## **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT • INVESTMENT PRIORITIES**

## Developing Healthy Communities

Novant Health is committed to giving back to the communities we serve, supporting our patients, their families and our team members.

Investments in strategic partnerships with nonprofit organizations that address identified health needs help to expand the reach of Novant Health's mission outside clinic and hospital walls.

The goal of our Developing Healthy Communities investment priority is to improve the health of individuals in our community by promoting health, healing and treatment in response to identified community health needs.

Healthcare is our mission: community is our passion.

Responding to the health needs of our communities, especially to the most vulnerable among us, is central to the mission of Novant Health. We strongly believe in our role as a socially responsible healthcare system, which involves partnering with nonprofit organizations to improve health outcomes across our footprint.

Identified community health needs vary across the communities in which Novant Health serves and include, but are not limited to:

- Chronic disease
- Diabetes
- Mental health and substance use disorder
- Obesity
- Access to care

Through strategic investments in nonprofit partnerships, we seek to:

- Increase access to healthcare services through programs that address transportation, medication assistance and medical home connection programs.
- · Promote healthy behaviors, awareness of risk factors, access to resources focused on mental health, substance use disorder and chronic disease management and prevention.
- Support safe and healthy neighborhoods.
- · Expand safe and healthy housing opportunities for neighbors in need.
- Increase access to healthy food and food security.

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