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FY 2006 - 2007 Charity Care and Community Benefit Trend

*Fiscal Year ended June 2007
(amounts in thousands of dollars)*

	Mission Hospital		St. Joseph Health System	
	FY 06	FY 07	FY 06	FY 07
Charity Care				
Charity Care ¹	936	3,449	43,664*	53,623
Unpaid Cost of Medicaid and other state and local government programs	17,350	16,373	135,448	132,325
Total Charity Care	18,286	19,822	179,112	185,948
Community Benefit				
Community services for low-income persons ²	1,157	986	24,114	28,304
Community services for the broader community ³	2,446	3,312	23,017	30,651
Total Community Benefit	3,603	4,298	47,131	58,955
Total Charity Care and Community benefit (excluding Medicare)	21,889	24,120	226,243	244,903
Unpaid Cost of Medicare	28,081	30,376	234,667	236,800

¹ Charity Care provided for households up to 500% of Federal Poverty Level (FPL) in accordance with SJHS's Financial Assistance Policy.

² Community services for low-income persons are activities that are targeted towards persons who cannot afford healthcare services because they have inadequate resources and/or are uninsured or underinsured.

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Highlight on Community Benefit Services

Camino Health Center: Camino Health Center provided a total of 89,909 patient visits in FY 06. Camino was also able to serve 644 patients through their mobile medical units, an increase of 25% from FY 05. In order to increase the clinic's capacity, Camino obtained funding for a new mobile medical unit approved to be a Cancer Detection Program (CDP) Cervical Cancer Provider in September 2006.

MediKids Program: (Access to Health Insurance): A total of 3,267 children and adults were enrolled in low-cost health insurance programs, an increase of 125% from FY 05. A total of 312 children ages 0 to 5 used their health insurance coverage throughout the year.

Family Resource Centers (FRC): In collaboration with community partners, the South Orange County FRC and the Community Health Enrichment Collaborative FRC provide families with bilingual counseling support and community resources, including but not limited to parenting education classes and workshops, health education and access.

Mental Health Support: Mental health services include brief individual, couples and family counseling. A total of 1,000 mental health visits were provided to 287 clients. Fifty-seven percent of clients reported improved mental health after three sessions.

Recreation and Healthy Food Access: The recreation and healthy food initiative aims to address system and environmental barriers that prevent children and adults from accessing healthy foods and recreation. Community residents in San Juan Capistrano were engaged in identifying and developing solutions for barriers in their community. Mission Hospital also collaborated with Capistrano and Saddleback Valley Unified School districts in the development of their school wellness policies.

Improving Quality of Life Through Education (Leer es Poder: Reading is Power): A collaborative of adult literacy experts, hospital and community members working to increase the number of literate adults in both English and Spanish. In FY 06, a total of 5,011 adults enrolled in English literacy classes and a total of 216 enrolled in Spanish literacy classes. A total of 76% of the students enrolled in the program showed a significant learner gain.

Affordable Housing: A collaborative of Affordable Housing Advocates that is focused on increasing the number and quality of affordable housing in south Orange County. Mission Hospital's rental assistance program provided assistance for 15 families in crisis, allowing them to keep their home. Mission Hospital employees provided advocacy for affordable housing at the national, state and local level by writing a total of 223 letters to elected officials.

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