2006 Mayo Clinic Annual Report to the Community

Our community: Sharing vision and values
Community giving is a significant, time-honored part of Mayo Clinic’s heritage. And it takes many forms — in financial support, volunteer hours, research and education initiatives and strategic planning partnerships.

Founders Drs. William and Charles Mayo created an organization where supporting community is integral to our mission. Quality patient care, research and education are only possible in a thriving, vibrant community, with good schools, a well-trained work force and amenities that make Rochester a desirable place to live.

Just as there has been for 150 years, there’s work to be done. Community needs change and evolve. Like our larger metropolitan counterparts, Rochester faces fundamental socioeconomic challenges such as hunger, poverty and unequal access to health care. We have excellent schools, but many students struggle because of language differences or problems at home. At the same time, there are new collaborative relationships in Rochester, formed to help welcome increasingly diverse newcomers. Rochester and Olmsted County comprise a larger community that works together to identify the most pressing needs and to find ways to solve problems at the root cause. Mayo Clinic is proud to be a catalyst and partner in these efforts.

As you read this report, you’ll see a common theme: It takes a community to solve problems. No one organization has the human or financial capital to go it alone.

It’s paramount that we, as a community, stay nimble, creative and devoted to addressing community needs. Rochester’s strong commitment to working together, while sharing vision and values, has always resulted in innovative solutions. We are pleased to share some of those stories with you in Mayo Clinic’s 2006 Annual Report to the Community.

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Mayo Clinic: Patient care, research and education
What does it mean for Rochester?

RENOVED PATIENT CARE: About 30 percent of Mayo Clinic patients live in Olmsted County. Local patients have convenient access to primary and nationally recognized specialty health care. For the 17th consecutive year, U.S. News & World Report has named Mayo Clinic to the Honor Roll of America’s Best Hospitals, an honor the magazine says is “a mark of particular distinction.”

INNOVATION IN HEALTH CARE: Nearly 3,000 clinical trials are open to all eligible patients. In 2005, Mayo Clinic devoted $399 million to research, from its own funds, from benefactors and government sources. The collaboration between Mayo and the University of Minnesota, called the Minnesota Partnership for Biotechnology and Medical Genomics, collectively manages major research projects totaling $70 million. When the medical research resources of Mayo Clinic and the University of Minnesota are combined, Minnesota comprises the seventh largest medical research collaborative in the United States.

SKILLED DOCTORS, RESEARCHERS AND ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONALS: Mayo Clinic’s five schools help educate more than 5,100 students and trainees every year and provide more than 7,000 hours of continuing education to medical professionals. Many Mayo graduates practice in Rochester and Minnesota. More than 18,000 Mayo alumni serve in health care in the United States and throughout the world.

JOBS: Mayo Clinic Rochester employs 28,000 people and is the largest private employer in Minnesota.

ECONOMIC STABILITY AND GROWTH: Mayo Clinic delivers a $3.97 billion impact on Minnesota’s economy, three times the amount generated by the Mall of America, according to an economic impact study conducted in 2000. For the past several years, Mayo has added about 600 new jobs a year. As the Minnesota Partnership for Biotechnology and Medical Genomics further develops, more research jobs will be created. The BioBusiness Alliance of Minnesota, supported by Mayo Clinic, the University of Minnesota and other biomedical organizations, also is seeking ways to add more biomedical jobs statewide.

EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES: Mayo Clinic supports local educational programs and initiatives at all levels, from kindergarten readiness, through elementary school and high school enrichment, to new higher education development in emerging fields.

What we’ve learned
In 2006, Mayo Clinic contributed more than $1.9 million to nearly 125 organizations working to address such critical community needs as:

POVERTY: In Olmsted County, 5 percent of all families and 19 percent of households headed by a woman had income levels below the poverty level. In 2006, the U.S. poverty guideline for a household of four was $20,000.

NO HEALTH INSURANCE: An estimated 4 percent of Olmsted County residents don’t have health insurance.

HUNGER: 4,500 households sought help from Rochester’s Channel One Food Shelf in 2006.

LANGUAGE DIFFERENCES: Nearly 10 percent of Olmsted County residents were born outside of the United States.

