Working with partners to improve the health of the communities we serve
Community Relations Vision Statement

NorthShore is only one of the partners integral to improving the health of the communities it serves.

We are committed to taking a leadership role—offering resources and support to achieve our mission “to preserve and improve human life.”

Working with partners in making decisions that impact community health is at the core of our efforts.

At NorthShore, we believe in serving and investing in the health and well-being of people who live in our communities. Whether it is care for the medically underserved, medication assistance, perinatal services or specialized programs—like diabetes care for at-risk populations—NorthShore’s commitment to the community is demonstrated every day in many ways.

Learn more at: northshore.org/community-events/community

Cover photo: Dr. Christopher Ho cares for Alfa Hannon at the Evanston Hospital Community Health Center, which provides a range of free and discounted care for adults who are economically disadvantaged and are unable to obtain healthcare services through private providers.
NorthShore Evanston Hospital
Evanston Hospital recently marked its 125th anniversary and continues to serve the community as a comprehensive acute-care facility and the nucleus of NorthShore University HealthSystem. Principal home to NorthShore Cardiovascular Institute and NorthShore Kellogg Cancer Center, Evanston Hospital also offers a variety of surgical specialties: neurosurgery, gynecological surgery, robot-assisted surgery, surgical oncology and urology surgery. Evanston Hospital is certified by The Joint Commission in palliative care and as a Primary Stroke Center. The hospital also is a premier Level I Trauma Center and a regional center for high-risk obstetrics.

NorthShore Glenbrook Hospital
Glenbrook Hospital celebrated its 42nd anniversary and is well known as a comprehensive medical center providing advanced diagnostic and therapeutic interventions—particularly focused on advanced ophthalmology and outpatient surgery, and the specialized needs of geriatric patients.

In addition to being a Level II Trauma Center, Glenbrook Hospital is certified by The Joint Commission as a Primary Stroke Center. Notable specialties include NorthShore Kellogg Cancer Center, NorthShore Neurological Institute, NorthShore Cardiovascular Institute, the John and Carol Walter Center for Urological Health, Patricia Nolan Center for Breast Health, the Simms Family GI Lab, and the Eye and Vision Center.

NorthShore Highland Park Hospital
Celebrating its 100th year in 2018, Highland Park Hospital offers an updated surgical pavilion with the latest technology and leading-edge operating rooms and the only dedicated labor, delivery and postpartum unit in Lake County. The hospital is the site of the first open-heart surgery in Lake County and continues to provide a full range of cardiac diagnosis and intervention services. Highland Park Hospital’s Kellogg Cancer Center offers the most comprehensive subspecialty care in the northern suburbs, including thoracic and lung, hematology, breast, ovarian, head and neck, melanoma and sarcoma, gastrointestinal, prostate and stomach.

Highland Park Hospital is a Joint Commission-certified Primary Stroke Center, and the Emergency Department is the region’s “pod” hospital for disaster-response activities across Lake County.

NorthShore Skokie Hospital
Skokie Hospital is home to Illinois’ only destination hospital dedicated to orthopaedic and spine care, and it also offers emergency and outpatient services. The Orthopaedic & Spine Institute provides advanced care and is designed for both outpatient and inpatient procedures, including joint replacement, fracture care and complex spine surgeries.

Established in 1963, Skokie Hospital also provides patients access to a vast network of outpatient clinical resources as well, from multispecialty physician offices to cardiac imaging, radiology and gastrointestinal services—and a Level II Trauma Center and Emergency Department.
VALUE OF REPORTED BENEFITS: $211,337,365*

- Unreimbursed Services for Medicare and Medicaid: $88,216,297 — The difference NorthShore absorbs between the Medicare or Medicaid subsidy and the cost of a patient’s bill
- Education: $46,193,431 — Costs incurred for NorthShore Hospitals-based educational programs
- Subsidized Health Services: $37,917,497 — Services that meet community needs and that NorthShore must subsidize from other revenue sources
- Charity Care: $17,190,094 — The cost of care for which NorthShore does not expect to receive payment
- Bad Debts: $8,631,275 — The cost of doubtful accounts that result from the extension of credit
- Research: $5,717,101 — The cost of research activities conducted primarily to advance medical or healthcare services
- Donations, Volunteer Services, Other Community Benefits: $4,825,368 — Cash and in-kind donations, the value of volunteer time provided by hospital employees and volunteers
- Language Assistance Services: $1,562,119 — Costs pertaining to translation services
- Government-Sponsored Program Services: $1,084,183 — Other unreimbursed costs, which are not included as part of government-sponsored indigent healthcare

* Total financial value of reportable community benefits under the Illinois Community Benefits Act (FY 2018).

