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Facts about Baptist Memorial Health Care's Community Benefit

Baptist Memorial Health Care is a regional health care system with affiliate hospitals throughout West Tennessee, North Mississippi and East Arkansas. These hospitals all provide substantial charity care, uncompensated care and community benefit, often in rural communities that have no other hospitals and few physicians.

- Baptist Memorial Health Care provided \$541 million in community benefit during fiscal year 2009 (October 2008-September 2009). That number includes:
 - \$270 million in uncompensated care (charity care + unpaid patient accounts)
 - \$266 million in unpaid Medicaid and TennCare accounts
 - \$296 million in total metro-Memphis community benefit.
- Baptist was involved in a number of community outreach activities in 2009. Here are a few highlights:
 - The Baptist Operation Outreach mobile health care clinic, which provides primary care to the homeless three times a week. Baptist invested \$2.6 million in the program in 2009. In addition, staff on the van hosted a health clinic at the City of Memphis' annual Thanksgiving Dinner for the Homeless and the Hungry, providing primary care and health information.
 - Baptist Memphis raised more than \$50,000 for the cure and treatment of Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS or Lou Gehrig's disease).
 - Baptist and Grace Magazine partnered to sponsor the Healthy Church Challenge, a five-month contest that encouraged church congregations to adopt healthier lifestyles. In 2009, the 10 participating congregations lost a total of 940 pounds.
 - Many Baptist hospitals and other entities have adopted local schools, and Baptist employees have provided everything from Christmas gifts to physicals for student athletes. The Memphis Academy of Science and Engineering; Manassas High School; Denver Elementary School; and the Shrine School, a Memphis City School for the physically and or/mentally challenged, are among Baptist Memorial's adopted schools.