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2008



Kokomo Pulmonary



Birthing Center



Imaging Center



MRI Services



Electrophysiology

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Howard Regional Health System continues to be the hospital market share leader in Howard County and north central Indiana offering a full range of inpatient and outpatient services from our two hospitals, three campuses and numerous other facilities. Locally-owned and governed, we are the third largest employer in Howard County and proud to be your hospital.

Community Benefit

Part of our responsibility as a not-for-profit community hospital is to provide patient care regardless of a person's ability to pay and to provide services for the benefit of the communities and individuals we serve. During 2008, Howard Regional Health System provided a community benefit of \$47,689,359 as compared to \$32,244,808 in 2007. 237,426 units of service were provided.

	2007	2008
Charity Care	\$ 6,701,469	\$ 8,169,873
Unpaid Costs for Medicare & Medicaid	23,783,796	37,627,500
Sub-Total	\$30,485,265	45,797,373
Community Health Improvement Services	778,200	597,112
Health Professions Education	96,076	185,112
Subsidized Health Services	360,712	597,861
Research	78,800	13,520
Financial & In-kind Contributions	168,908	247,853
Community Building Activities	160,089	189,978
Community Benefit Operations	116,758	60,550
Total	\$32,244,808	\$47,689,359

Physician Recruitment

Over the past decade, one of Howard Regional's community commitments has been to recruit and secure relationships with primary care physicians. This strategy was behind the formation of Community Family Health Center, North Central Indiana Pediatric Center, Community OB/GYN Center and our internal medicine practices. We have further enhanced our base of primary care physicians with the employment of Dr. Timothy Gatewood, Dr. Alnasir P. Virjee, Dr. Sadia M. Dar and Dr. Ryan Trauring.

Howard also successfully recruited several specialists during 2008: Dr. Lawrence Gering, electrophysiologist; Dr. Krishnan Rajagopal, pulmonologist; Dr. John Salter, medical oncologist; Dr. John Schiltz, child and adolescent psychiatrist; Dr. Carol Sheridan, general surgeon; Dr. Damir Matesic, allergist and immunologist; and Dr. Joel Underwood, cardiac anesthesiologist.

Facility Growth

Imaging Center of North Central Indiana

Howard Regional took over operation of the Imaging Center of North Central Indiana on January 1, 2008. Doing so allowed us to begin offering inpatient MRI services at our Main Campus, improving patient safety and quality of care.

Birthing Center and Medical Surgical Unit

In January 2008, we opened our new 9,702 square-foot Birthing Center and new 7,899 square-foot Medical/Surgical Unit. These added 16 private post partum rooms and 13 private Medical Surgical rooms. Additionally, the new Birthing Center added two additional labor/delivery/recovery rooms for a total of eight.

Dedicated Pediatric Unit

The Pediatric Unit was updated and remodeled in the space vacated by the old Birthing Center in early summer. This unit includes ten private rooms, a children's playroom and a treatment room.

Specialty Medical Office

In early fall, we opened a new medical office building adjacent to our West Campus Specialty Hospital. This facility houses Kokomo Pulmonary.

Technology Center

In late summer, Howard Regional began construction on an expansion of its Technology Center at the Main Campus Annex Building, 3548 S. Lafountain. The additional space is being used to support the organization's growth and advancement in medical and information technology.

New Services

Electrophysiology

In December 2008, Howard Regional Health System added electrophysiology to its comprehensive cardiology program. We are the only hospital in the region to offer this cardiac subspecialty dedicated to treating heart rhythm disorders.

Expanded Clinical Trials

Our Oncology Center continues to expand its clinical trial offerings to our patients. We are the only Howard County oncology center able to offer these trials to cancer patients, thereby potentially improving their treatment outcomes.

Looking Ahead

Quality, patient safety and patient satisfaction will continue to be priorities at Howard Regional in the year and years ahead. Working with guidelines provided by state and national healthcare organizations, we are committed to providing exceptional quality, patient-centered care, and we embrace the healthcare reform in which our country is engaged.



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