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Southern Ohio Medical Center
Community Benefits Report 2008

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At Southern Ohio Medical Center, our hearts are at the center of everything we do. We strive to make a difference not only within our walls, but throughout our community. That's why our more than 2200 staff members at SOMC take pride in sharing their talents not only in their everyday dedication to healing and care, but through volunteering and donating that talent throughout the region.

Through donations and volunteerism throughout the community, SOMC continues to make a difference in promoting safety, encouraging community involvement, sharing health and wellness education and through supporting sports and fitness programs. Our hearts belong to SOMC and to our community.

Our heart is in... Community Support



Southern Ohio Medical Center is the largest contributor to the Scioto County United Way. A system-wide campaign is led by staff members at SOMC, who freely contributed \$94,593.32 to the local chapter.

“It is such a joy to work for an organization that has such a giving attitude. As this year’s co-chairman, I have seen first hand the true meaning of making a difference in our community.”

– Suzie Hunter, SOMC United Way Co-Chairman

Through the SOMC Community Benefits Program, area agencies were able to provide much needed services to help those in need. It is with this continued partnership that our community has built strong programs to serve our family and friends.



In 2007, SOMC’s Heart Care Unit donated more than 226 pairs of gloves and mittens as well as donations to the area mitten drive.



For the past seven years, SOMC has donated toward the Scioto County Habitat for Humanity to help raise funds used in providing homes to community members. This year, SOMC physician Dr. John Oehler, retired physicians Tom Swope and Shabbir Haider all played a part in completing a four-bedroom, 1,200 square foot home in the South Webster area.



“It is great to have such helpful community partners like SOMC,” Mary Arzen, local Red Cross Chapter’s executive director said, *“They provide monetary support, along with conducting blood drives and offering volunteers to us.”*

Our heart is in... Supporting our Youth

SOMC supports our area youth in physical fitness, health and wellness and education. It is through the support of our youth that we support our future.



Southern Ohio Medical Center annually supports the local United Way’s School Supply Drive, providing notebooks, pens, pencils and other needed materials to more than 4,700 students in 24 area schools.

“Our school district is always looking for ways to help children get the supplies they need to be effective learners. SOMC has always been a large contributor in supplying the children of our school district with the tools they need.”

– Christopher Jordan, Principal West Middle School



SOMC continually supports academic programs throughout the community including school honor societies, music/arts programs, science fairs and spelling bees. SOMC donated more than \$20,000 toward these programs to support the educational growth of our youth.

SOMC is also an annual sponsor of area sporting activities such as Little League, Pee Wee football, basketball, soccer, cheerleading and many other youth sports programs. SOMC has donated more than \$15,000 toward uniforms, team expenses, first aid kits and tobacco cessation programs.



In 2007, SOMC donated \$3,000 to the South Central Ohio Educational Service Center to support educational programs including Scioto County Science Day, Scioto County High School Honors, County Music Festival, Pre-College programs, summer programs and the Scioto County High School Art Show.

Our heart is in... Health and Wellness

SOMC continually provides educational opportunities and screenings to our community in order to help individuals become proactive and informed about their health.

Last year, the SOMC Community Health and Wellness program provided health screenings, including skin cancer, diabetes, cardiac risk and blood pressure to thousands of our local community members. These endeavors were possible through more than \$150,000 in donations from SOMC.



More than 200 individuals received screenings at the SOMC Sing with Heart event, held at the SOMC Friends Community Center in February. Each year, SOMC's Heart and Vascular Services provides screenings, free of charge during the National Heart Month in February. Sing with Heart helped more than 200 people understand their heart health.



Each year, more than 1,000 kindergartners are educated by the SOMC Intensive Care Unit staff on how to take care of their heart. The annual, award-winner, Love Your Heart event has helped children follow the Tin Man down the yellow-brick road to good heart health.

"We wanted to create a program that provides children with beneficial information in a really fun way," Christy Aeh, nurse manager of ICU at SOMC said. "That's how we came up with the idea to tie heart care to the story of the Tin Man in the Wizard of Oz and provide education through a story."



Our heart is in... Community Involvement

As an organization, it is our mission to make a difference in our community. The more than 2200 individuals who comprise the heart of SOMC not only give through their clinical gifts, but also through their love for their community. In the last year, SOMC employees have been involved in local, regional and national efforts to help make a difference.

"I volunteer every year to be a part of the Walk For Autism. I do this on my own time because I feel extremely passionate in the need to find a cure. It only makes sense that I represent SOMC in this endeavor because we are a health care organization, but SOMC always goes above and beyond in allowing me to participate by contributing funds to support the event and even allowing me to create materials, such as cards and flyers, at work for the event."

– Tami Davis, Patient Accounting

Through a collaborative effort with local agencies, SOMC has provided more than 8,000 adult immunizations including influenza, pneumonia and Hepatitis B. Nurses and physicians volunteer their time and effort to travel around the region and provide this service free of charge or at a reduced rate for those who need it. SOMC spent \$52,000 in the last fiscal year for this volunteer effort.

Currently several SOMC employees serve as members or leaders of the Scioto County Area Foundation; The Chamber of Commerce; Rotary Club; United Way Board; Southern Ohio Light Opera Board; The Arts Council; area school boards and committees and church partnership associations. Other participatory programs include Leadership Portsmouth, Chamber of Commerce, Johnnie and Friends Camp for Disabled Riding, Ohio Partnership for Excellence, Southern Ohio Correctional Facility Community Advisory Board, Red Cross Board and the Task Force for Domestic Violence.



SOMC has also donated monetarily and supported staff who serve in the armed forces. Dr. Terry Johnson has been instrumental in supporting the National Guard and serving over seas several times while touching thousands who have given their time.

"SOMC employees have a strong tradition of service to our country and we thank our men and women like Dr. Johnson and the many others who service in our armed forces," said Randy Arnett, President and CEO of SOMC said. "We're proud to be an employer of many who give this highest commitment."



In Fiscal Year **2008**:

- Southern Ohio Medical Center Employees donated more than **8,000** volunteer hours in the community.
- More than **\$250,000** was donated to various projects, events and community endeavors.
- SOMC provided more than **\$16,407,618** in charity care to those who were not able to pay for their health care needs

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