

COMMUNITY BENEFITS RECAP

INSTITUTION NAME: **Boston Medical Center**

FINANCIAL YEAR: **2020**

Program Name	Brief Program Description	Amount (\$)	Cash, In-Kind, or Both ¹	1-time or Ongoing ²	Who is Served ³	Program Initiator ⁴	City-wide or Neighborhoods Served ⁵	Community Benefit Category ⁶	Partners
Preventive Food Pantry and Teaching Kitchen	Boston Medical Center's Food Pantry and Teaching Kitchen address hunger-related illness and malnutrition among our low-income patient population. Individuals at risk of malnutrition – the chronically ill, undernourished children, the elderly, the homeless, and others – are referred to the program by Boston Medical Center (BMC) physicians and/or nutritionists. They are provided with "prescriptions" for supplemental food that best promotes physical health, prevents future illness, and facilitates recovery.	\$499,413	15% cash, 84% other	ongoing since 2001	low-income patients who are at risk of malnutrition	BMC	City-wide	Built Environment	Greater Boston Food Bank, Ocean State Job Lot, Food for Free, Whole Foods, Pepperidge Farm, Walmart, and local churches, synagogues, and schools
Violence Intervention Advocacy Program	VIAP supports a safe and healthy community. Violence Intervention Advocates (community health workers) provide individual counseling, triage and referral services. Direct services and referrals to services include crisis intervention and stabilization, housing and transportation, legal assistance, education, vocational and life skills development, mental health, employment, and health and wellness education.	\$943,293	16% cash, 84% other	ongoing since 2006	Boston residents who are victims of violence and their families	BMC	City-wide	Violence Prevention	Boston Public Health Commission, Massachusetts Department of Public Health
Child Witness to Violence Program	CWVP is a nationally-recognized and award-winning counseling, outreach, and consultation program that offers a flexible combination of services to children and their families, including: intensive trauma-focused counseling that is developmentally tailored to very young children and their parents; access to legal advocacy; and assistance with linking to other necessary services including health care, child care, housing, and after-school programs. The training/clinical consultation component of the program delivers trainings across Massachusetts and 12 states.	\$655,324	100% other	ongoing since 1992	Children from Boston and Greater Boston who are under the age of 8 and who have been exposed to domestic or community violence	BMC	Boston and Greater Boston	Violence Prevention	Governor's Council on Sexual and Domestic Violence, Child Advocacy Center of Suffolk County, Early Trauma Treatment Network
SPARK Center (Supporting Parents and Resilient Kids)	SPARK is a national model which provides specialized, comprehensive support for medically and/or psychiatrically complex children during the infant/toddler/preschool years and, later, during out-of-school hours. SPARK operates an Early Childhood Day Program, a School-Age After School Program, a young adult Job Training Program, a Summer Camp Program, and the TICKET to Success Program which helps young people shape their own successful futures while they, in turn, help young children with special needs.	\$769,590	6% cash, 94% other	ongoing since 1998 (*suspended in June due to COVID*)	Medically and or/psychiatrically complex children aged infant through 18	BMC	Primarily from but not limited to: Boston neighborhoods of Dorchester, Roxbury, Mattapan	Other	Boston University School of Medicine, Children's Hospital Boston, Justice Resource Institute