CHALLENGES AT SCHOOL: Standardized tests consistently show an achievement gap in Rochester schools.
Providing care for patients unable to pay

During 2006, Mayo Clinic, provided $35.2 million in health care services for patients who were willing but unable, to pay for care at Mayo Clinic. That’s almost a 25 percent increase over 2005. (See chart below.)

About 92 percent of these patients came from the Upper Midwest. Of the 6,230 patients who benefited from charity care, 2,093 live in Olmsted County.

For patients with no insurance or inadequate insurance, Mayo Clinic considers requests to provide care for a reduced cost or at no charge. Priority is given to patients who would benefit from specialized care available only at Mayo Clinic and to patients from southeastern Minnesota.

Making health care more accessible

Many people face difficulties getting the health care they need. Language, transportation, disability or lack of insurance can present challenges. The problem occurs nationwide.

The newly formed Mayo Clinic Health Policy Center is working to advance health care reform by convening thought leaders in a series of events to help drive change, including improving access to care. One of Mayo’s strengths is bringing together experts to solve complex patient problems. Mayo is taking the same approach to find solutions for national health care concerns.

Those national solutions will take time. But here and now, Mayo Clinic provides care to those unable to pay and supports other organizations that are helping to remove barriers to care.

Bringing the dentist to the patient
Apple Tree Dental to fill a void in community dental care

Apple Tree Dental changes the notion of going to the dentist. Instead, a dental team and their equipment go to patients.

Apple Tree, a nonprofit with offices in the Twin Cities, Madelia (near Mankato) and Hawley (near Moorhead), has a 20-year history of providing dental care to the elderly and those with developmental disabilities in care centers. For many, a trip to the dentist is difficult or impossible. Complete mobile dental offices are trucked to care centers and rolled inside to provide a full range of dental services.

Sarah Crane, M.D., and Linda Ward, M.D., geriatric specialists at Mayo Clinic, invited Apple Tree to consider providing services in Rochester because they had seen many elders with severe dental problems who had no place to turn for care.

“The first question we heard was, ‘When can you start?’” says Michael Helgeson, D.D.S., Apple Tree CEO and a specialist in geriatric dentistry. “Providing care to this group of elders is an unmet need in the Rochester area.”

Apple Tree plans to launch a Rochester program that will serve about 12 nursing homes with about 1,500 residents. Contributions from Rochester Area Foundation, Mayo Clinic, Think Community Foundation and the Academy of the Lady of Lourdes helped pay for the planning effort. Apple Tree hopes to begin work in Rochester by the end of 2007.
Kids stand up for obesity research
Rochester students wiggle and learn in classroom without desks

A classroom without desks — is it some newfangled education heresy? No, it’s Mayo obesity research in the community.

“A major culprit behind obesity is a lack of physical activity,” says James Levine, M.D., Ph.D., a Mayo Clinic obesity researcher.

He wondered if a classroom could encourage movement and, ultimately, reduce the risk of obesity.

Twenty-four students in fourth and fifth grade from the Rochester school district were happy to help, an example of a long tradition of community support for Mayo research.

Each student had a “standing desk” on wheels that could easily move around the classroom. Students used loaned wireless notebook computers and iPods in regular learning activities. Creative writing, done via laptop, didn’t require sitting at a desk. Spelling tests were downloaded on iPods, so students could take the test anywhere in the classroom.

In the study, each student wore a device to record movement, first in the traditional classroom and then, in the classroom without desks. Was the opportunity to wiggle distracting? No, the teacher reported. The children were more focused and had fewer behavior problems in the new classroom.

Dr. Levine says longer-term studies are needed to judge what effect chairless classrooms will have on childhood obesity. But considering the overwhelmingly positive responses from teachers, students and parents, rows of classroom desks may one day be relegated to education history books.

Volunteers expand care at Good Samaritan Clinics
When there’s a community health need, the Salvation Army finds volunteers to get the job done

In 2006, 346 volunteers donated 2,362 hours at the Good Samaritan Health and Dental Clinics. “Some volunteers have been here since we opened 12 years ago,” says Cortnee Jensen, volunteer director for Rochester’s Salvation Army.

A monthly eye care clinic, launched by James Garrity, M.D., and Anna Kitzmann, M.D., Mayo Clinic ophthalmologists, is the newest service.

