

# UPMC MCKEESPORT

## IN YOUR COMMUNITY

### UPMC MCKEESPORT VITAL STATISTICS FISCAL YEAR 2010

#### Operations:

Licensed beds: 213

Admissions and observations: 12,475

Emergency Department visits: 35,846

Total surgeries: 4,320

Affiliated Physicians: 317

#### Free and Reduced-Cost Care:

Charity care and shortfalls  
in government programs  
for the poor: **\$9.7 million**

#### Employment and Economic Impact:

Hospital employment: 1,067

Area residents employed  
by UPMC: 4,661\*

Economic impact  
of hospital: **\$274 million**

*\* Area spans from Homestead and Braddock to the north, Irwin to the east, Elizabeth to the south, and West Mifflin to the west.*

UPMC McKeesport provides a full range of quality medical services to the people of the Monongahela, Youghiogheny, and Turtle Creek valleys. An active contributor to the area's health, with deep roots in the community since 1894, the hospital has taken an active role in supporting the local economy through employment, local spending, and strategic community partnerships.

### WORLD-CLASS MEDICINE AT A LOCAL HOSPITAL

UPMC McKeesport provides area residents with access to cutting-edge medical services not typically available at a local hospital. Specialized services include CT imaging, digital mammography, minimally invasive surgery, and an on-site UPMC Cancer Center. UPMC McKeesport is:

- Committed to returning to fiscal viability. Recently, the hospital's key operating measures have shown steady and significant improvement. In Fiscal Year 2010, UPMC invested more than \$2 million in continued enhancements to UPMC McKeesport's physical plant and clinical technology. In the coming year, UPMC will invest \$8 million more.
- Positioned as an inpatient hub for a comprehensive array of regional outpatient services, addressing primary care as well as cardiac care, cancer care, pediatrics, women's health, behavioral health, rehabilitation, and imaging. A new outpatient center in Forest Hills added laboratory and imaging services to a primary care site with free shuttle access to UPMC McKeesport.
- The home of National Institutes of Health-funded research activities, receiving \$5 million since 2003 for a National Cancer Institute study using "patient navigators" to address barriers to cancer treatment for socioeconomically disadvantaged people.

### ANCHORING THE AREA'S LOCAL ECONOMIES

As a major employer in the area, UPMC has a special mission to support the region's economic health. By employing residents, doing business with local vendors, and supporting community economic development, UPMC McKeesport has:

- Paid \$55.4 million in salaries and benefits to its 1,067 employees — 72 percent of whom live in the area.
- Provided jobs for 344 nurses, and 394 allied health professionals.
- Spent \$5.6 million with minority- and women-owned businesses in the area.
- Restarted its nursing education program in cooperation with the UPMC St. Margaret School of Nursing.
- Continued the Allied Health Apprenticeship Program, which guides high school students through training and certification as nursing assistants.





## SUMMER CAMP MAKES HEALTH FUN

Many people take for granted childhood experiences like watching the Pittsburgh Zoo's elephants or riding the Thunderbolt at Kennywood Park. But some children have never enjoyed such healthy outings. UPMC Health for Life Summer Camp at Braddock, a part of the UPMC

Steps to a Healthy Community program, offered 100 youths ages 6 to 16 exposure to healthy life skills as part of an eight-week summer camp — while giving many of them their first such outings, all free of charge.

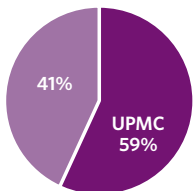
## MAKING CARE AVAILABLE TO ALL OUR COMMUNITIES

Some communities within the Monongahela and Youghiogheny river valleys have high levels of unemployment and economic hardship, or high proportions of elderly individuals on fixed incomes. UPMC improves access to necessary care and provides tools to support healthy lifestyles by:

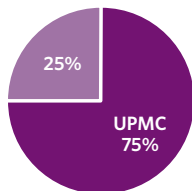
- Working in close partnership with the McKeesport Hospital Foundation and other local partners, to support health improvement efforts as diverse as providing transportation for seniors to their appointments; making sure all patients could afford their postdischarge medications; and investing in future upgrades in cancer care.
- Conducting 110 community health events that provided 7,771 visitors with information, education, and access to care for health challenges such as diabetes, heart disease, asthma, and tobacco cessation. The largest event, the UPMC McKeesport Healthier Community Fair, served 450 visitors.
- Providing \$9.7 million in uncompensated care. This includes \$4.4 million in free and reduced-cost care and another \$5.3 million spent to make up shortfalls in income-dependent government programs.

## UPMC CARES FOR A DISPROPORTIONATE NUMBER OF THE AREA'S MOST VULNERABLE\*

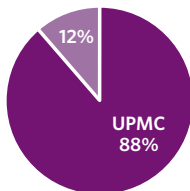
UPMC cares for a little over half of the patients in the area.



But three-quarters of low-income patients in the Medicaid program.



And almost 90 percent of children from low-income families.



UPMC All other hospitals \*UPMC share of hospital care, Fiscal Year 2010



## REACHING OUT TO CARE

For Elaine Kirschman, a nurse clinician at UPMC McKeesport, community service means helping a wife who was a caregiver take care of herself. Kirschman was giving free flu vaccinations at a UPMC McKeesport health fair when the woman stepped up for a shot.

"Her husband had been extremely ill," Kirschman explains. Because of his illness, the woman essentially had been confined to their immediate neighborhood. "The convenience ... was so important to her"; the easy access, and the fact that there was no cost, made it possible to get the vaccination she needed. "She really was thankful that we were there."

The vaccination program was the result of partnerships between UPMC McKeesport; the McKeesport Hospital Foundation; UPMC Health Plan; the Pennsylvania Department of Health; and the Mon River Fleet of State Health Improvement Partnerships (SHIPs), consisting of grassroots community health and social service providers. In Fiscal Year 2010, the SHIPs administered 7,000 free flu shots — supplied by the Pennsylvania Department of Health and UPMC Health Plan — at community sites in McKeesport, Braddock, Clairton, and Duquesne, and through local EMS services. The effort dispensed more vaccines than any other outreach program in the state, and became a model for similar projects across Pennsylvania.

Kirschman just appreciated the chance to do something for her neighbors. "I enjoy being out in the community; I enjoy being with the people."