COMMUNITY IMPACT BY THE NUMBERS

NorthShore’s Medication Assistance Program (MAP) offers aid to patients who need help paying for prescription drugs. MAP assisted 2,610 patients, filling 20,696 prescriptions valued at a cost of $113,599.

The NorthShore Evanston Hospital Community Health Center provides medical care for economically disadvantaged adults. In fiscal year 2018, the clinic treated 3,848 adult patients, with 13,501 visits.

NorthShore provided 155 health screenings to 2,074 individuals.

The Language Assistance Services staff at NorthShore provided verbal interpretive services to patients and family members, valued at $1,562,119.

The Perinatal Depression Program offers free screenings and a 24/7 crisis hotline. NorthShore physicians conducted 9,376 screenings, and free psychological support and referrals were provided to 560 women identified as “at risk.” The crisis hotline received 994 calls.

NorthShore gave $2,657,389 in direct contributions to 88 community organizations.

The Dental Center at Evanston Hospital provided free and discounted care for adult patients, making 4,557 visits valued at a cost of $155,787.

NorthShore provided 388 health education classes for 8,224 participants.

15,713 mobile meals were provided.

NorthShore remains committed to reinvesting in our communities. Over the last five years, we have committed more than $688 million in capital investments to new clinical programs, information technology, clinical equipment and facilities to reach beyond the current “best practices” to define the “next practices” that will become the standard of healthcare in the future.
NorthShore Evanston Hospital

**VITAL CARE FOR THOSE IN NEED**

NorthShore is committed to offering crucial healthcare services to those who are un- or underinsured in our communities, subsidizing care to qualifying patients. In addition to the significant charity care NorthShore delivers, we provided close to $38 million in other subsidized health services through a range of programs including the Medication Assistance Program and a comprehensive dental center.

The Evanston Hospital Community Health Center offers an array of free and discounted care, including internal medicine, obstetrics/gynecology, general surgery, orthopaedics and diabetes education for those who are economically disadvantaged and are unable to obtain healthcare services through private providers. Resident physicians and registered nurses provide care under the supervision of NorthShore senior attending physicians.

**KEEPING HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS HEALTHY**

Launched in 1996, the school-based health center at Evanston Township High School (ETHS) is a collaborative partnership between Evanston Hospital, ETHS and the Evanston Department of Health. Staffed and funded by NorthShore, the Center provides free care for all students whose parents register them. The Center offers preventive care including physical exams and immunizations, ongoing care for students with chronic medical conditions, health and wellness education, and diagnosis and treatment of acute illness and injury. The Center had more than 3,000 student visits last year.

**PERINATAL FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER**

This pioneering Center provides a wide array of complimentary services to women and their families at Evanston and Highland Park Hospitals who are experiencing challenges related to pregnancy, birth, prematurity or perinatal loss. Services are provided in both inpatient and outpatient settings and also include a Teen Parent Education (The ABC’s of Pregnancy and Parenting) program twice a year.