Over the years, health care volunteers have staffed regular clinics on diabetes and hypertension, smoking cessation and weight loss. Dental, pharmacy and mental health services have been added. From the beginning, patients with urgent care needs have been treated. Health care volunteers work at Mayo Clinic and Olmsted Medical Center. Mayo Medical School students also volunteer. Dental care volunteers come from many practices in the community.

In 2006, 1,343 patients used the medical clinic, about 18 percent more than in 2005.
Creating opportunities for kids to learn, succeed
Schools are multicultural, multifaceted

How much do you really know about the young people of Rochester? More than ever before, our schools are racially, ethnically and culturally diverse. Students come from 66 different countries and speak 65 languages at home. Nearly 28 percent of Rochester public school students qualify for free or reduced-price lunches. There are wide differences in student background, achievement and family income.

But difference shouldn’t mean disadvantage. Many organizations in Rochester are finding creative ways to connect with and support young people. ■

With a boost from mentors, students make academic strides
Students like knowing that adults in the community care

To succeed, you have to try. And 75 Rochester high school students in the Rotary STRIVE program have volunteer mentors urging them to do their best.

The program, first offered by Rochester Rotary II, began with John Marshall High School in 1999. The goal was to motivate students to try harder and do better in school their senior year. The program has expanded to include volunteers from Rochester’s three Rotary clubs as well as other community members. Twenty-five students from John Marshall, Century and Mayo High Schools had mentors in 2006.

Students and mentors meet throughout the school year, mainly at group events during the school day. The Rotary clubs, with support from community donations, award scholarships to five students from each school who show the most improvement in grade point average. The top scholarship at each school is $2,000.

“Students tell us the scholarship is nice, but they really like knowing adults in the community care,” says Kim Adams, president-elect of the Rotary Club of Rochester and STRIVE volunteer.

That attention works. About 90 percent of the students in the program improve their grade point averages. “Grades improve, attendance improves, a sense of responsibility improves,” says Mary Sorensen, counselor at John Marshall, of STRIVE students.

Amanda Sim, a STRIVE participant in 2006, says the program made her realize it was time to concentrate on school. “I wanted to get straight A’s sometime in my life,” she says. She reached that goal, graduated from John Marshall High School and was awarded a $2,000 STRIVE scholarship. She’s attending Crossroads College in Rochester, studying business administration and child development. ■
Calling all 3-year-olds for school readiness check
Research shows 60 percent of kindergartners not ready to learn

In 2006, for the first time, the Rochester school district invited families to schedule a free school readiness check-in for 3-year-olds. More than 300 families participated.

The check-ins, also called early childhood screenings, are required by state law before children start kindergarten. In the past, most families scheduled the required check-ins when children were age 4 or 5. Education professionals evaluate the child’s vision, hearing, growth, communication skills, motor skills, and social and emotional development.

First Steps, a Rochester Area Foundation initiative to improve school readiness, teamed with the school district to encourage families to schedule the readiness check-in sooner rather than later. Early screening gives families the knowledge, resources — and time — to help prepare their children for success in school.

After School Academy: Remedial work made fun
Funding shortage means a waiting list for successful program

Rochester’s After School Academy is a safe haven for 500 of the neediest students in the district.

It’s a place to review lessons, do homework, have a healthy snack and some fun, says Jacque Peterson, who oversees the program for the Rochester school district. There are also outings to the library, swimming lessons and other community activities.

Students who aren’t achieving grade-level standards are eligible for the academy. An extra two hours a day, four days a week, with licensed teachers helps many students catch up with classmates.

The after-school program, in its fourth year, is paid for mainly by Title One federal funds, which support remedial programs. The funding is based on the number of children who qualify for free and reduced-price lunches. But federal funds don’t cover the need; the program has a waiting list.

The service, for first through fifth graders, is vital to children who are at risk of failing. Studies show that bridging the achievement gap is more difficult with older children. And many academy students don’t get academic support at home, because parents are working or unable to help.

“School may be the only place some students eat,” says Peterson. “First graders might be going home to care for younger siblings.”

For an extra two hours a day, the After School Academy, she says, is a “safe and fun place to be.”
Yes, here. Hunger and poverty in Olmsted County
Channel One Food Bank expands to meet growing needs

Thousands of people in Olmsted County have a tough time — a very tough time — making financial ends meet. Five percent of families in Olmsted County live in poverty, based on federal guidelines. When money runs short, food becomes an optional purchase.

