



RESOLUTION  
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
SHODAIR CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

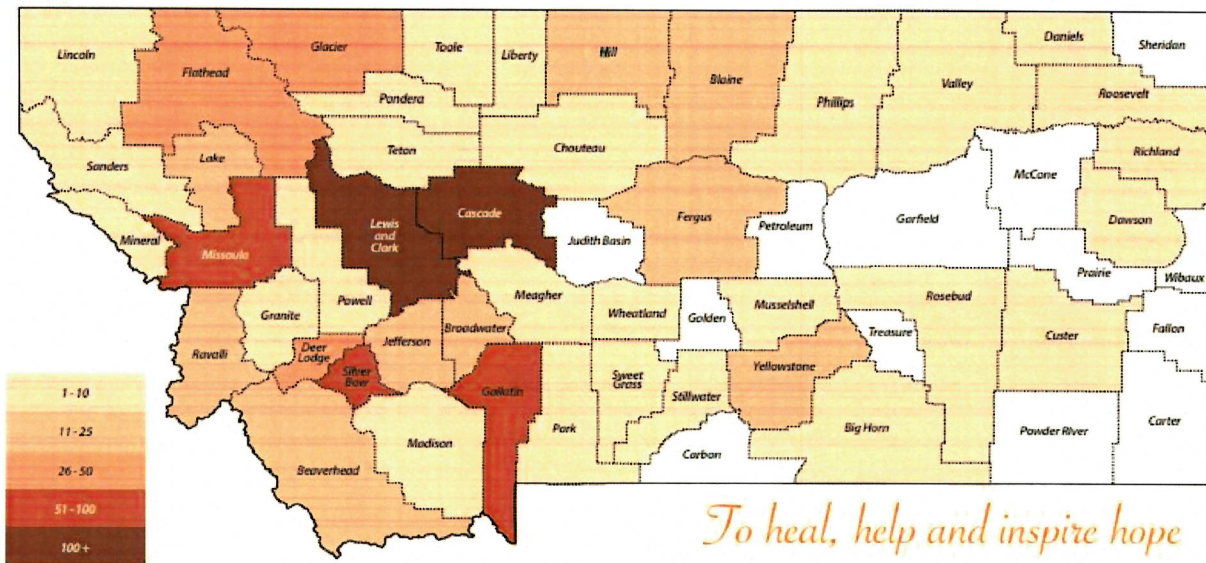
WHEREAS, numerous reports and studies authored by the University of Montana, including well respected consulting firms, have independently demonstrated the HELP Act has significantly benefited more than 95,000 Montanans who have received health care coverage as of October 1, 2018, representing 9.3% of our state's population; and

WHEREAS, the HELP Act's has improved health outcomes and led to early detection of disease and ensured 7,026 women received breast cancer screenings, averted 2,313 possible cases of colon cancer, provided 28,683 patients with outpatient mental health services, delivered outpatient substance abuse treatment to 7,146 adults, in total 86,995 adults received preventive services from HELP Act benefits; and

WHEREAS, in Lewis and Clark County, more than 5,500 residents representing 8.4% of the population are now receiving health care coverage under the HELP Act, resulting in 5,588 preventative primary care visits and 2,073 outpatient mental health visits; and

WHEREAS, by using a portion of the HELP Act funds to increase inpatient capacity, Shodair Children's Hospital admitted 930 patients to its acute psychiatric services in 2018, an increase of 30% from the prior year and representing children and youth from 43 Montana counties; and