**McGAW YMCA CATCH KIDS CLUB**

*The CATCH (Coordinated Approach to Child Health) Kids Club is a physical activity and nutrition program designed for afterschool and summer programs for first through fifth graders at no cost to their parents. The program, supported by NorthShore, helps prevent summer learning loss.*

**Evanston Hospital: Programs and Partnerships**

- Chessmen Club of the North Shore
- City of Evanston Rethink Your Drink
- City of Evanston We’re Out Walking
- Connections for the Homeless
- Erie Evanston/Skokie Health Center
- Evanston Cradle to Career
- Evanston Hospital Community Health Center
- Evanston Hospital Dental Center
- Evanston Township High School Health Center
- Friends of Evanston Farmers Markets
- Grainger Center for Simulation and Innovation
- Haven Youth and Family Services
- Infant Welfare Society of Evanston
- Interfaith Action of Evanston
- McGaw YMCA
- Medication Assistance Program
- NAMI Cook County North Suburban
- Perinatal Family Support Center
- Women’s Hospital
- Youth Job Center
- YWCA Evanston/North Shore
- Ricky Byrdsong Memorial Race Against Hate

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FEEDING THE HUNGRY AND ELIMINATING WASTE

As a participant in Hunger Free Northbrook, Glenbrook Hospital has partnered with the Northfield Township Food Pantry for an exciting new initiative to recover food that might otherwise be wasted.

The Food Pantry—which serves more than 600 households in Glenview, Northbrook and Northfield—regularly picks up surplus food from the hospital. The food is immediately packaged and made available to pantry clients, which not only increases the availability of nutritious food for families that are food insecure, but also improves the health of those pantry clients.

“We’re grateful to NorthShore and its food service provider Aramark for their willingness to change procedures to reduce waste and benefit the community they serve,” said Jill Brickman, Northfield Township Supervisor.

MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM BENEFITS UNDERSERVED TEENS

A vital partnership between NorthShore, Youth Services of Glenview/Northbrook and Glenbrook High School District 225 offers critical mental health services to underserved teens in the communities we serve.

Depression and anxiety continue to be on the rise in teens, making these services increasingly essential. NorthShore provides financial support to the program, which enables access to counseling and psychiatric services to underserved and uninsured teens in District 225 and provides consulting for school faculty on ways to address behavioral issues.

GLENBROOK HOSPITAL: PROGRAMS AND PARTNERSHIPS

- Catholic Charities—Des Plaines
- Frisbie Senior Center
- Glenbrook High School District 225
- Glenview Park District
- Glenview School District 34
- North Suburban YMCA
- Northbrook Civic Foundation
- Northfield Township
- Wesley Child Care Center
- Wheeling Township
- Youth Services of Glenview/Northbrook

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CHICAGO LIGHTHOUSE FOR THE BLIND

The Eye and Vision Center at Glenbrook Hospital donated new frames and optical tools worth more than $61,000 to the low vision clinic at The Chicago Lighthouse for the Blind. “On behalf of everyone at The Chicago Lighthouse North Low Vision Clinic, we extend our deepest appreciation to NorthShore for their generous donation of new eyeglass frames,” said Chicago Lighthouse for the Blind Senior Director Melissa Wittenberg. “The frames will be most welcome by those we serve who lack the resources to purchase their own. We further commend our friends at NorthShore for supporting The Lighthouse’s goal to provide comprehensive, quality care for all our patients.” Close to 800 people were served last year in the low vision clinic in Glenview.
SUPPORTING HIGH SCHOOLERS’ CAREER EXPLORATION

Highland Park Hospital professionals lend their expertise to a community-based learning experience collaboration between the City of Highland Park and Highland Park High School (HPHS). The program is designed to help students recognize the link between academic subjects and the workplace, and offers a classroom curriculum with the opportunity to gain valuable insights into potential career paths.

Students meet with professionals who live or work in Highland Park to discuss career aspirations, work initiatives, educational experience and other professional inquiries. Students and professionals are matched based on career or educational interest. Participating professionals and students meet in person approximately two times for one- to two-hour sessions.

“Thank you to Highland Park Hospital for helping to make the Highland Park Career Exploration program a success. Students are our future leaders, and it is a priority to equip them with skills they need for success in the workforce,” said Highland Park Mayor Nancy Rotering. “Every organization and professional that participates helps us achieve our goal while building a strong connection between the City, HPHS and our business community.”

PROMOTING COMMUNITY HEALTH AND WELLNESS

The hospital hosted health fairs and monthly free screenings at local park districts and senior centers, and participated in supporting other community events that represent NorthShore’s ongoing commitment to improving community health and enhancing wellness.

