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Creighton University
Creighton: Making a Difference in the Community

Summary for 2002

Creighton’s primary mission is to be an outstanding Catholic Jesuit university dedicated to students and learning. Creighton’s service and outreach flow from its educational mission.

Besides providing a values-centered education, the Jesuit tradition teaches that the pursuit of knowledge and skills is to be used for the service of others. Since 1878 to the present Creighton has been serving the Greater Omaha community and rural communities in Nebraska and Iowa.

Many patients received health care from students and faculty of the School of Nursing at 50 clinical sites in Greater Omaha and rural areas;

- The Creighton University Medical Center hospital:
  - 10,500 patients admitted;
  - 31,900 visits to the Emergency Department;
  - 28,500 outpatient visits;
  - 3,600 inpatient surgeries performed;
  - 3,500 outpatient surgeries performed.

Here is a summary of the data concerning Creighton University’s community involvement in the 2002 calendar year.

Creighton faculty, staff and students provided to 68 agencies in Greater Omaha nearly 111 institutionally supported programs of education and service.

The Creighton University Medical Center – healthcare providers and students – served patients in Greater Omaha and rural Nebraska and Iowa. University records show the following:

- 3,500,000 patient visits to medical clinics in Greater Omaha and rural Nebraska and Iowa;
- 60,000 patient visits to the Creighton Dental Clinic;
- 3,150,000 patient visits at Physical Therapy sites;
- 15,000 patient visits to Occupational Therapy sites;
- 5,500 patient visits to Creighton pharmacies;
- 1,200 low-income individuals and families were assisted through the Creighton Law Clinics;

- Creighton provided technology support to Omaha area Catholic institutions, such as schools and agencies. Internet connectivity has been installed at no cost to recipients and on-going consultation continues to be provided.

- Creighton provided resources for faith development to persons locally, nationally, and internationally through the Collaborative Ministry Office in University Ministry.
Creighton University’s Institutional Relations

Overseeing the breadth of Creighton’s outreach is a primary responsibility of Creighton University’s Division of Institutional Relations. This relatively new division works with external and internal networks to accomplish specific goals of the University. This includes Creighton’s institutionally supported programs of education and service in the Greater Omaha area as well as the Creighton University Medical Center (CUMC) and its related clinics in Omaha and rural Nebraska and Iowa.

The Office of Institutional Relations:

- Provides guidance for those seeking information about Creighton’s outreach;
- Facilitates partnerships between the University and community;
- Recommends the level of support provided by the University to community outreach and service initiatives;
- Monitors University participation to make wise use of University resources;
- Annually summarizes Creighton’s community relations activities.

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Service At All Levels

From the mission statement: “...Creighton University exists for students and learning. Members of the Creighton community are challenged to reflect on transcendent values, including their relationship with God, in an atmosphere of freedom of inquiry, belief and religious worship. Service to others, the importance of family life, the inalienable worth of each individual and appreciation of ethnic and cultural diversity are core values of Creighton.”

The University describes five ways in which it carries out its mission of service for and with others:

Professional Education – more commonly called “field education/clinicals,” is skill-based with emphasis on the student’s professional development. Conducted under the close supervision of faculty and/or community professionals, students apply coursework to real life situations.

Service-Learning – is a holistic, educational partnership between the instructor, community and students that integrates service into an academic course in a context of personal growth, shared reflection, and moral and social responsibility.

Community Service – enables members of the Creighton community to carry out the Jesuit mission of service for and with others through a variety of volunteer opportunities ranging from one-time projects to commitments involving significant time and reflection.

Faculty/Staff Outreach – describes the many presentations and time devoted to service on boards, commissions, and committees that faculty and staff give to the community – locally, regionally, nationally, and internationally.

Community Resource – includes incursions when the University provides venues for the education and personal enrichment of the larger community.

Creighton and the Community Partnership Guidelines

Because of its vision and mission, Creighton supports:

- All levels of education
- Catholic community
- Health care initiatives and relationships
- Diversity and outreach to the underserved
- University government and civic concerns
Creighton's Service and Partnerships in the Greater Omaha Area *(Calendar Year 2002)*

Creighton recognizes the many contributions of agencies, schools and health care facilities that assist Creighton students by welcoming and mentoring them as they learn to serve others.

Alzheimer's Association – Midlands Chapter  
American Cancer Society – Nebraska  
American Diabetes Association  
American Heart Association  
American Lung Association of Nebraska  
American Red Cross – Heartland Chapter  
Applied Information Management Institute (AIMI)  
Arthritis Foundation  
Big Brothers-Big Sisters of the Midlands  
Boy Scouts of America, Mid-America Council  
Boys and Girls Club of Omaha, Inc.  
Camp Fire USA Midlands Council  
Catholic Charities  
Catholic Charities-Campus of Hope  
Charles Drew Health Center  
Chicano Awareness Center  
Child Saving Institute  
Community Alliance, Inc.  
Creighton/Bryant Community Technology Center  
Douglas County Health Department  
Eastern Nebraska Office on Aging  
Girl Scouts, Great Plains Council  
Girls Incorporated of Omaha  
Great Plains Black Museum  
Habitat for Humanity Omaha  
Head Start Program  
Hope Medical Outreach  
Jesus Middle School of Omaha  
Latino Resource Center  
Lynndale Homeless Shelter  
Madonna School  
Make-A-Wish Foundation of Nebraska  
March of Dimes Nebraska Chapter  
Millard Public Schools  
Munroe-Meyer Institute  
Muscular Dystrophy Association  
Native American Development Corporation  
Nebraska AIDS Project  
The Ollie Webb Center (formerly The Greater Omaha Association for Retarded Citizens-GOARC)  
 Omaha Catholic Schools  
 Omaha Food Bank  
 Omaha Public Schools  
 Omaha Together One Community  
 One World Community Health Center  
 (formerly Indian Chicano Health Center)  
 Open Door Mission  
 Our Lady of Guadalupe Church  
 Our Lady of Guadalupe/St. Agnes Mission School  
 Papillion-La Vista Schools  
 Ponca Tribe of Nebraska  
 Prevent Blindness Nebraska  
 Project SUN (Students Understanding Nature)  
 Ronald McDonald House  
 St. Joseph Villa  
 St. Vincent de Paul  
 The Salvation Army  
 Santa Monica House  
 Shriners' Frances House  
 South Omaha Boys and Girls Club  
 Special Olympics Nebraska  
 United Methodist Community Center  
 Urban League of Nebraska  
 Uta Haloe Girls Village  
 Visiting Nurses Association  
 Westside Community Schools  
 YMCA  
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