THE HOSPITAL: St. Francis Medical Center is an acute care teaching hospital that has been serving the local community and the surrounding counties for over 140 years. St. Francis operates 231 licensed beds and has 300 medical staff providers who represent all specialties. During the last fiscal year, the hospital provided over 16,000 days of care, and over 76,000 outpatient visits. St. Francis is known as "The Heart Hospital," offering the only comprehensive cardiac surgery program in the county. It is our mission to serve in the spirit of the gospel as a compassionate and transforming healing presence within our community. We are dedicated to fostering overall wellness regardless of one’s ability to pay.

THE BENEFITS OF THE 340B PROGRAM: The benefit of the 340B program for the medical center has been vast. The savings generated by the program have allowed St. Francis to expand services and focus on community-based health initiatives that increase access to care, as well as produce better outcomes through clinic programs, health education, and social services. Our 340B savings allow an underserved patient population to ingress vital programs they would normally be unable to, due to lack of insurance or low reimbursing plans that other health care providers will not accept. The most notable programs and services that we provide to enrich our local community include:

- **C.A.R.E.S. PROGRAM (Children Really Are Extra Special):** This program offers children ages 3-21 the opportunity to receive emotional, behavioral, and/or psychiatric care here at the medical center. The children that are eligible for this program do not require inpatient care; however, they cannot be managed by personal and community resources. The C.A.R.E.S. program offers full day acute partial hospitalization and nursery where children attend the program during regular school hours and receive both therapeutic treatment, and academic courses. There is also a weekly outpatient therapy and medication management program for individuals and their families.

- **PROVIDER SUBSIDIES (SUPPORTED PRACTICES AND HOSPITAL):** Due to the abundance of uninsured and Medicaid patients that we serve, St. Francis must subsidize our medical providers for all low, or no reimbursement visits. These subsidies are necessary in order to maintain a fully staffed hospital and be able to offer provider based locations that are accessible to Medicaid patients in the surrounding communities. The subsidies we must provide total approximately $7.7 million dollars annually.

- **DIABETES PROGRAM:** The medical center operates a program for diabetic patients that provides educational materials and individual or group classes for issues related to the disease such as proper diet and medication administration. The program also provides supportive medical oversite to hundreds of patients monthly, and tracks the path to wellness on an outpatient or inpatient basis.

- **EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT:** St. Francis operates an emergency department that is open 24 hours per day and accommodates over thirty-two thousand visits per year. There are only two hospitals in the city of Trenton; therefore, our emergency department is a vital part of this community.

- **OUTPATIENT CLINICS:** We are proud to offer outpatient clinic services in fourteen specialties including Endocrine, Gastrointestinal, Infectious Disease, Psychiatric, Surgical, and a daily general medicine walk-in clinic. These specialty services significantly increase access to care, as well as reduce emergency department visits and hospital readmissions. Our clinics handle over one thousand visits per month, comprised mostly of charity care and Medicaid recipients. The clinics operate at approximately a $1.5 million dollar loss annually.

**IMPACT IF THE PROGRAM WAS SCALLED BACK:** Our programs for the uninsured or underinsured operate at approximately a $17 million dollar deficit annually. It would have a devastating effect on the medical center if the 340B program were to be scaled back or eliminated. All of the aforementioned programs would be challenging to support unless the law continues in its current state. Many have a misconception of how 340B program savings are utilized, but the reality is that safety net hospitals, like St. Francis, depend on the savings to care for grossly underserved communities that need it the most.