“The ongoing partnership between the Park District of Highland Park and NorthShore delivers immeasurable benefits to our community,” said Kathy Donahue, Interim Executive Director of the Park District of Highland Park. “NorthShore is a valued partner and supports the Park District’s mission of enriching community life through healthy leisure pursuits. Their professional health providers conduct free bimonthly health screenings for residents at our Recreation Center of Highland Park, and NorthShore has been a long time sponsor of the Park District’s annual Firecracker 5K race and two-mile walk.”

BE WELL-LAKE COUNTY

An innovative partnership with the Lake County Health Department, Community Health Center and NorthShore, Be Well-Lake County uses a patient-centered team approach to educate and empower patients to control their health with nutrition and lifestyle management. In its tenth year, Be Well has made significant strides in helping low-income residents manage their diabetes. The program is credited with saving lives and making a difference for future generations at risk for diabetes, the fourth leading cause of early death in Lake County.

More than 700 people benefited from Be Well last year, and the program also offered financial assistance to 180 patients needing surgery and specialty care treatment. Be Well has become a model of standard care for diabetes. Moving forward, the program will be self-sustaining without NorthShore’s support.

HIGHLAND PARK HOSPITAL: PROGRAMS AND PARTNERSHIPS

• Be Well-Lake County
• Catholic Charities of Lake County
• City of Highland Park
• Deerfield Parent Network
• Family Services of Glencoe
• Family Services of Lake County
• Grainger Center for Simulation and Innovation
• Moraine Township
• Myra Rubinstein Weis LIFE Cancer Survivorship Program
• Northern Illinois Food Bank
• Park District of Highland Park
• Region 10 RHCC Hospital for Northeastern Illinois
• School District 112 Education Foundation
• Southeast Lake County Faith in Action
• West Deerfield Township

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UNIQUE APPROACH TO MENTAL HEALTH

Turning Point Behavioral Health Care Center’s innovative “The Living Room Project” provides psychiatric respite care for patients dealing with mental health issues. The unique program, supported by Skokie Hospital, uses peer counselors (adults in recovery from their own mental health challenges) and reports a 98% success rate in keeping in crisis out of hospital emergency rooms.

The Living Room features a comfortable, nonclinical setting for patients experiencing psychiatric emergencies, as well as a safe, supportive environment for solving problems and alleviating the need for an emergency room visit.

ENCOURAGING MEDICAL CAREERS

An active participant in Niles Township High School District 219’s Education to Career program, NorthShore sends medical professionals from multiple areas to give school presentations and bring students to Skokie Hospital to shadow employees.

NorthShore professionals volunteer their time to help students gain an inside look at future careers in the medical world, enabling them to make more informed decisions about college and careers. Students are able to ask questions and hear realistic pros and cons of potential career choices from laboratory technicians, physicians and more.

IMPROVING COMMUNITY HEALTH

NorthShore sponsored the Skokie Park District’s “Park Salad” program, which provided health screenings, a health fair, and community and senior events, reaching more than 800 individuals. Additionally, NorthShore staff provided health screenings at these events, reflecting our ongoing commitment to enhance the health and wellness of the communities we serve.

VILLAGE OF SKOKIE FARMERS’ MARKET

NorthShore provided a $5,000 grant to the Village of Skokie Farmers’ Market to help connect low-income consumers (LINK card holders) with fresh local produce. NorthShore matched LINK card purchases at Farmers’ Markets dollar-for-dollar for the purchase of fresh produce.

SKOKIE HOSPITAL: PROGRAMS AND PARTNERSHIPS

- CJE SeniorLife
- Erie Evanston/Skokie Health Center
- Heartland Community Health Center
- Metropolitan Family Services
- Niles Township Food Pantry
- Niles Township High School District 219 Education to Careers Program
- Oakton Community College Health Careers Scholarship
- Peer Services
- Skokie Farmers’ Market
- Skokie Festival of Cultures
- Skokie Health Department
- Skokie Park District
- Skokie Public Library
- Turning Point Behavioral Health Care Center

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NorthShore Medical Education

INCREASING ACCESS TO MEDICALLY UNDERSERVED

NorthShore continued its support with partner Erie Evanston/Skokie Health Center with an additional financial grant to help finance its expanded center in Evanston, doubling its size and capacity to serve patients in need. The health center serves a low-income population, with many insured by Medicaid and others who remain uninsured. NorthShore’s University of Chicago Family Medicine Residency Program also helps staff the clinic. “This is a collaboration that has provided and will continue to provide great benefit to the community,” said Sean O’Grady, NorthShore Chief Clinical Operations Officer.

