

2025 Community Benefit Annual Report

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Rehabilitation Hospital of Indiana
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Introduction

Rehabilitation Hospital of Indiana (RHI) is an acute care rehabilitation hospital for inpatient and outpatient rehabilitation. RHI specializes in brain injury, spinal cord injury, stroke, and comprehensive medical rehabilitation for injuries or illnesses resulting in loss of function. The hospital has 91 licensed beds and is a community collaboration between Indiana University Health and St. Vincent Health.

RHI is dedicated to the community it serves. The hospital conducts a Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) every three years to understand the current community health needs and to inform strategies designed to improve community health. The CHNAs are conducted using widely accepted methodologies to identify the significant needs of the community served by the hospital. The assessments are also conducted to comply with federal laws and regulatory requirements that apply to tax-exempt hospitals.

RHI follows federal guidelines regarding community benefits. Our programs are designed to improve health, increase access to healthcare services as well as other community investments. As defined by these guidelines, community benefit includes charity care, financial assistance, unreimbursed costs of government-sponsored programs, support for medical research along with other healthcare services that provide care to promote health and wellness in response to identified community needs.

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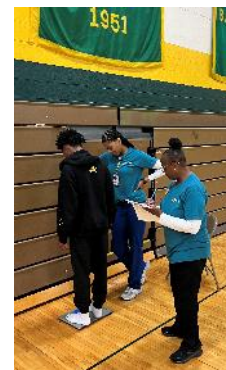
“Positively Impacting Our Community”

The following highlights programs and activities implemented by RHI this past year to impact the priority needs identified by the most recent CHNA:

Nutrition, Physical Activity, and Chronic Conditions

IPS Sports Physical Screens - RHI’s Community Benefit program continues to focus on carrying our mission outside the walls of our hospital to serve our community and the top health needs identified in the recently conducted Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA). One specific need the CHNA identified as significant in our community is nutrition, physical activity and chronic conditions. All are risk factors for stroke and contribute to risks associated with falls and other injuries. In America's Health Rankings, Indiana ranks in the bottom quartile for physical activity (43 of 50 states), obesity (40 of 50 states), and multiple chronic conditions (39 of 50 states). To help reduce the burden of chronic disease and improve quality of life for residents who have, or are at risk for chronic disease, RHI is committed to supporting healthy lifestyles by promoting access to physical activity for students in the community. On Thursday, May 15th, RHI team members partnered with our colleagues at IU Health to provide free sports screens for IPS students at Crispus Attucks High School. Volunteer roles included greeting, screening for vision and measuring the height, weight, and blood pressure of student athletes. Because of these collaborative efforts, we have helped 53 Marion County high school students stay active by passing the required physicals that will allow them to participate in sports activities.

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Prescription Drug Assistance Program – RHI provide discounted or free of charge medications to selected individuals as to assist in preparation to return home after hospital discharge. Without this medication, the patient could experience potential life-threatening conditions. This program has benefited 27 individuals during the year.

Support Groups – RHI sponsored several support groups in 2025. Spinal Cord Injury, Brain Injury and Amputee support groups were hosted for members of the community impacted by these injuries and diagnoses. Those affected have experienced life-changing tragedies and often need reinforcement and support. Our support groups are designed to meet regularly and benefit survivors and their family/caregivers.

Social Determinants of Health

Food Voucher Program – RHI supplies meals at no cost in our café for family members that do not have the means to purchase food while visiting their loved ones at RHI. This program benefited 12 individuals in 2025.

Junior Achievement JobSparks – Several Social Determinants of Health have been identified as significant in our community. Specifically, educational achievement (high school graduation rate) in Marion County is below the U.S. average. Compared to national averages, Marion

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County ranked poorly on several measures including high school graduation rates and post-secondary education. On September 23rd and 24th, RHI team members partnered with Junior Achievement of Central Indiana, a coalition of educators, organizations and representatives of over 120 companies to support the 2025 JA JobSparks mission of “inspiring our future workforce”. This multi-day career expo impacted over 10,000 Indianapolis 8th graders by providing hands on learning experiences meant to “spark” an interest in students and get them excited for their future. Research shows that when students are aware of the possibilities, they are more likely to stay in school and graduate. RHI’s occupational and speech therapists volunteer and provided interactive, job-specific experiences and sharing their clinical expertise on careers in occupational and speech therapy.



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Servants at Work (SAW) Ramp Build - Suitable and safe housing is a concern and is identified as a specific health need. Some examples of these community needs are infrastructure problems, such as lack of sidewalks, handrails, and wheelchair ramps, creating barriers for residents with disabilities and mobility issues. As part of RHI's commitment to increasing the health and well-being of our community by addressing social, economic, physical, and/or environmental factors that impact health, on Friday, October 10th, RHI volunteers collaborated with Servants at Work (SAW) to sponsor and build a ramp for a local family in Indianapolis, Indiana. This ramp will allow for easier entry and exit from the home and promote increased independence and accessibility. RHI was able to positively impact the health needs of our community on ramp at a time.



Fall Volunteer Reading Program - In the recently conducted CHNA, Indiana ranked in the bottom half of states for a variety of Social Determinant of Health issues. One specific issue was the fact that educational achievement (high school graduation rates) in Marion County is below the U.S. average. In 2018-2022, Marion County had a higher percentage of residents aged 25 years and older without a high school diploma compared to Indiana and U.S. averages. A lack of educational achievement also complicates efforts to assure community members are aware of health issues and injury prevention strategies. RHI was proud to partner with Jonathan Jennings Elementary School 109 for the Fall Volunteer Reading Program. Our volunteers committed to assisting teachers and students in the 2nd grade with reading, journaling, and other lesson planning activities on a weekly basis from October 30th through November 13th, 2025. Research supports the benefits of volunteer reading programs and the impact on reading proficiency. Additionally, students who are involved in such programs with

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adult reading volunteers demonstrate improved school attendance which contributes to increased graduation rates. RHI served approximately 46 students during this program.

Blessings in Backpacks – Indiana’s overall food insecurity rate is significantly higher than the national rate and has continued to increase over the past decade. As Marion County contains several federally designated food deserts, RHI team members continue our relationship with Jonathan Jennings Elementary School to fight food insecurity in our local community by providing the students with backpacks of ready to eat and easy to prepare food. Backpacks were delivered to 50 students at the school in December for distribution to aid in providing food over the extended Winter Break.

Student Book Gifting Program - As part of RHI’s commitment to support educational achievement, RHI sponsored the 5th annual Book Gifting Program for the students at Jonathan Jennings Elementary School 109. This program partners with First Book to put brand-new, age-appropriate books in the hands of kids who need them most, providing each of the 280 students and several teachers at the school with high quality reading resources. Additional funding was provided to support the stocking of the school’s book vending machine. The vending machine allows students to be rewarded with new books throughout the school year. Studies show that book programs boost literacy skills and behavior, making them effective tools for childhood development. Research suggests that 61% of low-income students in the US do not own a book at their reading level at home. Children with books at home are significantly more likely to be engaged and read above their reading level which leaves those without these books at a severe disadvantage. RHI looks forward to supporting future programs and initiatives that contribute to the educational success of students in Marion County.

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