

Hospitals as anchor institutions Researcher : Rebecca Lazarovic Supervisor : Lisa Bornstein Date : March 18th 2010	 CURA Research Highlights 2010
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Research Aims :

Research shows that hospitals have an important role to play as neighbourhood anchors and community builders. In recent years, American and Canadian hospitals have become increasingly involved in community development efforts beyond the walls of their institutions. The reasons for this are manifold and include improved health, social and economic outcomes.

In order to understand more precisely why hospitals offer community benefits, what kinds of benefits they provide and how they finance, manage, and administer these community programs, I undertook 10 case studies of hospitals which leverage their assets and resources for broader community gain. The information has been culled from hospital websites, community benefit and annual reports, as well as from telephone interviews with key informants from each hospital or affiliated community group.

