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Dear Editor,

{Name of hospital} treats everyone with the same level of compassion and care, regardless of their ability to pay. {Name of hospital} provided \$XX in uncompensated care last year – \$1.2 billion annually for all Illinois hospitals. We work hard to help patients cope with the cost of their hospital care by meeting their responsibilities while also providing access to public assistance, qualifying for discounts, and formulating reasonable payment plans.

Hospitals benefit their communities in a multitude of ways – not just with how much charity care they provide. They are continually assessing and identifying the needs of their communities and addressing them through various programs and services. Our hospital provided \$XX in benefits to the community last year, offering services such as emergency care; health education and research; and health screenings. {Emphasize community programs at your hospital}. Programs are tailored to the needs of the local community, as well as universal health care needs.

The Illinois Community Benefits Act requires many hospitals to file annual reports with the Attorney General's office. {Name of hospital} has {filed or has something similar} and we welcome the release of this information.

{Name of hospital} is an important asset to the community and this report shows why. For more information on how {Name of hospital} benefits our community, please visit our web site, {URL of web site.}.