



“MILL LEVY IS NOT A NEW TAX”

SIERRA VISTA HOSPITAL “THE HIDDEN JEWEL OF SIERRA COUNTY”

The SVH Mission

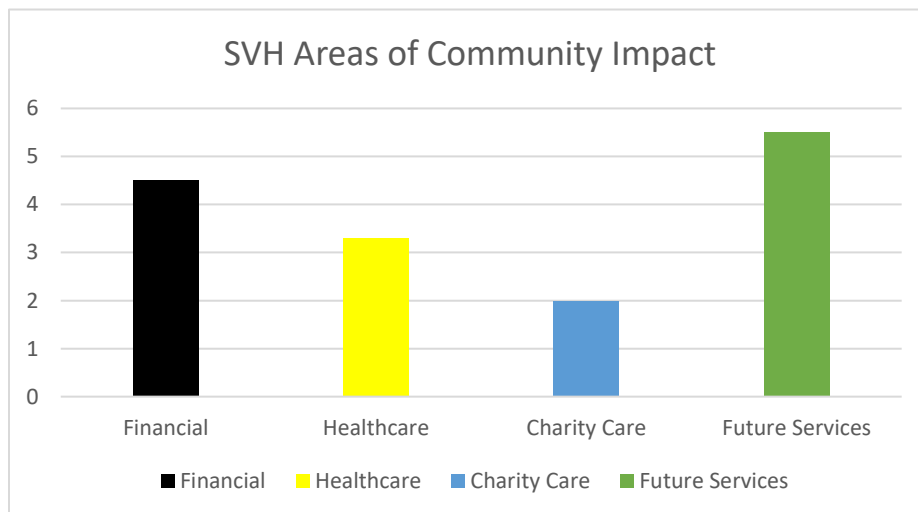
Sierra Vista Hospital is a community owned resource that strives to meet the Healthcare needs of Sierra County through the provision of health services, leadership, and collaboration.

Community Support for SVH

As a community owned resource, Sierra Vista Hospital provides quality patient care to the residents of Sierra County and to the thousands of visitors who travel here annually. Financial support from the community is critical to sustaining our ability to provide the highest levels of care and for expansion of much needed services for the community. SVH survives in part from budgeted local funds that were previously approved “mill levy” or property tax that was voted for by our residents. This measure has been reapproved over the years and will come before the citizens this November for reconsideration.

Facts about “Mill Levy” Support for SVH

- This is **“NOT A NEW TAX”!** SVH depends on the financial support of the community!
- Sierra County citizens previously voted for a 2 mill levy assessment and extended it several times
- The mill levy is equal to taxing **only \$1 for each \$1,000** of assessed property value
- Reapproving the current mill levy **WILL NOT** increase your taxes
- Every dollar received from the mill levy is used in support of SVH facilities and programs





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Financial & Economic Impacts

- SVH employs close to **225 staff members** on site or through vendors who supply SVH
- Wages and benefits output from SVH is **\$57,645,000** annually
- Total Economic Impact to our Region is **\$74,935,000** annually
- The majority of SVH employees own or rent property in the local area
- SVH employees’ shop, eat, and purchase other local goods and services
- Sales tax from SVH services are collected in Sierra County
- State and Federal funds are distributed and utilized through SVH programs
- SVH community partnerships save money by pooling critical financial resources

Healthcare Impacts

- SVH provides vital information to the community through its Infection Prevention program
- SVH conducts about **7,290** patient visits annually or an average of **20** patient visits per day
- The Emergency Department sees an avg of **22** patients per day, treating over **8,000** in FY 22
- The SVH EMS Team provides immediate capability to the community and surrounding areas
 - Provides professional and experienced local, regional, and state support
 - Performs in-home lift assistance for fall victims or those requiring help
 - Conducts community education (ACLS, PALS, BLS-CPR, STOP the Bleed, and PHTLS)
 - Partners with HS High School sports to provide emergency medical coverage
 - Present for medical coverage at local holiday and community events
 - Distributes free lifejackets and water during lake events
- Provides opportunities for healthcare students to complete clinical hours needed for graduation

Charity Care

- SVH provides healthcare resources for low income and underinsured patients
- Approximately 80% of SVH’s patients are eligible for Medicare/Medicaid programs
- SVH provides critical response capability for the transient visitor population
- SVH provides care to individuals or families in traditionally underserved categories (poverty, tribal, minorities, underinsured or uninsured persons)

The Future of SVH Services

- Covid-19 forced us to add new or modified treatment options like telehealth capabilities
- We recently added two new Family Practice Physicians (includes Pediatric treatment)
- SVH has started the expansion of services to better care for its patient population:
 - Planning has started for the treatment for various Behavior Health conditions
 - Availability of Cardiology services
 - Return of Surgery services
 - Ability to perform Sleep Studies
 - Planning to expand our Rehabilitation program to include in and out-patient service