Mayo Clinic Health System is a nonprofit organization committed to improving the quality of life, health and well-being of the communities it serves. The organization builds and sustains relationships and invests in the communities where its patients and staff live and work.

In Southwest Wisconsin, Mayo Clinic Health System contributes to efforts that align with the priorities identified in Community Health Needs Assessments:

- Improve access to mental health care
- Reduce substance use and misuse
- Enhance the well-being of at-risk youth
- Increase food security

Mayo Clinic Health System awarded more than $300,000 to 136 organizations, to address food insecurity, mental health, substance abuse, children and youth, racial equality, equity and inclusion, and more.

Mayo Clinic Health System shares its resources with the community in various ways, including in-kind support. In 2021, the organization:

- Devoted more than 1,000 hours of staff time to community presentations, serving on nonprofit boards and volunteerism.
- Offered three self-guided virtual wellness programs: Discover Gratitude, Fall Into Wellness and Slim Your Screen Time.
- Hosted three virtual Coffee & Conversation webinars in collaboration with Misty’s Dance Unlimited and other partners to discuss concussions, positive parenting throughout the pandemic and raising healthy athletes.
- Mentored Health Science Academy students to prepare them for future health care careers.
- Shared its resources, including office space and furniture, gardening plots, personal protective equipment and food service appliances.

Mayo Clinic Health System contributed more than $300,000 to 136 organizations, with nearly half of all financial contributions addressing priority community health needs:

- $55,500 to programs that enhance mental wellness and access to care.
- $54,000 to programs that support the well-being of children and youth.
- $24,000 to programs that reduce substance use or misuse.
- $17,000 to area food pantries.

Additional funds focused on the Mayo Clinic priority of eliminating racism, and advancing equity, inclusion and diversity:

- $47,000 to groups working to increase diversity and inclusion.
- $11,500 to groups working to advance racial equity.
STAFF GAVE more than:

1,000 Hours to community presentations, board service and committee work

$33,000 to United Way

STAFF DRIVES collected food, school supplies, diapers, children’s books and other items to support nonprofit organizations and Afghan refugees at Fort McCoy, Wisconsin

Community Partnerships

Maintaining the region as a great place to live, work, learn and be healthy requires collaboration and pooling of resources. Mayo Clinic Health System is proud to partner with organizations across the region to address needs and further equity, diversity and inclusion. Key partnerships include:

- Boys & Girls Clubs
- Great Rivers HUB
- Great Rivers United Way
- Public Health Departments
- St. Clare Health Mission
- Salvation Army
- School Districts
- YWCA La Crosse

COVID-19 Pandemic Response

In 2021, Mayo Clinic Health System continued to devote significant resources to COVID-19 testing, vaccinations and treatment, as well as ensuring the safety of patients, visitors and staff. Free COVID-19 vaccinations were provided for community members at two La Crosse Boys & Girls Clubs and in conjunction with the Juneteenth celebration.

The organization hosted five virtual community forums and shared reliable information on COVID-19 vaccines, variants and treatments, and addressed misinformation and misperceptions.

For more information about Mayo Clinic Health System’s impact on the community, scan the QR code or visit mayoclinichealthsystem.org and search for “Community Engagement.”