



HELPING TO MAKE NORTHWEST ALABAMA HEALTHIER

At Northwest Medical Center, our goal is to deliver the best healthcare available in the greater Northwest Alabama area as we seek to make our community healthier. With the help of dedicated physicians, employees, volunteers and board members, along with your continued support and encouragement, we continue to move forward.

Delivering quality healthcare is a big part of the contribution we make. But there are many other ways a hospital can make a positive impact on the community it serves. Here are a few of the other ways we are making a difference.

Over \$1.7 million in capital improvements

During 2008, Northwest Medical Center spent more than \$1.7 million investing in our hospital, which included facility expansions/renovations, equipment purchases, technology replacement, information technology additions/updates, and routine facility upkeep and maintenance. In early 2009, we will complete a renovation project that will allow us to expand surgical services.

Contributing to our local tax base

Last year, Northwest Medical Center paid \$446,900 in taxes that have helped to support our city, county and state. This included sales taxes as well as property taxes. These dollars help to support local schools, development of roads, recruitment of business and industry, and other needed services.

Helping those in need

Northwest Medical Center provided over \$48.2 million in uncompensated care last year, which included the amounts not covered by government-sponsored programs such as Medicare and Medicaid. This amount includes \$4.5 million for charity care and bad debts, incurred as we cared for many people without sufficient resources.

Adding new physicians

During the past year, Northwest Medical Center added several new physicians to our highly respected medical staff, including specialists in orthopedic surgery and pediatrics.

One of our community's major employers

With an annual payroll of more than \$14.8 million and nearly 300 employees, Northwest Medical Center is one of the largest employers in the region.

We thank you for choosing Northwest Medical Center for your healthcare needs. With your support, together we can make an even greater hospital and a healthier community.



Chuck Spann, CEO
Northwest Medical Center



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COMMUNITY BENEFIT REPORT

Charity care and bad debt	\$4,546,000
Government-sponsored health care	\$43,663,000
Includes unpaid cost of Medicare and Medicaid	
Community benefit programs	\$309,776
Financial contributions.....	\$8,694
Community health services	\$12,600
Physician recruitment.....	\$276,181
Taxes paid	\$446,900
Property and other taxes.....	\$84,000
Local sales taxes.....	\$200,200
State sales taxes.....	\$162,700

2008 TOTAL **\$48,965,676**

In addition, the hospital's payroll of \$14.8 million and capital investments of more than \$1.7 million last year contributed significantly to the community's economic success.

SPONSORSHIPS AND DONATIONS

Northwest Medical Center and our employees are pleased to have been able to support the following activities and organizations during the past year.

- Alabama 4-H Club
- American Cancer Society Relay for Life
- Brilliant High School
- City of Winfield Main Street Program
- Guin Toy Bowl Association
- Hackleburg City Schools
- Hamilton Fire & Rescue
- Hospice of Northwest Alabama
- Hubbertville Schools
- Lamar County Booster Club
- Lamar County High School
- Marion County High School
- Marion County Sheriff's Office
- Sulligent Civic Club
- Sulligent High School
- Winfield City Police
- Winfield Fire Department
- Winfield City Chamber of Commerce
- Winfield City High School
- Winfield Lions Club
- Winfield Park & Recreation Board
- Winfield Toy Bowl Association

"Government-sponsored health care" includes governmental and private payor contractual adjustments or reductions. "Physician recruitment costs" include recruitment costs and support of new physicians' initial practice establishment in the community. Payroll includes consolidated salaries, wages, benefits and contract labor costs. "Capital investments" include facility expansions/renovations, equipment purchases, technology replacement, information technology additions/updates, and routine facility upkeep and maintenance.