NorthShore also made a $250,000 donation to support the creation of a new community health center in Skokie. The 3,500-square-foot primary care center in a vacant portion of the Turning Point Behavioral Health Care Center is operated by Heartland Health Centers (HHC). The center offers primary care, pediatrics, psychiatry and oral healthcare. “We’ve supported Turning Point in the past and know they provide excellent mental healthcare, and we’re excited to be a part of this partnership to expand access to primary care as well,” said NorthShore President and CEO J.P. Gallagher.

NorthShore has 34 fellows pursuing specialties and subspecialties in 26 clinical areas.

In 2018, NorthShore incurred $46,193,431 in costs for its hospital-based education programs.

GRAINGER CENTER FOR SIMULATION AND INNOVATION

NorthShore’s Grainger Center for Simulation and Innovation is a state-of-the-art facility that provides an invaluable educational resource for medical students, residents, fellows and attending physicians to learn and practice advanced surgical procedures in a safe, controlled environment.

TRAINING THE NEXT GENERATION OF LEADING PHYSICIANS

Dedicated to excellence in medical education and research, NorthShore serves as the primary teaching affiliate for the University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine. Our physicians are dedicated clinicians and teachers, committed to developing future physician leaders.

NorthShore physicians hold academic titles at University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine

There are 37 full time equivalent NorthShore fellows in 27 clinical areas

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IMPROVING OUR PATIENTS’ HEALTH

In 2018, NorthShore formed a Medicare Accountable Care Organization (ACO). An ACO is a group of doctors, hospitals and other healthcare providers who choose to come together to provide coordinated care to its patients with a goal to:

- Improve the health of a population of patients;
- Improve patient experience in receiving high-quality care; and
- Lower medical expense.

In an ACO, doctors may be financially rewarded for successfully providing high-quality, better-coordinated care to their patients that results in better health outcomes and lower medical spend. NorthShore’s ACO is focused on both preventive care to help keep our patients healthy and providing coordinated, patient-centered care to those who have complex chronic conditions. We have made investments in developing new infrastructure and care delivery programs to ensure that our patients always receive the highest quality of care.

In addition to our new Medicare ACO, NorthShore participates in ACOs with other insurance companies as we work to continually improve the health of our patient population.

CONTINUING OUR COMMITMENT TO SUSTAINABILITY

NorthShore remains dedicated to environmental sustainability, and our ongoing efforts were once again recognized by inclusion in Becker’s Hospital Review list of “68 Greenest Hospitals in America.” This honor places NorthShore in the top 1% of all U.S. hospitals.

Here are some highlights of NorthShore’s Green Team systemwide efforts:

- **Food Waste Diversion**
  Nearly 100 pounds per week donated to local food pantries

- **Healthier Food Initiatives**
  A growing emphasis on plant-based offerings

- **Reusable Sharps Program**
  More than 44,000 pounds of CO₂ emissions prevented and 132,396 pounds of plastic kept out of landfills

- **Energy Initiatives**
  All linear fluorescent lightbulbs eliminated and replaced with energy-efficient LEDs

- **X-Ray Film Recycling**
  Close to 900 pounds

- **Cooking Oil Recycling**
  More than 26,000 pounds

- **Antibiotic-Free Initiatives**
  Significantly increasing percentage of antibiotic-free meat in patients’ and retail menus as part of antimicrobial stewardship efforts to reduce antibiotic resistance

**Medication take-back events collect hundreds of pounds of unused medication, separating controlled substances for safe disposal.**
Community Advisory Committees

To ensure accountability to the communities we serve, NorthShore established Community Advisory Committees (CACs) at each of our hospitals. These committees advise NorthShore administration on various services and initiatives from a community perspective. The CACs also identify community resources that work to strengthen NorthShore and improve the overall health of families across the region.

