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## **Summary of Community Benefits Provided By:**

### **Driscoll Children's Hospital**

**Quarter Ending December 31st, 2019**

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- Driscoll Children's Hospital recognizes the need to provide emergency services to all residents of its community, including low-income and needy patients, and provides these services regardless of a patient's ability to pay. Approximately 82.5% of all visits to Driscoll's emergency departments are made by charity, self-pay, or Medicaid patients.
- Driscoll recognizes that the state infant mortality rate exceeds 5% each year and the hospital is focused on reducing this rate by providing the latest in medical technology and specialized care to newborns across the region. Over 85.19% of neonatal intensive care services are to charity, self-pay, or Medicaid patients.
- Patients requiring psychiatric services are often one of the most under-served populations in a community, and Driscoll strives to ensure that these patients receive appropriate care. Approximately 76.94% of the primary diagnosis behavioral services Driscoll offers in its facilities are provided to charity, self-pay, and Medicaid patients.
- Dedicated to our continued effort to improve the community's access to pediatric physician specialists, Driscoll recruited a Pediatric Cardiothoracic surgeon, Nurse Practitioner for High Risk Program, Otolaryngologist, Anesthesiologist, and Quick Care provider. Driscoll also credentialed pediatric physicians to the medical staff of its hospital. These physicians began practicing within the hospital and physician groups in 2019.
- Driscoll continues to provide a variety of health services to Nueces and surrounding counties to meet the needs of the underserved community:
  - These programs include but are not limited to: Community Health Fairs, health education, physician education, and therapy camps. These activities represent a community benefit of approximately \$44,840.
  - The Driscoll transport program provides emergency transports services via ambulance and air transport. Most of the children transported would



not otherwise have had the means to access the service. From October 2019 through December 2019, there were 449 transports.