide a six-week diabetes management program, offered in English and Spanish, for persons with Type II diabetes.

Support Groups

Host support groups for persons with chronic diseases, including nutrition/weight management, and their caregivers.

Cancer Center

Offer education and support groups helping persons with cancer and their families. Cancer navigators, who are nurses, dieticians, and social workers, help coordinate cancer services. A licensed cosmetologist at the Constance G. Zahorik Appearance Center at Huntington Hospital will help clients manage the cosmetic side effects of cancer treatment.

Community Outreach, Health Education and Exercise Classes

Conduct community outreach programs to provide information, education and resources, and raise awareness about chronic disease prevention and management. Provide community exercise programs.

Senior Care Network

Assist older adults and adults with disabilities and their families to remain healthy and independent and live safely in their homes. A community-based team responds to phone inquiries from the general public, provides educational lectures, and distributes *Health Connection* Newsletters, which contain information and advice on aging and disease management.

Food for All

Huntington Hospital is a member of the Food for All San Gabriel Valley Initiative. Initiate food insecurity screening with patients and use a Social Determinates of Health platform to connect at-risk patients with patient navigators who are located at food agency partners.

Lactation Support

Provide lactation support under the supervision of a lactation specialist to breastfeeding mothers. Breastfeeding has been shown to reduce the risk of childhood obesity.

Community Support

Provide cash and in-kind donations to nonprofit community organizations dedicated to address chronic diseases and increase access to healthy eating and active living.

Health Need: Housing and People Experiencing Homelessness

Goals

- Connect people experiencing homelessness to community-based programs and services.
- Build strategies to improve the health and housing stability of people experiencing homelessness.

Strategies and Programs

PORT Team

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Care Navigation

A community navigator and community coordinators will assist vulnerable populations, including people who were experiencing homelessness.

Community Support

Provide cash and in-kind donations to nonprofit community organizations dedicated to addressing housing and homelessness.

Evaluation of Impact

Huntington Hospital is committed to monitoring and evaluating key initiatives to assess the programs and activities outlined in this Implementation Strategy. We have implemented a system for the collection and documentation of tracking measures, such as the number of people reached/served, and collaborative efforts to address health needs. An evaluation of the impact of the hospital's actions to address these significant health needs will be reported in the next scheduled CHNA.

Needs the Hospital Will Not Address

There were significant health needs identified in the CHNA that did not meet the criteria for developing and implementing a health focus area and, as a result, are not addressed in this Community Benefit Plan. This is not intended to minimize the importance of those health needs; it is a reality of having a strategic focus on effectiveness to improve community health, utilizing the relevant expertise and allocating Huntington resources in a thoughtful manner in light of its charitable mission as a hospital.

The health needs identified in the CHNA that are not included in the health focus areas for this Implementation Strategy are dental care and substance use. Huntington will continue to look for opportunities to address community needs where we can make a meaningful contribution.

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