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PHILANTHROPY SUPPORTS COMMUNITY HEALTH

Philanthropy plays an essential role in NorthShore’s mission “to preserve and improve human life.” The work of NorthShore Foundation and our many charitable donors enable our commitment to care for those who are at risk in our community.

The Myra Rubinstein Weis Leadership Board, an important NorthShore advocacy group, raised $50,000 to cover 200 mammogram screenings for underserved women in Lake County, supporting NorthShore’s partnership with the Lake County Health Department and Community Health Center in Waukegan. Funds raised at the group’s 3rd Annual “Jammin’ in Our Genes Benefit” directly address an area of need identified in NorthShore’s Community Health Needs Assessment. The emphasis on providing screening is designed to decrease the number of patients diagnosed with late-stage cancers and increase the likelihood of survival.

A range of programs highlighted in this report and many others provide vital support for members of the community who are vulnerable and underserved. The Medication Assistance Program offers aid to patients who need help paying for prescription medication. The Perinatal Family Support Center offers free support to women and their families experiencing challenges related to pregnancy, premature births or perinatal loss. And the Reach Out and Read program supplies new books to young children at each visit to NorthShore’s Family Medicine program at Erie Family Health. These critical services all rely on philanthropic support. Generous donors help NorthShore make a real difference in the lives of others in our community.

To learn more or to make a tax-deductible donation, please visit foundation.northshore.org/neighbor.

NORTHSHORE EMPLOYEES GIVE BACK

Generous with their time, talent and treasure, NorthShore employees support a vast array of community organizations by participating in many local events and donating money and services to pay it forward.

Among the many organizations supported by NorthShore employees are:

- American Cancer Society
- American Heart Association
- BrainUp
- Cancer Wellness Center
- Imerman Angels
- Lung Cancer Research Foundation
- LUNGevity Foundation
- Melanoma Research Foundation
- National Ovarian Cancer Coalition
- Northern Illinois Food Bank
- Oral Cancer Foundation
- Pancreatic Cancer Action Network
- Respiratory Health Association
- Skin of Steel—for Melanoma Awareness and Research
- United Way of Metro Chicago
- Us TOO—for Prostate Cancer Education and Support

On behalf of its employees, NorthShore made holiday charitable contributions to the following organizations:

- Catholic Charities
- Connections for the Homeless
- Evanston School Children’s Clothing Association
- McGaw YMCA
- Meals at Home
- Waukegan Township
- Women Employed

IMPROVING MENTAL HEALTHCARE

Mental illness is a growing issue facing our communities—one in five people has a diagnosable mental health or substance abuse disorder. NorthShore’s new Psychiatric Urgent Care Program is a pilot designed to better care for people struggling with mental health challenges.

The collaborative program works to drastically minimize wait times and provide direct, immediate and effective emergency interventions. A multidisciplinary team that includes a board-certified psychiatrist and advanced practice nurse is addresses immediate crisis-level situations and works to stabilize patients and prevent them from getting worse.

The pilot is supported by The Auxiliary of NorthShore’s American Craft Exposition. “Offering this level of immediate and long-term mental health services is costly, of course, and we’re in critical need of philanthropic support to make this lifeline available for as many people in our community as possible,” said Frederick Miller, MD, PhD, Clinical Chairman of the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, and the Board of Directors Chair of Psychiatry.

Lake County Health Department Executive Director Mark Pfister (from left) with NorthShore’s Chief of Breast Imaging Dr. Georgia Spear and Founding Director of the Myra Rubinstein Weis Living in the Future (LIFE) Cancer Survivorship Program Dr. Carol Rosenberg celebrate the MRW Leadership Board’s $50,000 donation to provide mammograms for underserved women In Lake County. The philanthropic contribution supports NorthShore’s partnership with the Lake County Health Department and Community Health Center in Waukegan.