## SHODAIR 2018 ACUTE ADMISSIONS



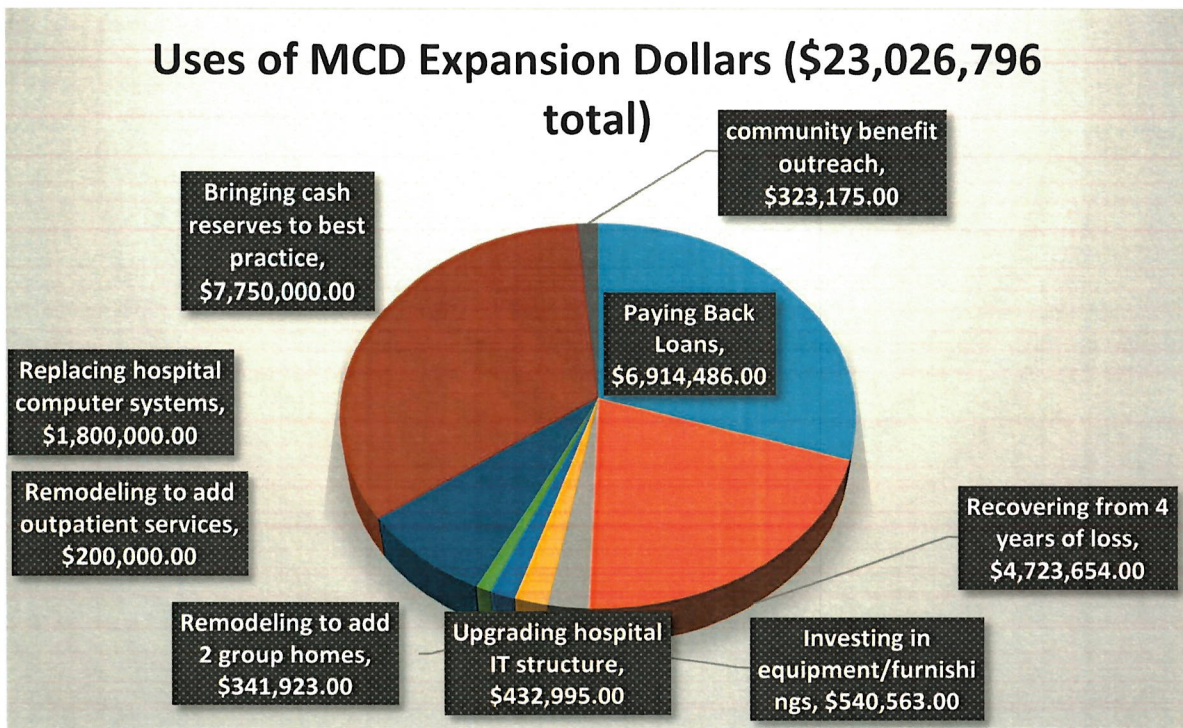
*To heal, help and inspire hope*



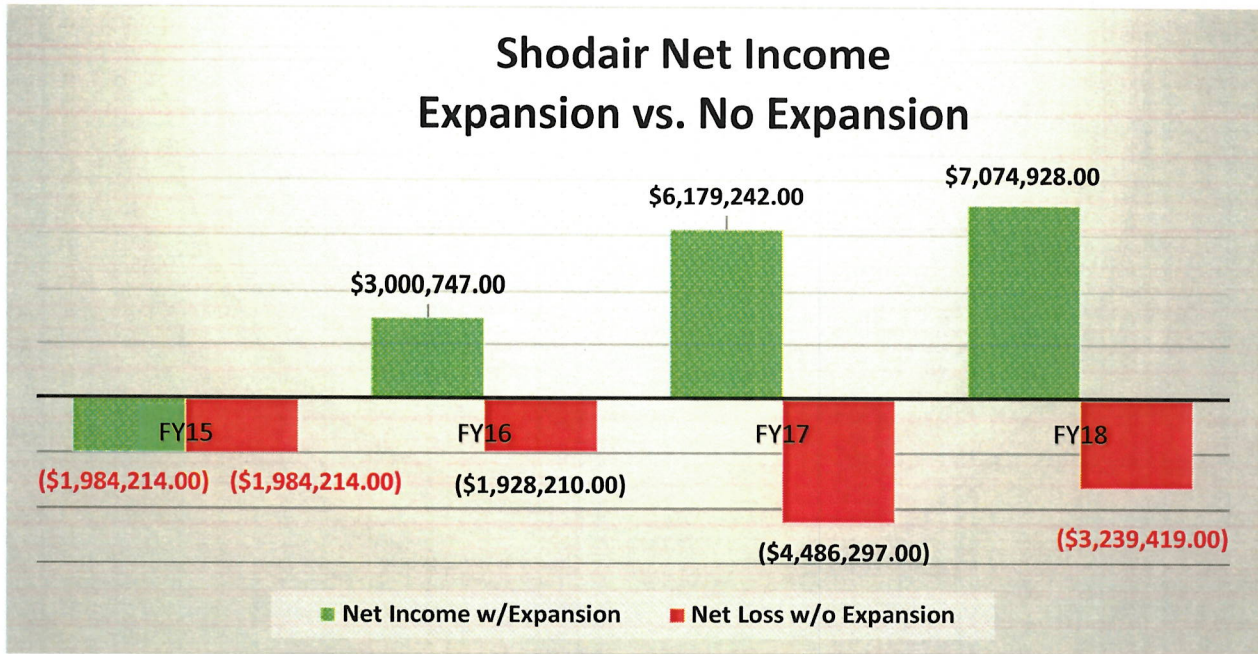
WHEREAS, Shodair Children's Hospital had used the additional funds received as a result of the HELP Act to expand its acute service capacity by 50%, add two Therapeutic Group Homes, develop Day Treatment services for up to 18 students and open an outpatient mental health clinic for children and families.

WHEREAS, as a result of additional funds received through the HELP Act, Shodair Children's Hospital has been able to implement a best-in-class electronic health record software system, reduce its debt burden and provide over \$320,000 of free or low-cost services to the communities it serves.





WHEREAS, the HELP Act has benefited Shodair Children's Hospital and other hospitals, and the loss of this program would in many cases cause irreparable harm and put at risk the financial viability of our hospital and others. Last year our operational net income totaled \$7.1 million and without the HELP Act, an operating loss of \$3.2 million would have occurred.



WHEREAS, health care is the largest source of private sector income in Montana, representing 1 in 5 dollars earned and the second largest source of private sector employment representing 15.6% of the industry total, paying 25% higher than the statewide average; and

WHEREAS, the HELP Act has significantly stimulated Montana's economy according to the University of Montana's Bureau of Business and Economic Research, which reported that as the result of the HELP Act, 5,000 new jobs, \$270 million in personal income and \$500 million in additional economic output has been added to Montana's economy. Additionally, the HELP Act is expected to generate \$1.2 billion in personal income and \$2.6 billion in economic output or new sales; and

WHEREAS, the HELP Act has served as an economic incentive for small businesses unable to provide health insurance by making coverage available for working Montanans and generating \$36 million in state budget savings by using federal funds to pay for state programs, freeing up state tax dollars for other priorities; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF SHODAIR CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL endorses the HELP Act and supports repealing the sunset of the Act and further recognizes our patients, caregivers, and the citizens of Lewis and Clark County have a compelling interest in ensuring our hospital remains financially viable and an economic engine for our surrounding area; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF SHODAIR CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL strongly requests our legislative delegation and the Montana Legislature to repeal





# Shodair

CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

the sunset of the HELP Act and protect health care coverage for almost 100,000 Montanans and the \$2.6 billion economic engine it has created.

APPROVED ON THIS DAY, JANUARY 30, 2019, BY THE GOVERNING BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF SHODAIR CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL.

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