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Friends for Life

The Friends of Mercy Foundation Celebrates 25 YEARS of Community Support and 25 MILLION Raised!



2013 marked a commemorative year for the Friends of Mercy Foundation, as it represented 25 years of fundraising for Mercy Hospitals and 25 million dollars raised since the doors opened in 1988.

The Friends of Mercy Foundation was formally established to raise and administer philanthropic funds that support the healthcare facilities and outreach efforts of Mercy Hospitals of Bakersfield. Mercy Hospital was originally established by a philanthropic act; and the founding Foundation Chairman, Jim Burke, had the vision to continue the legacy of giving by launching the Foundation as a fundraising entity whose primary purpose would be to raise money for the hospital by "friend raising." However, we haven't raised \$25 million dollars on our own – we are successful because we have a dedicated group of men and women on our Board of Directors. They are our advocates. They are well respected community leaders who represent us well and help us build relationships with friends who have an interest in supporting the works of Mercy.

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Dear Friends of Mercy

Welcome to the 2014 edition of Friends for Life; our annual publication where we thank the many individuals, families, businesses and foundations for the generous support they have provided over the past several months.

In this issue you will see that we celebrated our 25th anniversary in 2013. You will also read about some wonderful philanthropic gifts that have been received recently and how successful our Catherine McAuley Society and William Howell Century Club programs have become. You will also be introduced to the members of The Legacy Circle at Mercy – our newest annual giving club of young philanthropists.

Community support is at the heart of the success of Mercy Hospital and the Friends of Mercy Foundation. The tradition of philanthropic giving began more than 100 years ago, when William Howell, Sr. and other community leaders had the vision to ensure that quality healthcare be available for the residents of Kern County long into the future. Mr. Howell was instrumental in bringing four Sisters of Mercy to Bakersfield to establish Mercy Hospital, the first private hospital in Kern County. Today, because of the generosity of so many in our community, the legacy of giving has continued and Mercy is well positioned to fulfill the vision established by those community leaders so many years ago.

Many of our founding Board members continue to be active in our fundraising initiatives today. Our Board of Directors continues to be a group of highly respected community leaders who are committed to fulfilling the mission of the Sisters of Mercy by raising funds to support Mercy Hospitals.

This commitment is best illustrated through the generosity of our giving clubs. Our major giving club is comprised of individuals, families and businesses who have contributed \$10,000 and above. Today, we are proud to say we have 356 Founders Circle members, see the current listing on page 22. Our three annual giving clubs provide ongoing



support and so far this year they include 146 members of the Catherine McAuley Society, 94 members of the William Howell Century Club members and 23 members of the Legacy Circle at Mercy. Over the past 25 years, the Friends of Mercy Foundation, together with thousands of donors, has raised more than \$25,000,000 in support of Mercy Hospitals!

Thank you for being part of Mercy's legacy of giving! St. Francis of Assisi said *"for it is in giving that we receive."* We are grateful for your generosity and for what we have achieved together and we look forward to the next 25 years!

Stephanin Weber

Stephanie Weber Vice President, Fund Development Executive Director

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Pat Campbell, Chairman Friends of Mercy Foundation Board of Directors

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To celebrate this special milestone, the Friends of Mercy Foundation hosted a "Tuscan Twilight" evening under the stars on Monday, September 9, 2013. A cocktail hour was held in the newly constructed Garden at Mercy Hospital Southwest, followed by a delicious dinner and a brief program where Stephanie Weber reminisced about the 25 years of service the Friends of Mercy Foundation has provided to the hospital and community, highlighted major accomplishments, celebrated outgoing Board members whose terms have expired and welcomed the new slate of Board members to the Mercy family.

The evening was one to remember; we are so thankful to the faithful and generous "friends of Mercy"; so many of whom have contributed to the Foundation's fundraising successes continually over the years.













The Friends of Mercy Foundation Welcomes New Board Members

It is bittersweet for the Friends of Mercy Foundation as we say thank you and goodbye to four longtime and generous Board members while we warmly welcome seven new community leaders to the Board.

Bill Bush, George Cappello, Bruce Haupt, & Mona Pankey have played a significant role in the fundraising success of the Friends of Mercy Foundation for several years. Each has been a loyal supporter of the Foundation, while donating their time and financial resources to ensure that together, the Friends of Mercy Foundation & Mercy Hospitals demonstrates and fulfills its mission – to further the healing ministry of Jesus Christ by providing quality, compassionate care to our patients and those whose needs extend beyond the walls of the hospital.

Bill Bush served actively on the Finance Committee and was a team leader for our recent New Century Capital Campaign.

George Cappello has been the Foundation Chairman for the past four years. During this time, he was also instrumental in creating the William Howell Century Club and leading the New Century Campaign, while serving on the Finance Committee.

