



Your Community Hospital *Benefitting the Community*

2007 Summary •• Valley General Hospital

Community Health Education and Prevention

- More than 1,800 people attended classes at VGH ranging from First Aid and CPR to Childbirth, Parenting and Fitness
- Childbirth classes were also held in Spanish
- Many people attended hospital-sponsored support groups including support groups for cancer, grieving and loss and diabetes.
- VGH coordinated two weeks worth of appointments for the Washington Dental Service Smile Mobile for children to receive free dental care.
- The annual health fair provided educational materials, information and screening for hundreds of people.
- The Women's Health Screening Day provided free mammograms and cervical screenings for underserved women in the district.
- Eight community blood drives were held at the hospital.
- The Diabetes Program offers nutrition classes and support groups.
- VGH participated in the National Night Out and presented information and materials to help keep medications safe.
- A Spanish-speaking doula provides outreach services to the local population.

Community Support

- The hospital supports local events like the annual Easter Egg hunt, the YMCA kids day, National Night Out and the Evergreen State Fair.
- More than 500 hours of meeting room space was donated to local organizations.
- The hospital supports and participates in local organizations like the Monroe Diversity Council, the local Chamber of Commerces and Kiwanas.
- VGH employs a part time Disaster Preparedness Coordinator to ensure the hospital is ready to serve the community in the event of a disaster.
- The hospital contributed time and resources to aid local physicians in recruitment.
- New program development focusing on community needs, I.e. Wound Healing Center.

Health Profession Training

- The hospital provides training for various health care students including physical therapy, dietitians, pharmacy, radiology and more. In 2007 more than 4,500 hours of training was supervised by VGH staff.

Medical Care Provided With No or Little Payment

- \$4,987,000 worth of services were provided in 2007 for people who were uninsured or unable to pay according to the hospital Charity Care policy.
- 16% of the patients VGH provided services to in 2007 were covered by Medicaid, which does not provide full payment for services rendered.