



2021 COMMUNITY BENEFIT SNAPSHOT

We invest in Alaska's health.

Caring for our communities is vitally important. To achieve our vision of health for a better world, we work closely with local partners to ensure we respond to the most pressing needs.

Total benefit to our communities in 2021
\$75 MILLION



Taking action on health challenges

In 2021, we continued to focus on pandemic response and other core priorities including equitable access to care, housing and homelessness, mental health and substance use, and food insecurity.

Bringing our Mission to life

At Providence, we are dedicated to improving community health and reducing disparities in the Western U.S. and beyond. Called by our Mission, we are steadfast in serving all, especially those who are poor and vulnerable.



Community health improvement and strategic partnerships
\$7.7 MILLION



Health professions education and research
\$7.4 MILLION



Subsidized health services
\$10.7 MILLION



Free and discounted care for the uninsured and underinsured
\$17 MILLION



Unpaid cost of Medicaid and other means-tested government programs
\$32 MILLION

*Data is consolidated based on unaudited financial reporting.

The numbers include home and community care investments and joint ventures by percentage ownership

Our shared values in action

Community health workers help Ugandan family adjust to Alaska.



When Peter and Kabuo arrived in Alaska as refugees from Uganda five years ago, neither spoke English. They knew nothing of the region, with its shockingly different climate from Africa.

“But we were desperate to move somewhere safe,” says Kabuo from their home in Anchorage, through a Swahili-speaking translator. Their family, which includes five children, is receiving support and finding hope through their partnership with a community health worker or CHW. Providence supports this program, enabling community health workers to build trust within vulnerable communities and create bridges to critical services. The CHWs use their education, training, community

partnerships, lived experience and Providence Alaska resources to address access issues. These are caused by differences in language, culture, past experiences, and challenges with transportation, lack of insurance and health literacy.

Zabeeba Mohammed, one of the CHWs, came to Alaska from Lebanon in 2008 and remembers the feelings she experienced at that time. “It was difficult,” says Zabeeba. “There was the language barrier, the weather, the rules and the different culture. It was very difficult to find transportation, and doctor experiences were hard.” Today, Zabeeba uses her experience to help others. At Peter and Kabuo’s home, she works with Peter to get his family signed up for the public assistance for which they qualify.

After nearly five years in Alaska, Peter and Kabuo say they are adjusting. Having support from Zabeeba and the other CHWs in the Providence family is comforting. “I am so happy I have work, the house payment is fair, and the kids are enjoying school,” Peter says. “The kids are learning the language and we are safe now.”

“Despite the challenges of the pandemic, we continued our work with community partners to ensure Alaskans had access to care, food, shelter and other needs to help ease their way during this difficult time.”

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