“For five years, we’ve seen double-digit increases in need,” says Carla Johnson, executive director of Channel One Food Shelf and Food Bank, which operates the food shelf programs in Rochester and Olmsted County and is a food distribution center for agencies in the region.

In 2006, about 4,500 Olmsted County households — that’s 14,000 people — relied on Channel One for supplemental food assistance. In southeastern Minnesota, 138,000 people sought food from one of the 179 agencies supported by the Channel One Food Bank.

Hunger in America 2006, a survey conducted on emergency food distribution, illustrates the challenges faced by households in southeastern Minnesota and western Wisconsin. Of the households that rely on Channel One Food Bank and Food Shelf:

- 44 percent reported having to choose between paying for food and paying for housing.

About 4,500 households sought food from Channel One in 2006.

- 33 percent of households included children under age 18; 14 percent had children under 5.
- 72 percent had incomes below the federal poverty level. In 2006, the federal poverty income guideline for a household of three was $16,600.

Channel One’s expansion, at 131 35th St. S.E., Rochester, is almost complete, thanks to contributions to a capital campaign launched in 2006. In December 2006, nearly $900,000 of the $1.4 million goal had been pledged. Mayo Clinic contributed $120,000 and pledged an additional $80,000 to match community contributions. Mayo’s contribution was among hundreds of corporate, foundation and individual gifts supporting the project.

The food shelf expansion allows more shoppers to circulate through the storelike layout. There’s more room for fresh and frozen foods, too. A warehouse expansion of 3,600 square feet will improve efficiency for food distribution throughout the region.

As Olmsted County continues to grow, Johnson expects the need for Channel One services will grow, too. “It’s an economic and income issue,” she says. “When household dollars are tight, hunger should not be a choice people have to make.”

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**United Way contribution largest in Mayo history**

Mayo Clinic employees pledged nearly $1.4 million to the United Way of Olmsted County. Mayo Clinic contributed a 25 percent match, for a total contribution of $1.75 million. The United Way contribution was the largest in Mayo Clinic history.

Also working with the United Way, Mayo Clinic employees contributed 4,586 pounds of food for the Big Hearts Feed the Hungry food drive. The collection, an increase of 1,700 pounds over the 2005 drive, was donated to Channel One Food Shelf.

As part of the seventh annual Big Hearts Warm Small Hands collection event, Mayo Clinic employees donated warm winter outerwear for 521 families (900 adults and 1,492 children).

**Y program helps teens make it on their own**  
*Community steps in with urgently needed stopgap funding*

For 20 years, at-risk teens have sought help from LINK (Living Independently with Knowledge), a Rochester Family Y program to help prevent homelessness.

Last year, LINK needed some help of its own. Because of grant changes, the program was in jeopardy of losing significant funding. Rochester Area Foundation and Mayo Clinic provided stopgap funding.

Tonya Bauer, 18, of Rochester, is one of about 200 young people served by LINK in 2006. Bauer, a senior at Century High School, is living in a foster home and planning for the day when she’s on her own. “We’ve learned about apartments, grocery shopping on a budget, how to get help with heating bills,” she says.

The staff at LINK has encouraged Bauer in all aspects of her life, even reminding her to complete her college application. Bauer, who has a 3.4 grade point average, wants to be a veterinary technician. She can remain in her foster home if she continues in school.

Like Bauer, many LINK clients are nearing the age where they will face the challenges of independent living. Some already live on their own. Between 30 percent and 40 percent of the LINK clients are single moms with young children. Many LINK clients have dealt with substance abuse, poverty and mental illness. Almost none get financial support from their families.

LINK services are voluntary and free to young adults, ages 16 to 22. In addition to life skills classes, LINK offers peer-support groups; one-on-one assistance to help a young person achieve independent living; and financial assistance for deposits to secure housing.

“LINK meets a need not served by any other program,” says Teresa Byland, Director of the Y Resource Center.
A changing community and changing work force
Rochester is the third-largest and fastest-growing city in the state

The face of Rochester and Olmsted County is changing. Rochester has welcomed more immigrants and refugees than any other similar-sized community in Minnesota. The estimated minority population is about 18,000 — about 14 percent of our community. In 1980, that figure was 2.6 percent.

