



Affordable dental clinic offers a fresh start to patients.

For many patients, a fear of the unknown—unknown cost, that is—might have them living with dental pain, discomfort, and other health concerns for months, years, or longer.

Identifying the need for expanded dental services in the community, MedStar St. Mary's Hospital joined forces with Health Partners, Inc., a local nonprofit primary healthcare and dental provider. Health Partners offers affordable adult and pediatric dental care for uninsured and underinsured patients and those with commercial insurance plans.

Opening in August 2019, the dental clinic at East Run Center in Lexington Park was established through the work of the Population & Community Health department, which was awarded two grants from the Maryland Community Health Resources Commission (MCHRC) and Rural Maryland Council. These funds allowed MedStar St. Mary's to replace its former mobile dental van with a brick-and-mortar practice. East Run's location advances the hospital's goal of increasing access to care for St. Mary's County's southernmost regions.

Letter from the president.

Dear Friends,

Last year found us all in unexpected circumstances. Through the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic and beyond, MedStar St. Mary's Hospital remains committed to addressing barriers to good health for our community—including dental care.

In a year in which every smile was to be savored, we are grateful to play a part in bringing more to our neighbors. Through grants secured by our Population & Community Health department, we welcomed Health Partners, Inc. to offer affordable dental services in Lexington Park. We remain dedicated to improving local health outcomes as we weather this storm together.

Kindest regards,

Christine R. Wray, FACHE
Senior Vice President, MedStar Health
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Seeing patients two days a week, a rotating dental team assisted 349 patients during 629 visits through April 2020, with the practice continuing to grow even through the COVID-19 pandemic. Procedures offered include fillings, X-rays, crowns, dentures, root canals, and more.

“Patients are often surprised by the number of services we offer,” says Chrisie Mulcahey, executive director of Health Partners. “And for many, we aren’t just treating a dental issue—we’re offering a fresh start.”



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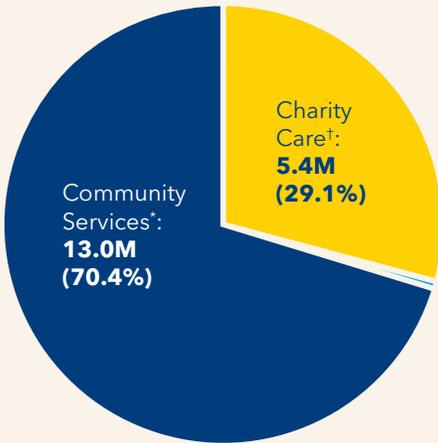
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Community benefit contribution 2020: \$18.4M

*Includes subsidies, community health improvement services, community building activities, financial contributions, and community benefit operations
†Includes Medicaid assessments

Health Professions Education: \$0.1M (0.4%)



It's how we treat people.