

We Are the Memorial Hermann Community Benefit Corporation

Four Pillars

To advance Memorial Hermann's vision of creating healthier communities, the Memorial Hermann Community Benefit Corporation (CBC) implements initiatives that work with other health care providers, government agencies, business leaders and community stakeholders that are designed to improve the overall quality of life in our communities. Our work is built on the foundation of four intersecting pillars: Access to Health Care, Emotional Wellbeing, Food as Health and Exercise is Medicine.

These pillars are designed to provide care for uninsured and underinsured; to reach those Houstonians needing low-cost care; to support the existing infrastructure of non-profit clinics and federally qualified health centers; to address mental and behavioral care services through innovative access points; to work against food insecurity and physical inactivity; and to educate individuals and their families on how to access the services needed by and available to them. Funded largely by Memorial Hermann with support by various partners and grants, our work takes us outside of our campuses and into the community.

To prioritize this work, Memorial Hermann conducts Community Health Needs Assessments (CHNAs) every 3 years. The studies include data collection and analysis for Harris, Fort Bend, Montgomery and Brazoria counties, which comprise the majority of Memorial Hermann discharges. Following the CHNAs, implementation plans are developed that target strategies to address the health needs identified.

Mission

Our mission is to implement solutions that promote good health for the individual, the health system and the community. We collaborate with others as well as create signature, evidence-based ways to improve the communities where people live, work, learn and play.

Values

- We embrace innovative approaches.
- We measure the outcomes of each effort.
- We are committed to understanding the key drivers of health and promoting evidence-based and culturally appropriate work that meets the needs and interests of the communities served.
- We focus upstream by addressing the social determinants of health—specifically access, nutrition, exercise and emotional well-being—and continuing to build a web of partnerships across Houston that will transform population health.