Embracing newcomers isn’t just the right thing to do; it also makes good business sense because of the ongoing economic growth. Employment in Rochester, the third-largest and fastest-growing city in the state, has grown at about 1.5 percent annually for six years.

At Mayo Clinic, the 2006 strategic plan says it straight: “Increase diversity of all staff.” A diverse staff, representing many cultures, backgrounds and experiences, can truly put the needs of all patients first.

A new home for Health Science Careers program
High school students learn nursing and first aid skills

Anatomy, physiology, and nursing skills — this is high school? For two hours a day, for 167 juniors and seniors, it is high school, albeit under another name.

The Health Science Careers program, a partnership among Rochester Public Schools, Rochester Community and Technical College and Mayo Clinic, allows students to learn about careers in health sciences, earn high school credit, nursing assistant certification and complete first aid training.

In 2006, Mayo Clinic allocated $1.3 million to relocate and expand the program to accommodate increased student interest. On the Northwest Mayo Clinic campus, 3033 41st St. N.W., the new facility includes about 11,000 square feet of classroom and lab space, including 14 hospital bed stations with patient beds and equipment used in real patient care settings.

“There are even working patient call lights so students can practice watching for the signal and meeting patient needs in a timely manner,” says Chris Kuhn, R.N., course instructor.

Mayo Clinic sees the career program as one way to help increase diversity in its work force. “We want a staff that reflects the demographics of our patients,” say Guy Finne, a recruitment advisor for Mayo Clinic, who has worked closely with the career center. Finne says the career center attracts a broad spectrum of students, both academically and racially diverse.

Do students here end up in medical careers? Tracking efforts are just beginning. Even without data, Finne says the health science career program offers a unique hands-on opportunity to help students determine a career path.
New community health workers help overcome barriers to health care
Supporting the well-being and independence of foreign-born residents

Five graduates from Rochester Community and Technical College (RCTC) are building bridges to health care for hundreds of Rochester’s foreign-born residents.

The five bilingual graduates, Dahabo Ahmed, Mary Alfred Lako, Sheena Hawm Loth, Ambrose Kurakumba Magaya and Ana Velazquez, are certified community health workers. In 2006, they were the first graduates from this new program.

For people who speak Spanish, Somali, Khmer (Cambodian), Arabic and two Sudanese dialects, Zande and Barre, the community health workers are a lifeline to health care services, helping to overcome language and culture barriers.

They work for the Intercultural Mutual Assistance Association (IMAA), a local nonprofit with the mission of supporting the well-being and independence of foreign-born residents.

Loth recalls one 6 a.m. call. Speaking in her native language, a Cambodian woman told Loth about some alarming symptoms. Loth quickly set up a three-way call with the emergency department triage nurse at Saint Marys Hospital. The nurse advised immediate medical care; the client’s symptoms indicated a stroke. Loth explained the urgency to the client. The client’s spouse called 911. Later, the emergency department told Loth that her assertive and timely call may have saved the woman’s life.

Nearly 10 percent of Olmsted County residents were born outside of the United States

Last year, nearly 1,000 Rochester residents received needed health care, thanks to one-on-one guidance provided by community health workers.

“The community health workers are advocates, facilitators and motivators,” says Avni Patel, program manager. “They teach patients how to make the phone calls, understand their bills and know where to go for appointments.”

The 16-credit program at RCTC includes five credits of nursing assistant training and 11 core credits for community health worker training. In addition, students complete 96-hour internships in Mayo Clinic’s Office of Women’s Health, the Cancer Center, and the General Clinical Research Center. The certification program is a joint endeavor of RCTC, Mayo Clinic and the IMAA.

The program, which began in September 2004, has received grants from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Foundation, and support from the United Way of Olmsted County. Mayo Clinic provided scholarships to cover RCTC tuition and fees.
**The Arts Advantage – for children, community, everyone**

*Numerous studies have demonstrated that arts education helps students*

Recent research reflects what might seem intuitive: Vibrant communities need art. Numerous studies have demonstrated that arts education helps students with reading, writing, creativity and reasoning.

