

Community Impact in 2021





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New Community Initiatives for 2022

Our plans for the new year include three new community initiatives to enhance the services provided by West Suburban.

- **Production of a newsletter to share health and wellness tips with our community.**

The *Health Connection* newsletter will be emailed in a digital format to a community mailing list. Printed copies also will be distributed around hospital and in the community.

- **Creation of a Community Advisory Council comprised of community leaders**

who can volunteer their time to advise the hospital on new programs and opportunities while serving as an ambassadors for the hospital among other community groups.

- **Outreach to local religious leaders to discuss community needs**

and innovative partnerships to address those needs.

January 2022 Hospital Makes Impact in 2021

Revitalization underway to enhance care for our community

It is with great pleasure that I serve as chairman of the Governing Board associated with a hospital that is essential to our Chicago-area community: West Suburban Medical Center.

And, it is with great pride that I present this *Community Impact Report* detailing the most recent accomplishments of this hospital in serving its community. I also wish to express gratitude to the Illinois legislators who have supported our hospital in meaningful ways.



During the pandemic, West Suburban staff not only cared for patients with COVID-19, but also administered more than 1,200 COVID-19 vaccinations to community members.

West Suburban Medical Center has a long history of quality care and compassionate service.

More recently, the COVID-19 pandemic has presented significant challenges to our hospital and to hospitals across the country. In our Chicago-area community, I am proud that West Suburban Medical Center not only remained open to care for patients, but also made progress in important revitalization programs to enhance patient care going forward.

Positive changes are underway now to better serve our community!

Significant investments are being made in clinical services, state-of-the-art equipment and facilities improvements at West Suburban. Those investments speak to a strong commitment to serve the community—one patient at a time, with quality, affordable care.

In addition to the investments in revitalization, we are working to create meaningful events and opportunities for engagement with community members.

This *Community Impact Report* highlights examples of the impact we are making in the community around us as we move toward a bright future for West Suburban Medical Center and the patients we are privileged to serve.

Anan Abu-Taleb
Chair, Governing Board
West Suburban Medical Center

West Suburban Medical Center: Community Impact in 2021

- Partnered with University of Illinois, Chicago/ UI Health for **Neurosurgery Services and Stroke/Tele-stroke Program**.
- Achieved recognition as a **Stroke Center of Excellence** and as a **Bariatric Center of Excellence**, performing more than 250 bariatric cases annually.
- Achieved **Senior-Friendly Emergency Department Certification**.
- Purchased two state-of-the-art **3D tomography mammogram units** for the River Forest Campus. Held a **Community Open House** to educate women about our advanced 3D tomography mammogram services.
- Hosted a **Back-to-School event** sponsored by the West Side Pastors' Coalition for AIDS and Inner City Health, distributing more than 100 backpacks filled with school supplies for children.



The purchase of two advanced 3D tomography mammogram units by West Suburban Medical Center is one example of investment in new technology to better serve women in the surrounding community. Pictured here are registered Radiologic Technologist Katherine Calamia (left) and Manager of Operations Justyna M. Koscielniak.



Barbara Martin
Chief Executive Officer
West Suburban Medical Center

"We have been serving Oak Park and the surrounding Chicago communities for more than 100 years, and we are thankful for the trust you place in us. We are your partner for good health, today, tomorrow, and always."



Illinois State Rep. La Shawn Ford shared his prostate cancer experience at a special event hosted by West Suburban. The hospital offered free PSA tests to the West Side/Austin and Oak Park communities.



Katherine Sanford is among the new moms grateful for the care they received during delivery at West Suburban. The hospital's maternity services program was named among the top three in Illinois and one of the top 200 in the country.

