



## MedStar Good Samaritan Hospital

### Facilitating Vital Connections

Today, individuals living with or recovering from an illness or stressful life situation don't have to go it alone. There are many support groups that bring together people who are or have gone through similar experiences.

MedStar Good Samaritan Hospital has long been committed to ensuring that those dealing with issues ranging from the effects of a serious illness to living with a chronic condition to overcoming addiction get the support they need by facilitating access to a variety of groups at the hospital free of charge.

Among the support group offerings are an Amputee Support Group, a Diabetes Support Group, a Stroke Support Group, and an Aphasia Support Group, which provides language assistance to those recovering from stroke and other conditions.

Another group, the Caregiver Support Group, helps individuals struggling with the challenges of caring for a loved one understand what they are going through is normal. "Caregiving can be very isolating," says Adrienne Kilby, who leads the group. "Knowing that other caregivers also struggle reduces feelings of guilt when everyday things go wrong."

### Letter From the President

The past year was a momentous one for MedStar Good Samaritan Hospital as we marked 50 years of providing expert, compassionate care. We are proud of the commitment our associates have made to the communities we serve by maintaining the strong Catholic heritage that is a hallmark of who we are.

This 2018 Report to the Community highlights two initiatives that illustrate how we continue to honor the traditions on which we were founded. As we look to the future, we will deliver on that promise for years to come.

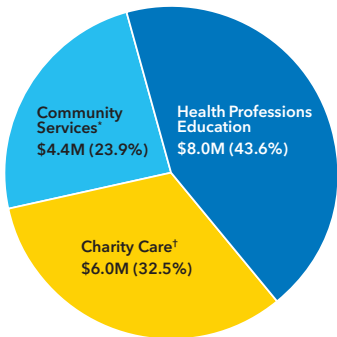
Sincerely,

Bradley S. Chambers

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## Total Community Benefit 2018: \$18.4M



\*Includes Medicaid assessments

\*Includes subsidies, community health improvement services, community building activities, financial contributions, and community benefit operations

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## Reducing Barriers to Childhood Achievement

Problems with vision and hearing can impede learning and contribute to the development of behavioral and other problems, especially among young children who may not know they aren't seeing or hearing what they should. While periodic vision and hearing screening is recognized as an integral part of preventive pediatric health care, not all school-age children are tested regularly for reasons ranging from lack of health insurance to language barriers.

MedStar Good Samaritan Hospital, in partnership with the Department of Speech-Language-Hearing Sciences at Loyola University, is working to address this through its childhood vision/hearing screening program.

Every year, the hospital conducts vision and hearing screenings at several parochial schools in Baltimore City in order to identify children with potential problems. Children who appear to have results outside the normal range are referred for a more complete professional examination.

Since the program began 15 years ago, approximately 6,000 children have been screened at schools that include Archbishop Borders School, the only dual-language community school in the city, and St. Elizabeth School, which serves students with disabilities, among others. By making these screenings available in the schools, MedStar Good Samaritan is helping to ensure that these students are able to be their best at school and in their day-to-day interactions with others.