Nonprofit arts organizations are an important economic force, too. The economic impact of the arts in the region is $18 million, according to a 2006 study by the Minnesota Council for the Arts.

Of course, art gives us all something to do, to watch, to hear or to perform. Ann Beatty, executive director to the Choral Arts Ensemble, sees firsthand the importance of arts venues. “I work with singers every week,” she says. “I recognize that many of them need to sing.”

Rochester offers rich opportunities to participate in the arts. In 2006, Mayo contributed to more than 25 arts organizations in Rochester, the region and the Twin Cities. Some 2006 arts highlights in Rochester include:

- **Olmsted County History Center:** The center’s Youth Advisory Board designed a program to engage peers in historical activities. Seeing “Casablanca” and other movie classics outdoors — as perhaps their grandparents did — was a popular choice.
- **Rochester Civic Theatre:** In honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Rochester Civic Theatre produced “Lady Day at the Emerson Bar and Grill,” the biography of legendary jazz and cabaret singer Billie Holliday.
- **Rochester Art Center:** “Scalpel to Sketch: The Science and Beauty of Medical Illustration at Mayo Clinic” explored the pioneering story of an integrated approach towards medical illustration.

**Cleaner-running buses coming this way**

*Retrofits to reduce emissions from city, school buses*

Project Green Fleet — an initiative to reduce diesel emissions from buses — is ready to roll in Rochester.

In 2006, Clean Air Minnesota, a program of the Minnesota Environmental Initiative, spearheaded an effort to retrofit 42 public school buses and eight city buses in Rochester. Funding support came from Rochester Public Utilities, the city of Rochester, Rochester City Lines, Laidlaw Bus Transport and Mayo Clinic.

“Air quality in Rochester is close to exceeding federal pollution standards,” says Bill Droessler, director of Clean Air Minnesota. “Rochester is proactive, trying to stay ahead of it.”

The retrofit reduces overall pollutant emissions by at least 30 percent and almost eliminates pollutants inside the buses that come from bus engines. Some studies have shown air quality inside buses is four to five times worse than air outside.

Droessler says reducing pollutants from bus emissions can make a big impact for minimal investment. Although only about 10 percent of Minnesota vehicles operate with diesel engines, they account for more than 50 percent of air pollutants generated in the state. The retrofit cost per bus is $2,600.
**New group aims to add appeal to downtown**

*A place where people want to live, shop, study, dine and enjoy the arts*

Sandy Keith, executive director of the Rochester Downtown Alliance, brings personal perspective to the changing needs of downtown.

“When I grew up here, everything was downtown,” says Keith, age 78. “It’s where my mother went to buy groceries and clothes.” His father, a physician, worked in the Plummer Building. Since his boyhood days, many retail businesses have moved elsewhere. And Mayo Clinic’s downtown presence has changed remarkably, from hundreds of employees to nearly the 28,000 employees now downtown.

But people and jobs alone don’t create a vibrant downtown. The Downtown Alliance, a new public-private partnership that includes the city of Rochester, Mayo Clinic and downtown businesses, has a broader vision. Its goal is a downtown that draws people to live, shop, study and enjoy restaurants and the arts.

The first project, expected to be completed in 2007, is a pedestrian plaza on First Street S.W., between the Galleria Mall and Mayo Clinic’s Gonda Building. “It will be a beautiful street with music and events, where people want to come,” says Keith.

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**Making music at the Boys & Girls Club of Rochester**

*It’s not just music class, but music with a maestro*

In 2006, Maestro Jere Lantz of the Rochester Symphony Orchestra and Chorale led music exploration sessions with children at the Boys & Girls Club of Rochester. More than 144 students participated in the music program.

Rochester Civic Theatre actors have taught classes, too. There are dance lessons in hip hop, salsa, ballroom and break-dance — and loads of other kid-friendly activities.

“We’re trying to engage kids on many fronts, so they want to be here,” says Troy Pearson, director of development. Many students may not otherwise have supervision after school, or have opportunities to do music, dance or sports activities.

More than 1,600 students, ages 6 to 18, participated in club activities in 2006, an increase of 85 percent over 2005. Most come two or three days a week.

Pearson attributes the jump in participation to increased community support, making it possible to offer more activities. “We’re here for the kids who need us most,” Pearson says.