<p>Elders Living at Home</p>	<p>The Elders Living at Home Program (ELAHP) supports elders in making the transition out of homeless and provides supportive services that build on the individual abilities of elders and to help them overcome the barriers to permanent housing. ELAHP serves elders in greatest need, including non-English-speaking elders and other marginalized individuals. ELAHP is committed to providing high-quality services in a respectful manner that will help each client reach his or her highest potential. The ELAHP model encompasses service, advocacy, research and education on the causes of and solutions to elder homelessness. The new Living Well at Home Project, a community-based complex care management pilot designed to improve health outcomes for frail residents of an elderly/disabled housing complex in Roxbury, serves clients who have at least one chronic illness; many have more than one disabling medical condition.</p>	<p>\$841,404</p>	<p>33% cash, 67% other</p>	<p>ongoing since 1987</p>	<p>Homeless elders and elders at risk of becoming homeless</p>	<p>BMC</p>	<p>City-wide</p>	<p>Housing</p>	<p>City of Boston Department of Neighborhood Development, US Administration on Aging, Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Elder Affairs</p>
<p>Birth Sisters</p>	<p>Birth Sisters is a home visiting and labor support program that assists low-income expectant and new mothers at risk for complications due to medical or social factors such as social isolation, domestic violence, infants with anticipated significant medical problems such as but not limited to low birth weight, and families with complex psychosocial issues. A Birth Sister from the same culture and community as the mother assists during pregnancy, childbirth and early motherhood; she becomes a crucial link between the family and health care system. Birth Sisters is also a workforce development program. BMC trains Birth Sisters, typically unskilled women, and provides them with a certificate upon successful completion of the program. The women are paid an hourly wage for their services, helping them economically. Birth Sisters offers an entryway to the workforce. Many Birth Sisters have gone on to become nursing assistants, interpreters, nurses, midwives and public health professionals.</p>	<p>\$136,388</p>	<p>62% cash, 38% other</p>	<p>ongoing since 1999</p>	<p>Low-income families</p>	<p>BMC</p>	<p>Roxbury, Mattapan, East Boston, South Boston, and Dorchester</p>	<p>Other</p>	
<p>Grow Clinic</p>	<p>The Grow Clinic for Children is an outpatient subspecialty clinic, of BMC's Department of Pediatrics, that provides comprehensive specialty medical, nutritional, developmental and social services as well as dietary assistance to children diagnosed with Failure To Thrive by their primary care physician. In addition to clinical services, the Grow Clinic advocates for policies that decrease the number of children in need.</p>	<p>\$1,200,000</p>	<p>47% cash, 78% other</p>	<p>ongoing since 1984</p>	<p>Children experiencing Failure to Thrive</p>	<p>BMC</p>	<p>City-wide</p>	<p>Other</p>	<p>Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Morgan Stanley Foundation</p>

StreetCred	StreetCred provides low and middle income families with free tax preparation services in the clinical setting. StreetCred focuses on reducing child poverty and is committed to maximizing access to the Earned Income Tax Credit for eligible filers, returning as much as ~\$6,000 in tax credits to eligible filers who, based on their low income may not otherwise file, but benefit from the increased financial stability provided by the tax refund. In addition to tax preparation services, StreetCred links clients to asset building resources, child education, and job training resources.	\$240,470	100% other	ongoing since 2016	low-income families	BMC	Roxbury, Mattapan, East Boston, South Boston, and Dorchester	Other	Boston Tax Help Coalition, Martha Eliot Health Center, South End Community Health Center, Boston Health Care for the Homeless Program
Cristo Rey High School Partnership	Through this partnership, a four-student team fills one work-study full-time position on a rotational basis that equals a 40-hour workweek during a ten-month period. Students provide services for the organization while gaining valuable work skills and exposure to working in a business environment.	\$36,300	70% cash, 30% in-kind	ongoing, paused due to pandemic	students of the Cristo Rey High School, Dorchester	BMC Human Resources	Dorchester	Employment	Cristo Rey High School
YMCA Training, Inc.	YMCA Training, Inc. provides adults with job skills training to help them obtain living-wage employment. In partnership with the YMCA, BMC provides customer service training, offers internship opportunities, and a BMC representative serves on the Partners Council. In the past 20 years, BMC has hired approximately 110 Training, Inc. graduates with an almost 80% six-month retention rate.	\$12,000	62% cash, 38% in-kind	ongoing, paused due to pandemic	Boston residents, YMCA Training, Inc. staff and students	YMCA Training, Inc.	City-wide	Employment	YMCA Training, Inc.
Boston Area Health Education Center (BAHEC)	BAHEC, a Boston Public Health Commission program, aims to diversify the pool of health professionals in Boston by encouraging youth to pursue careers in health and public health. BAHEC develops, implements, and evaluates in- and after-school enrichment programs and events for middle and high school aged youth from Boston. The BAHEC's Youth to Health Careers (Y2HC) initiative works to increase youth knowledge, awareness, and pursuit of health careers through academic enrichment, job shadowing, leadership training, and college preparation. Central to the Y2HC initiative is a six-week Summer Enrichment Program, during which participating students take courses in math, science, public health, and personal wellness topics such as nutrition and healthy relationships. Students also participate in an internship in a medical or public health setting. BMC has hosted interns who were placed in multiple departments across campus.	\$5,000	inkind	ongoing, paused due to pandemic	middle and high school youth from Boston Public Schools.	BAHEC, Boston Public Health Commission	City-wide	Employment	Boston Public Health Commission

