

Southwest Minnesota 2024

# Community Impact Report



Mayo Clinic Health System is dedicated to improving the health of our patients and the communities we serve.

We address both individual and community health needs through our integrated care teams and by actively collaborating with external partners who understand the unique challenges faced by community members. Together, we work to overcome barriers to health access and effectively deploy resources to enhance the health and well-being of our communities.

Mayo Clinic Health System's Southwest Minnesota region serves Fairmont, Mankato, New Prague, St. James and Waseca and surrounding communities.



## Community Investments

Mayo Clinic Health System in Southwest Minnesota community contributions totaled over \$665,000 in 2024. Our funding priorities, mental health and addressing social determinants of health, directly support our community health priorities. Our organization made contributions to more than 110 organizations, examples include:

### Mental health

- Committee Against Domestic Abuse to provide services to victims and survivors of domestic and sexual violence in our region.
- Mankato Youth Place (MY Place) to begin offering mental health services to at-risk youth.
- Wellspring Faith in Action to provide health and wellness programs for seniors in St. James.

### Addressing social determinants of health

- Fairmont Area Schools to establish a student support fund for hygiene, school supplies, and other essential needs as determined by the school and the student's parent.
- Treehouse of Scott County to acquire a van to transport youth to support groups and activities.
- Waseca Neighborhood Area Food Shelf building campaign and address food insecurity through food purchases for the food shelf and BackPack program.

## 475+

Over 475 employees collectively volunteered more than 1,100 hours of their time to support community organizations and events.

## 2.2K+

Staff devoted more than 2,200 hours using their expertise at community presentations, booths, expos and activities.

## 15

Engaged employees in 15 donation collections to support various local nonprofits, including food, personal items, blood and winter gear drives.



## Community Partnerships

Mayo Clinic Health System collaborates with a wide range of partners across the region, including chambers of commerce, government officials, public health agencies, schools, United Way, universities, and community-based organizations focused on health and well-being. Examples include:

- Partnered with Bravo Zulu House to provide chemical addiction treatment and mental health services to veterans struggling with mental health and addiction challenges and provided financial support for their building campaign.
- Conducted women's health education and screening events in collaboration with Hispanic Advocacy and Community Empowerment Through Research (HACER), Minnesota's SAGE program, and the Mayo Clinic Health System Mobile Health Clinic in Madelia and St. James.
- Collaborated with the Greater Mankato Youth Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Coalition to launch the Greater Mankato Mental Health Hub, a one-stop website for families and youth seeking mental health support and resources.
- Delivered free community health education programs to various locations, including VINE Faith in Action, the Waseca Area Senior Citizens Center, New Prague Newborn Talk, and local service clubs, by arranging presentations from healthcare professionals.
- Provided health and wellness programming to children and families in partnership with the Children's Museum of Southern Minnesota.
- Engaged over 8,000 elementary students in health and wellness education during Wellness Week to promote healthy living.
- Collaborated with nine high schools to integrate impactful healthcare career exploration programs consisting of observations and presentations as part of their core curriculum.



## Commitment to Community

Mayo Clinic Health System is committed to providing the right kind of care close to home to help improve community health and well-being. Examples include:

- Served rural patients in Southern Minnesota with the Mobile Health Clinic, providing immunizations, chronic disease checks, lab collections and more. The mobile health clinic provided over 1,162 visits in 2024.
- Expanded the organization's capacity to address patient health disparities through the expansion of the health equity coordinator role to facilitate access to community resources and three community health workers to assist patients with chronic diseases in improving their health outcomes.
- Broke ground on the New Prague Cancer Center expansion which allows for increased patient capacity, modernized facilities and integrated cancer and infusion therapy practices. Construction will be completed in early 2026.
- Completed the Mankato Hospital Expansion and Modernization Project which added three floors and 121 beds to the Mankato hospital, including: a new flexible and expanded ICU and Progressive Care Unit, a new Medical-Surgical Unit and a new Family Birth Center.
- Renovated and expanded the Waseca emergency department to include a new wing of exam and treatment rooms, a multi-function ambulance garage and improved vehicle entry points.