

## St. Rita's Health Partners Community Investment

St. Rita's Health Partners has a long-standing history of providing philanthropic support for projects and programs that benefit the communities we serve. We provide substantial uncompensated care as well as community support through its outreach initiatives. The ability to deliver financial support to community organizations is directly related to St. Rita's performance and our focus for investment is aligned with our mission and core values.

For more information about our community investments during 2014, [click here](#).

### Our Mission

St. Rita's extends the healing ministry of Jesus by improving the health of our communities with emphasis on the people who are poor and under-served.

### Our Values

The values that guide our behavior include Compassion, Excellence, Human Dignity, Justice, Sacredness of Life and Service.

In addition, St. Rita's considers contributions to organizations and programs that align with our strategic objectives and respond to a demonstrated community need. St. Rita's goal is to live its mission and to work with community partners to address those issues that St. Rita's, as a healthcare provider, can best impact to improve the health of the communities we serve.

### About Community Investments – Areas of Focus

Through strategic community investments, St. Rita's will lead, advocate and collaborate to measurably improve the health of local families and reduce disparities in targeted populations. For 2015, St. Rita's seeks Community Benefit Partnerships in **four categories**:

#### *Health*

- Identified Community Health Priorities: Exercise, Nutrition and Weight; Mental Health; Substance Abuse; Maternal, Fetal and Infant care; and Cancer

#### *Community Health Education*

- Health education, smoking cessation, nutrition, education of health professionals, etc.

#### *Community Development*

- Community Economic Development (access to care, workforce development initiatives, neighborhood revitalization, etc.)

#### *Care for the Poor*

- Support services for people living in poverty

## **General guidelines**

Requests for funding are evaluated against the following criteria. These criteria have been developed to ensure that St. Rita's establishes relationships that will benefit the sponsored organization, the communities we serve and St. Rita's.

### Proposals are evaluated for the following criteria:

1. Direct alignment with our strategic objectives and areas of focus.
2. Tangible, measurable outcomes associated with the funding, such as the number of individuals served or program outcomes.
3. Opportunity to create long-term value and awareness including leveraging volunteer opportunities or generating future impact for the community/individuals served.
4. Ability to reach targeted audiences and build relationships.
5. Positive exposure for St. Rita's and our employees.
6. Potential for long-term, sustainable partnership or relationship.
7. Located within the St. Rita's service areas.

### To be eligible, organizations must:

- Have legal status as a not-for-profit organization.
- Directly align with one of our strategic objectives and/or areas of focus.
- Submit a completed application.

Please note:

- St. Rita's will prioritize contributions to organizational and program support over fundraising event requests, ie. table sponsorships, golf outing, bingos etc..
- Any organization seeking/receiving financial support over \$1000 from St. Rita's for organizational/program support will be asked to submit a year-end report on outcomes achieved.

We regret that we are unable to support the following types of activities because they do not meet the criteria we've set for our community investment program.

### Ineligible activities include:

- Requests that benefit an individual person or family.
- National or international organizations/events that do not benefit the local community or are not connected with a Mercy Health sponsored organization.
- Travel expenses.
- General operating expenses without a plan for sustainability or endowment campaigns.
- Political candidates or organizations.
- Non health agency- or school-sponsored walkathons, athletic events, or athletic group sponsorships.
- U.S. hospitals or medical research.
- For-profit organizations.
- Uncoordinated, multiple requests from one organization.
- Uncoordinated requests from similar services in the community.

**Request submission**

Nonprofit organizations seeking funding support from St. Rita's must submit an application that meets all of the following proposal requirements by completing the application located on [St. Ritas.org](http://St.Ritas.org)