West Suburban by the Numbers

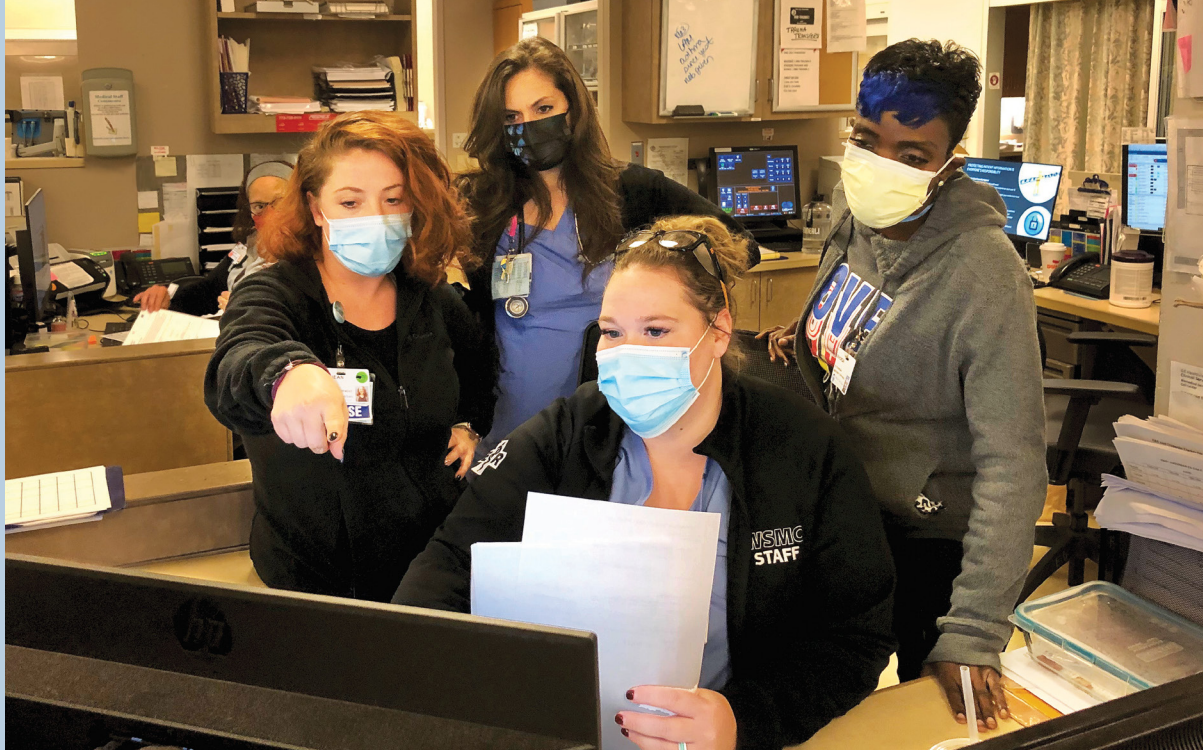
234
Bed Count

867
Employees

Patients Served Annually

35,500

930
Deliveries



The Emergency Department team at West Suburban achieved Senior-Friendly Emergency Department Certification, illustrating their commitment to caring for the older residents of their community.

West Suburban Medical Center (continued)

- Administered more than **1,200 COVID-19 vaccinations** to community members, including vaccinations provided with State Rep. La Shawn Ford at an Austin barber shop.
- Held a **Prostate Cancer Screening event** offering free PSA tests for the West Side/ Austin and Oak Park communities.
- Provided **COVID-19 testing** at the 5K Run for the Prevention of Violence in the Austin neighborhood.
- Provided **\$112,879 in breast care services** to the underserved at the River Forest Breast Care Center.
- Participated in the **Illinois Breast and Cervical Cancer Program**, serving 42 patients in FY2021 through the PCC Community Wellness Center.
- Named one of the **top three maternity units in Illinois** by The Leapfrog Group and *Newsweek* and one of the top 200 in the country.
- Participated in A Silver Lining Foundation partnership grant for **screening mammograms and diagnostic services for 90 uninsured patients.**

The community was invited to "Think Pink" at a breast cancer screening event offering free mammograms at West Suburban's River Forest Campus.



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Free 3D mammograms were offered at the October breast cancer screening event.