

Community Health & Preventive Medicine

Established May 1, 1996 through a resolution of the St. Luke's Board of Trustees.

Mission To partner with the community to increase health awareness, improve the health status of the community and encourage appropriate access to health services.

Health Priorities

- Improving Access to Care and Reducing Health Disparities
- Promoting Healthy Lifestyles and Preventing Chronic Disease
- Improving Mental/Behavioral Health



Community Health & Preventive Medicine

St. Luke's supports and implements meaningful community outreach that achieves measurable outcomes. The Network maintains medical, specialty care, women's and pediatric clinics at convenient, easily accessible community locations, annually serving 140,000+ clinic patient visits.

The Community Health and Preventive Medicine Department uses a Network-wide approach developed as a result of the Community Health Needs Assessments. Initiatives were developed using best practices and evidence-based models in collaboration with various community partners.

The department operates mobile health vans throughout the region. Departmental initiatives have achieved impressive results, providing vision care and access to care through various community health centers and maternal child programs with outcomes exceeding state and national benchmarks.

St. Luke's citizenship is also reflected in its annual payment of \$7.1 million in property and school taxes (physician offices, selected out-patient locations, etc). Community benefits represent 12.2 percent, or \$191.8 million, in costs of our total expense budget. According to the IRS Form 990 for fiscal year 2018, that represents the highest percentage of community benefits among health systems in the Lehigh Valley.

Major Partnership Initiatives

Healthy Kids, Bright Futures: Healthy Kids, Bright Futures is the umbrella for our Maternal & Early Child Health (MCH) initiatives, which consist of two programs implemented through the Visiting Nurse Association of St. Luke's: the Nurse-Family Partnership (NFP) and the Visiting Nurse Advocate for the County (VNAC).

HOPE Center: The (*Health, Outreach, Prevention and Education*) Center provides clinical, case management and prevention services to individuals living with HIV/AIDS.

Adopt a School: St. Luke's partners with high-need local schools to provide comprehensive medical, dental, vision, nutrition, behavioral health and literacy initiatives.

Vision: St. Luke's Vision Initiative assists families in our Adopt a School program to help overcome obstacles that prevent children from obtaining vision care.

Adolescent Career Mentoring: This program provides career-mentoring programs for in-school and out-of-school youth in Lehigh and Northampton counties, through a combination of hospital rotations, professional development sessions and work experience.

Community Supported Agriculture: Partnering with local farmers, St. Luke's provides a Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) program to our Network employees to increase access to and consumption of fresh fruits and vegetables.

Healthy Living & Chronic Disease Prevention: The overarching goal of this initiative is to improve nutritional status and physical activity levels while reducing the chronic disease burden in the

St. Luke's University Health Network service area by creating a culture that supports healthy living.

Literacy: This initiative is a multi-pronged approach with a focus on children from birth through third grade. Literacy is supported Network-wide by Little Free Libraries, Dr. Seuss Day, Reading Rocks! and book drives.

Get Your Tail on the Trail: This is a free community initiative of St. Luke's and Delaware & Lehigh National Heritage Corridor (D&L) to encourage regular exercise and healthy living.

Walk With a Doc: St. Luke's uses this simple, sustainable model to encourage people to get out and get active: A doctor gives a brief talk on health and then leads participants on a walk at their own pace, often followed with a healthy snack and blood pressure check.

Diabetes: The St. Luke's Miners Diabetes Education Center, accredited through the American Association of Diabetes Educators (AADE), provides individual and group Diabetes Self-Management Training (DSMT) to community members living with diabetes.

HEARTS Clinic: The (*Health, Education and Resources, Temple/St. Luke's*) Clinic was created by St. Luke's medical school students as a way to increase access to care and help reduce health disparities in our community. Students offer a free clinic for the uninsured/underserved residents of Fountain Hill and Bethlehem's Southside.

Strategic Partnerships

Star Wellness

Star Wellness, an affiliate of St. Luke's University Health Network, provides comprehensive well and sick primary care OB/GYN, dental and pediatric health services to the surrounding communities and medically underserved. Compassionate physicians and other providers offer these services in community-based settings. Star Wellness supports the health and wellness goals of local residents and specializes in providing improved access, coordinated care and enhanced patient/family involvement. No one is denied care because of an inability to pay. Star Wellness offers a sliding fee discount program for both insured and uninsured patients based on an individual's income and family size.



Geisinger

St. Luke's and Geisinger have partnered to build a new acute care hospital in southern Schuylkill County – on Route 61 near Orwigsburg. The fully-licensed hospital includes an emergency department and a full range of specialties and services. St. Luke's and Geisinger enjoy a history of collaboration, including Geisinger's Life Flight service that provides emergency medical air transportation for the entire St. Luke's system.

RWJBarnabas

St. Luke's and RWJBarnabas Health (RWJBH) in New Jersey partner through a clinical affiliation providing patients primarily in northwest New Jersey greater access to the high-quality clinical services, expertise, experience and resources of both organizations. Future areas of cooperation may include clinical trials, medical education and research.



GE Healthcare

GE International Show Site

St. Luke's, one of GE's premier international showcases for imaging technologies, has helped GE design and bring to market innovative vascular imaging products.

Community Partnerships

St. Luke's University Health Network has a long-standing, proven track record of forming effective, mutually respectful partnerships with a variety of community organizations including:

Business

- B. Braun Medical
- EPIC
- GE Healthcare
- Premier

Community

- ArtsQuest
- Bethlehem Partnership for a Healthy Community
- Moravian Village of Bethlehem
- Phillipsburg Leadership Team
- Fowler Community Health Center
- Hispanic Center Lehigh Valley
- Delaware & Lehigh National Heritage Corridor
- Pennsylvania CareerLink – Lehigh Valley

Education

- *Colleges:*
 - Lehigh
 - Temple
 - Wilkes
 - Moravian
 - DeSales
 - Muhlenberg
- *School Districts:*
 - Allentown
 - Bangor Area
 - Bethlehem
 - Panther Valley
 - Phillipsburg
 - Warren Hills
- *Technical Schools:*
 - Warren County
- *Community Colleges:*
 - Lehigh
 - Northampton
 - Warren

Health Care Organizations

- Easton Hospital
- Hospital & Healthsystem Association of Pennsylvania
- Lewis Katz School of Medicine at Temple University
- New Jersey Hospital Association
- Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine
- St. Christopher's Hospital for Children
- University of Pennsylvania Health System Geisinger