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**We’re here for the kids who need us most**
Mayo Clinic is a health care organization carrying out its mission with programs in patient care, education and research. While we are not a philanthropic foundation, partnering with others to support our community remains a valued tradition. Assessing community needs is an important part of Mayo’s community investment program, which supports initiatives and programs that affect systems with a goal of building self-sufficiency.

Requests for program support are reviewed regularly. Priority is given to collaborative proposals that demonstrate measurable results and bring organizations together. Areas of special interest are:

- Accessible health care – sensitive to culture, language and income differences
- Affordable homes and work force housing
- Education and work force development
- Cultural arts – theater, music and visual arts
- Diversity
- Opportunities for youth – academic, social and physical

Consideration is given to new programs, ongoing programs and capital campaigns.

For more information, contact Karel Weigel, community relations administrator, 507-284-5549.

2006 Community Contributions

In 2006, Mayo Clinic contributed $1.9 million to more than 125 organizations serving Rochester, Olmsted County or Minnesota:

American Indian Center of Rochester
Apple Tree Dental
Bear Creek Services
Beat the Odds
(RCTC Foundation scholarship program)
Black Data Processing Association
Booster Clubs at Century, John Marshall and Mayo High Schools
Boy Scouts, Gamehaven Council
Boys & Girls Club of Rochester
Chance Fund
(Rochester Public School Foundation)
Channel One
Charities Review Council
Children’s Dance Theatre
Children’s Theatre Company
Choral Arts Ensemble
Community Food Response Program
Commonweal Theatre Company
Country Breakfast on the Farm
Daughters of the American Revolution
Diversity Council
Diwali Celebration
Downtown Business Association
Elder Network
Family Service Rochester
Folwell Elementary
Gay/Lesbian Community Services
Gift of Life Transplant House
Good Samaritan Dental and Medical Clinics
Graduation and post-prom parties at these high schools: Byron, Elgin-Millville, Grand Meadow, Kasson-Mantorville, Lourdes, Mayo, Plainview and Triton
Greater Rochester Area University Center
Guthrie Theater
Health Sciences Careers Program
Hiawatha Homes/Festival of the Trees
Capital campaigns build community
Mayo Clinic provides a jump start for local initiatives

Sometimes a great endeavor needs a financial jump start. Mayo Clinic supports capital campaigns that serve an overall community need, often in the form of grants to be matched by others in the community. None of these projects would go forward without the support of many.

In 2006, Mayo Clinic capital campaign contributions went to:

First Steps: $250,000
First Steps is a Rochester Area Foundation initiative to improve school readiness for kindergartners.

Rochester Public Library: $50,000
This matching grant supports the new and ongoing initiatives in literature, cultural awareness and diversity.

Gamehaven Scout Reservation: $55,000
The Gamehaven Boy Scout Council is adding amenities to its Rochester camp.

Salvation Army: $80,000
The Salvation Army Good Samaritan Medical and Dental Clinics are breaking ground for a new building in 2007.

Channel One: $120,000
Channel One is expanding it food shelf and warehouse. (See story, page 6.)

2006 Community Contributions

Honors Choirs of Southeast Minnesota  
Hope Lodge

Intercultural Mutual Assistance Association  
Community Health Care Worker Program  
Interfaith Hospitality Network

James Sewell Ballet
Junior Achievement of Rochester

Leadership Greater Rochester
Lourdes High School Athletic Program

Med-City Aquatics Parent Association  
Minneapolis Institute of Arts  
Minnesota Children’s Museum  
Minnesota 4-H Foundation

Minnesota Historical Society
Minnesota Opera
Minnesota Orchestra
Minnesota Public Radio
Minnesota Zoo
Minnesota Zoo Foundation
Multicultural Forum

NAACP
National Fire Safety Council
Native American Center of SE Minnesota

Olmsted County Fair
Olmsted County Historical Society
Olmsted Historian Newsletter
Outfront Minnesota

PossAbilities of Southern Minnesota  
Project Green Fleet

Rochester Area Chamber of Commerce  
Rochester Area Disabled Athletics and Recreation (RADAR)  
Rochester Area Family Y  
Rochester Area Foundation (First Steps)  
Rochester Area Math/Science Partnership  
Rochester Area Public Library  
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