THE HOSPITAL

Nazareth Hospital, a member of Mercy Health System, is a 201 acute bed and 28 skilled nursing bed facility that serves Northeast Philadelphia and the surrounding region. Founded by the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth, the Hospital has been serving the community for over 78 years. Mercy Health System is a mission-driven Regional Health Ministry of Trinity Health whose Mission is to "... serve together in the spirit of the Gospel as a compassionate and healing presence within our communities." Our Vision is "... we will become the recognized leader in improving the health of our communities and each person we serve. We will be known as the most trusted health partner for life."

Nazareth Hospital invests in the community by improving health, delivering compassionate care and providing a range of community education programs focusing on disease prevention, managing chronic disease and outreach for elderly, uninsured and those who are poor. To meet the needs of the growing senior population, Nazareth has developed a number of initiatives, including a Senior Care Emergency Department Nurse Navigator who ensures seniors discharged from the ED have medications, home support and transportation for follow-up care. A long-time leader in stroke care, Nazareth is a nationally certified Primary Stroke Center.

According to the 2010 census data almost one in three families in the Nazareth service area (32%) is living in poverty. This represents over 17,000 families in poverty and one in five of these families have children. Poverty rates are lower in the Nazareth service area compared to rates in Philadelphia as a whole. Eighty-six percent of the patients are on either Medicaid or Medicare.

THE BENEFITS OF THE 340B PROGRAM

The 340B Prescription Drug Program is a vital lifeline for safety-net providers, supporting critical health services in our communities. This program is narrowly tailored to reach only hospitals that provide a high level of services to low-income individuals or hospitals that serve isolated rural communities. Significantly, more 340B hospitals provide money-losing vital health services than non-340B hospitals, such as trauma centers, HIV-AIDS services, and immunizations.

Nazareth’s healthcare team has continually demonstrated its commitment to the well-being of the community it serves. Through countless community outreach efforts — free monthly screenings and community health fairs — and alliances with community organizations and leaders, the Hospital impacts the lives of thousands of residents annually. Outreach to the community has been key to this ministry since its establishment by the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth in 1940. In fiscal year 2018, Nazareth Hospital provided more than $3.4 million in charity care, serving 15,021 individuals.

IMPACT IF THE 340B PROGRAM WAS SCALED BACK

Nazareth Hospital collaborates with various community organizations to improve the health of the community. The Dine with the Docs is a free monthly educational series providing the community an opportunity to learn about important health topics, and creates an open dialogue with Nazareth physicians and clinicians over a complimentary meal. Preventive educational and screening programs fill a vital community need and are made possible in part through the 340B program.