

### Promoting the Health of East Bay Communities

California's hospitals lead the nation in providing vital health care and other services to improve the well-being of the most vulnerable populations in their communities. Here in the East Bay, hospitals are also integral to the local economy by creating jobs, advancing medical technologies, and investing in education.

#### East Bay hospitals have shared health priorities

In 2020, the Hospital Council gathered community health needs assessments from the 17 hospitals in Alameda and Contra Costa counties. Those assessments reveal these shared health priorities:

- Improve access to care, including primary and specialty care
- Expand behavioral health and mental health services
- Address economic security, with an emphasis on food and housing

#### Hospitals in your county fund vital programs and services

Every year, the 11 hospitals in Alameda County collaborate with one another and partner with schools, clinics, and other organizations to promote the health of underserved individuals and families. The examples here illustrate just some of the ways your local hospitals are using community benefit funding to meet key health needs:

##### IMPROVING ACCESS TO CARE

- **Sutter Health** partners with Bay Area Community Services (BACS) on a post-hospitalization recuperative care program that includes care coordination and residential, nursing, and mental health support to unhoused individuals.
- **Washington Hospital Healthcare System** offers free diabetes screenings and exams, as well as community-based seminars on the prevention, treatment, and management of various health conditions.

##### EXPANDING BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES

- **St. Rose Hospital's** partnership with FACES for the Future and La Familia Counseling Services provides psychosocial support to at-risk student interns and their families, as well as mental health and wellness workshops.
- **Stanford Health Care – ValleyCare** funded a grant, with Alameda County Behavioral Health Care Services, to develop a drop-in-center at Santa Rita Jail where people with mental illness and substance use disorders can get help with immediate needs upon release from incarceration.

##### ADDRESSING ECONOMIC SECURITY

- **Kaiser Permanente** funding helps to preserve affordable housing, tackle homelessness, and ensure other vital services for individuals who are unsheltered or at risk of becoming unsheltered.
- **UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital's** pop-up food "farmacies" provide free produce, meat, eggs, and more to low-income patients twice a month.

### KEY ECONOMIC INDICATORS<sup>1</sup>

## Alameda County Hospitals



#### Economic Benefits

**18,349**

total employees

**\$2.6 billion**

salaries & benefits



#### Community Contributions

**\$189 million**

professional education & research

**\$59 million**

uncompensated care

**\$421 million**

Medi-Cal shortfall



#### Hospital Services

**131,102**

hospital stays

**677,856**

emergency department visits

**17,927**

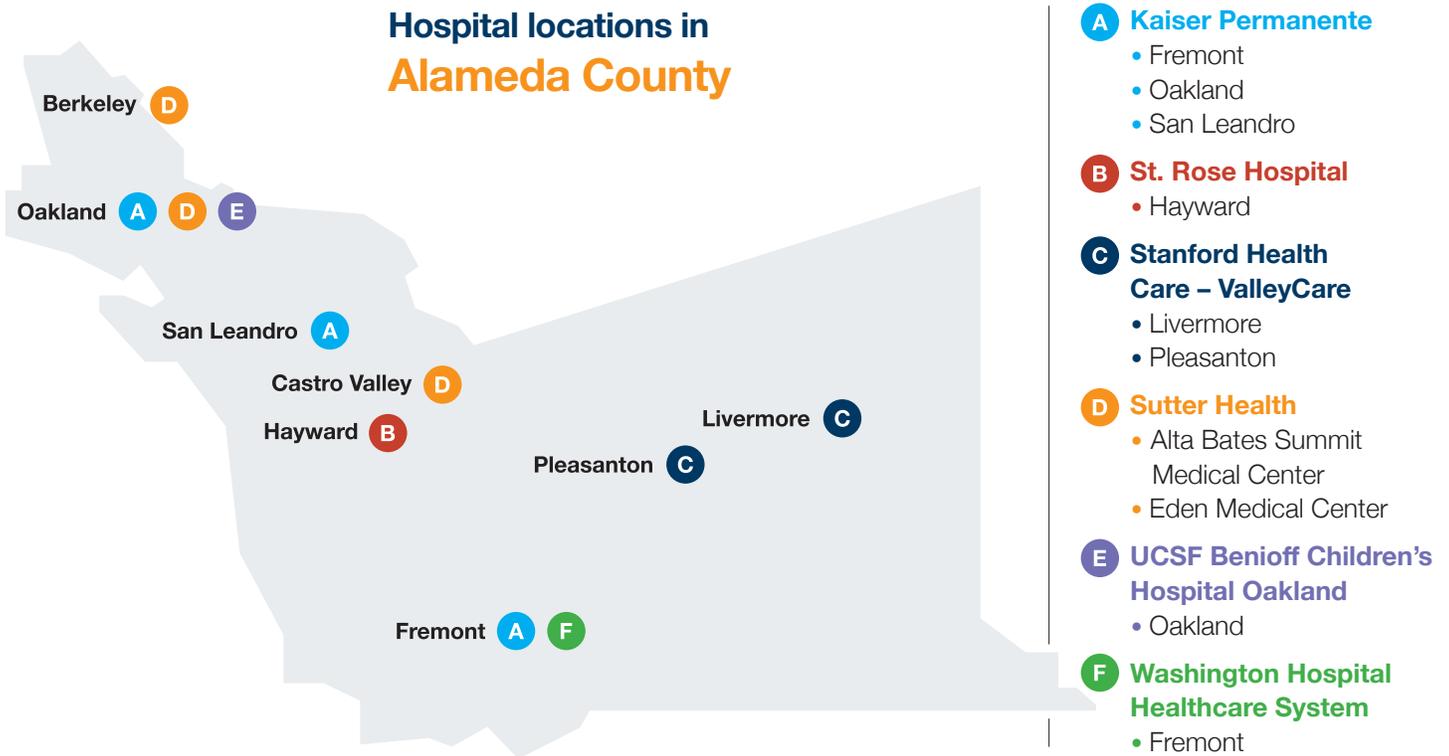
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<sup>1</sup>2018 data from hospitals and the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development.

## How Do Hospitals Define Community Benefit?

In 1994, the California Hospital Community Benefit Law was enacted to affirm the mission of the state's hospitals to provide programs that meet community health needs. Each year, California's not-for-profit hospitals invest approximately \$12 billion back into the communities they serve.

Examples of community benefit include charity care, covering the unpaid cost of providing health care services to Medi-Cal recipients, investing in life-saving emergency and trauma centers, and partnering with local organizations to provide care for the homeless and other underserved populations. Hospitals also invest in education and training, wellness and prevention programs, and other efforts that promote the health and well-being of their communities.



## The Community Health Needs Assessment Process

Every three years, hospitals prepare an assessment to determine how best to improve the health of the people who depend on them for care. This rigorous process involves the review of local data and input from community and government stakeholders. As a result, hospital community benefit programs are designed to meet identified, prioritized health needs that reflect the diversity of their local communities.

## Take Advantage of These Resources to Learn More

This report provides a general overview of health needs in the East Bay and in Alameda County. The latest community benefit reports are available at each hospital's website or at [www.hospitalcouncil.org/community-benefit](http://www.hospitalcouncil.org/community-benefit).

### Questions?

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