## SERVING OUR EAST CENTRAL INDIANA COMMUNITIES

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On a warm September Friday in 2016, anyone passing by Montpelier Elementary School in Blackford County would have seen a curious sight - nearly 30 sixth-grade students swarming across the school's playground. By itself, not unusual, but on this particular day the students were working alongside team members from Indiana University Health Blackford Hospital. Our nurses, educators, X-ray techs, respiratory therapists and other staff members had traded in their stethoscopes and uniforms for shovels and wheelbarrows as part of a daylong effort to improve playground facilities at the school.

Seeing these enthusiastic students teamed up with our team members gave me pause to reflect on how important it is for our organization to be working in partnership with our patients and the broader community.

Designated as a Critical Access Hospital by Medicare, IU Health Blackford Hospital is committed to delivering the highest quality care to the residents of Blackford County and the surrounding area. We continually promote wellness initiatives, such as diabetes education and tobacco cessation, for the benefit of our patients and their family members.

I believe it is also important for us to look beyond the hospital setting and to be a leader in the important work of promoting healthy lifestyles for all. One way we are able to do this is through our annual health fair, which includes free and low cost screenings and brings together multiple community partners to offer education and outreach activities.

In 2016, we helped launch the Healthy Community Alliance of Delaware and Blackford Counties by encouraging local businesses and organizations to join this effort aimed at encouraging improved eating habits, increased physical activity and tobacco cessation.

We have also partnered with other area organizations to bring interested families to the Growers and Makers Market in downtown Hartford City to learn about the importance of fresh produce in a family meal plan. In addition, our partnership with the YMCA called Active Afterschool connects experts with elementary schoolchildren in Blackford County to teach the importance of exercise, physical activity and eating right.

Investing in our community and creating health-oriented partnerships are critically necessary to change our culture and improve the overall health of our population in the long run. I am pleased to share this summary of the impact IU Health Blackford Hospital has made in the local community in 2016.



**IU HEALTH BLACKFORD HOSPITAL**
Hartford City, Indiana

# 2016 COMMUNITY IMPACT

For nearly a century, Indiana University Health Blackford Hospital, located in Hartford City, Ind., has focused on promoting wellness and improving healthcare for residents of east central Indiana and surrounding areas. Through quality, innovation and education, we continue to invest in our community by creating and implementing health-based partnerships with local organizations. In recent years, we have helped launch programs that encourage improved eating habits, increased physical activity and tobacco cessation, including the Healthy Community Alliance of Delaware and Blackford Counties, the Growers and Makers Market in downtown Hartford City, and the YMCA's Active Afterschool, a program specially designed for elementary schoolchildren. Our dedication to high-quality patient care and health education is derived from our commitment to the community and the desire to make Indiana one of the nation's healthiest states.

## 692
### CHARITY CARE PATIENTS SERVED
We provided medically necessary and emergency care to 692 charity care patients.

## 441
### INPATIENT VISITS
In total, 4,776 Medicaid patients were served. We had 441 visits this past year.

## 2,461
### MEDICAID PATIENTS SERVED
We serve patients regardless of their ability to pay. In 2016, 2,461 Medicaid patients were served.

## 15
### BEDS
Should an inpatient stay be necessary, we have 15 private rooms available.

## $479K
### TOTAL CHARITY CARE
As a nonprofit healthcare organization, serving the community is at the heart of our mission. Indiana University Health Blackford Hospital treats all patients and has a long-standing policy to provide charity care (free or reduced-cost medical care) to the uninsured, low income and medically indigent patients.

## 8,973
### EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT VISITS
We have a 24-hour emergency department equipped with six emergency beds, including two trauma beds and four private examination rooms, that was visited 8,973 times in 2016.

## 33K
### OUTPATIENT VISITS
For convenience, our team of caring medical professionals offered a variety of on-site outpatient specialties and services that accounted for 33,567 visits.

## 13
### SPECIALTIES
Through 13 specialties at IU Health Blackford, we offer a range of medical services to children and adults.

## 128
### TEAM MEMBERS
IU Health Blackford Hospital employed 128 residents of east central Indiana in 2016.

### HOSPITAL DESIGNATIONS
- Joint Commission Hospital Gold Seal of Approval for Hospital Accreditation
- Most Wired Hospital

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