Our community role  Originally founded in 1916, Aurora Medical Center in Washington County, located in Hartford, Wis., is a 71-bed general acute-care hospital serving Dodge, Washington and northern Waukesha counties. As do all Aurora Health Care hospitals, Aurora Medical Center in Washington County offers a focused, coordinated approach to health care, and is committed to community programming. In 2012, our caregivers actively engaged with other community agencies and organizations at all levels, reporting more than 8,000 hours of community benefit activities in support of multiple community partners.
Assessing community health status - an ongoing commitment

Improving the health of our communities is a communitywide effort and begins with assessing community health status. Since 2005-2006, we have undertaken a community health assessment of our service area every three years, conducted in partnership with our local health department. This helps them to focus their resources on population health issues and enables us to align our charitable resources and expertise to respond to identified community health needs. To see community health research dating back to 2005-2006 and our Community Benefit Plan for 2013, please visit: Aurora.org/CommBenefits

Improving access for uninsured persons

Albrecht Free Clinic is the only clinic in Washington County that provides primary care services to the uninsured population of Washington County. Aurora Health Care doctors and nurses volunteer their time to staff the clinic. Aurora accepts clinic vouchers for laboratory and radiology services, and Aurora doctors provide discounted services for the clinic’s patients who need specialty care. In 2012, the clinic completed 3,150 visits and served 1,117 patients - with a majority of the patients in need of medical assistance for acute or chronic conditions, including acute musculoskeletal disorders, chronic mental health illnesses, chronic respiratory problems, diabetes and hypertension.

Providing care where people gather

Providing a parish nurse at Still Waters Community United Methodist Church in Jackson, Wis., was one way to assure that people faced with health challenges received the appropriate level of attention and support. For Still Waters parishioners, the Aurora Health Care parish nurse combined faith with nursing to respond to questions and concerns about blood pressure, diabetes, medications, nutrition, weight control and end-of-life issues. Most importantly, she assisted them in managing concerns in ways that addressed their spiritual and emotional well-being.

Creating a new standard of care with the Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner program

Aurora Health Care’s sexual assault nurse examiners are specially trained and certified nurses that advance the capacity of the broader community to respond to issues related to sexual assault and personal violence. Aurora’s sexual assault nurse examiner in Washington County is available 24 hours a day to:

• Collect medical evidence and provide forensic evaluations
• Assist victims of assault in reporting the crime that has been committed against them
• Testify as an expert witness in court
• Offer emotional support and referrals to agencies that provide counseling, as well as other health and advocacy services

In addition, our sexual assault nurse examiner shares expertise as faculty for basic and advanced training across the region.
Supporting Fit Kids ... Fit Families of Washington County

Aurora Medical Center in Washington County received a grant in 2004 from the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health to create a Fit Kids ... Fit Families program. The 12-week multidisciplinary program, run in collaboration with the Kettle Moraine YMCA, focuses on prevention and treatment of childhood weight concerns. Our caregivers support the program by providing clerical, coordinator and dietitian support, and by promoting the program to local pediatricians and family medicine providers to increase family participation.

“If something isn’t done to address obesity, we’ll see greater numbers of people with more complex and costly health issues,” said Linda Walter, director of Washington County Health Department. “Fit Kids ... Fit Families shows we can have an impact on this issue. It’s going to take all of us to beat obesity. Aurora’s willingness to help establish this model program has brought us a long way toward achieving our goal.”

Promoting injury prevention and safety for high school students

Keeping our young people safe is a community effort. Aurora Medical Center in Washington County participated in the Every 15 Minutes campaign at Slinger High School in Slinger, Wis. The title “Every 15 Minutes” refers to the fact that someone dies in an alcohol-related traffic accident every 15 minutes. The program, hosted by the Village of Slinger Police Department and Washington County Safety Coalition, was presented to more than 500 Slinger High School students in 2012. The focus of the program is designed to reach out to students and dramatically instill the potentially dangerous consequences of drinking alcohol and driving. Our caregivers participated as organizers, presenters and chaperones for the event.

Promoting injury prevention and safety for young athletes

Wisconsin Act 172 requires all youth athletic organizations to educate coaches, athletes and parents about the risks of concussions and head injuries.

Any athletes removed from an athletic activity because of a confirmed or suspected concussion or head injury may not return until he or she receives written clearance from a health care provider. To help our five area high schools safely continue their athletic programs, we provided many community benefit activities around youth athletic safety education, training and screening.

Main 2012 activities included:

• Concussion testing for high school athletes and youth football players
• Counseling for youth athletes and their families about concussion safety, including education and resources
• Height and weight screenings presented at a youth football clinic
• Providing a nurse for football programs to help injured players, etc.
• Presenting community talks for female high school students to increase knowledge about common injuries associated with female athletes and prevention strategies
• Donating medical and athletic training services to local high schools
## 2012 Community Benefit Report

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*Cost-to-charge ratios are based on Wisconsin Hospital Association percentages.

1Includes 2012 hospital assessment tax.

2Unlike some community benefit reports that include additional categories as community benefits, Aurora Health Care has elected to exclude Medicare shortfalls and bad debt expenses from the community benefit calculations. When Medicare shortfalls are added, Aurora’s total benefit to the community is $4,135,549.

During 2012, as part of a patient service area including Dodge, Washington and northern Waukesha counties, a total of 136 caregivers at Aurora Medical Center pledged $81,047.33 to the Aurora Partnership Campaign – showing support for the not-for-profit agencies, organizations and causes in our community that are most important to them. The campaign offers more than 1,600 funds, including more than 300 Aurora funds, local United Way agencies, and other not-for-profit organizations responding to important community needs.

To learn how you can make a gift to support programs described in this report, please visit: Aurora.org/Foundation