Bruce Haupt served as Vice Chairman of the Board for four years. He too was a team leader for the recent capital campaign and was also part of the focus group that helped create the William Howell Century Club. Bruce was also Chairman of the Finance Committee.

Mona Pankey served as Secretary of the Board for the past four years. She has also served actively on the Planned Giving Committee. At our annual meeting held on September 10th, we welcomed Michael Burger, Michael Hawkins, Geoff King, Rick Kreiser, Valerie Lallo, Sean McNally and Mark Mulkay to the Board. They all bring a wide variety of expertise and are all well regarded community leaders.



Michael Burger is the President & Chief Appraiser at Michael Burger & Associates



Michael Hawkins is the President & CEO of Millennium Energy, LLC



Geoffrey King is a partner in the accountancy corporation of Barbich, Hooper, King, Dill, Hoffman



Rick Kreiser is the President of Carney's Business Technology Center



Valerie Lallo is a Registered Nurse



Sean McNally is the President of KBA Engineering



Mark Mulkay is the General Manager of the Kern Delta Water District

Mercy Hospitals and the Friends of Mercy Foundation Welcome New Hospital President & CEO, Bruce Peters



We are happy to announce and welcome a new hospital President to Mercy. Bruce Pe-

ters arrived at Mercy in this new role on January 20th. As Mercy's President, Bruce also serves as an ex-officio voting member and President of the Friends of Mercy Foundation Board of Directors.

Bruce has a history of hospital administrative leadership in Kern County, beginning in 1998 when he served as President of the Bakersfield Heart Hospital. He has spent the last twelve years as a member of our Dignity Health leadership team, serving as the Chief Operating Officer at Bakersfield Memorial Hospital and Chief Strategy Officer for the Dignity Health Central Valley Service Area which includes the three Dignity Health hospitals in Bakersfield as well as Mercy Hospital in Merced.

Bruce has a deep respect and admiration for the history and tradition of Mercy's service to the community, and all of us at Mercy are confident his leadership will actively take Mercy's mission into the future of healthcare.

Charitable Gift Annuities – Income & Mission Together

A Charitable Gift Annuity provides annuity payments during your lifetime, while making a charitable donation at the conclusion of the annuity term to the Friends of Mercy Foundation.

Here's how it works: The Friends of Mercy Foundation, through Dignity Health, and you as the donor enter into a contract. This contract provides a guaranteed, fixed dollar return for life to you and/or other beneficiaries, in exchange for a contribution to the Friends of Mercy Foundation.

The amount of the annual payment is dependent upon your age and the size of the gift. At the end of your life, the remaining assets in the CGA are transferred to the Friends of Mercy Foundation. In addition to the income, you receive an immediate income tax deduction of approximately 40% to 60% of the value of the contribution depending on your age.

For example, a friend of the Foundation who is age 85, decides to establish a charitable gift annuity with \$10,000 in cash. This donor receives an immediate income tax deduction of \$5,575. The donor will also receive an annual income of \$780 for the rest of his or her life, most of which is tax-free.

What's most important is that this generous donor is making a future gift to the critical mission of the Foundation, supporting the quality of healthcare services at Mercy Hospitals.

Rates and deductions vary depending on the donor's age and whether there is a second person, like a spouse, receiving the benefits. Here's an illustration of the rates available based on the donor's age:

Age	Payout	Age	Payout
70	5.1%	85	7.8%
75	5.8%	90+	9.0%
80	6.8%		

If you'd like more information about how a charitable gift annuity could benefit you, please contact the Foundation at (661) 663-6700. We look forward to providing you with a personalized proposal that will help benefit our community for many years into the future.

Mercy Heritage Society

The Friends of Mercy Foundation is grateful to the following individuals who have named Mercy in their estate plans:

The Estate of †John & †Louise Patterson †Mildred J. Ablin Robert Abrams †Mary Abruns †Emily Bidart Bill and Sharon Bush Pat Durando-Campbell †Dolores F. and †Victor S. Cerro David J. Dmohowski †Phillips Dunford, MD †Ray Eyherabide Frank Ghezzi †Mrs. H.S. Herron †Mary Hoskins Debbie Hull †Jimmie J. and †Marjorie Icardo [†]Charles Kamensky [†]Adelaide R. Karpe †Judy Michel and Chuck Michel †Katharine Mitchell Vivian Niskanen †Dorothy Parra †Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Potter Joan S. Pracy †Paul Riley †Dr. John & †Alice Vaughan Florence Ziemann

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The Friends of Mercy Foundation raises **\$1,000,000** in support of Mercy's New Century Campaign!



From left to right: Former Mercy Hospital President & CEO Russell Judd, his wife Shawna Judd, Mercy Auxiliary Past President Doris Garrett, Dan Monji & son Aaron Monji of Monji Enterprises pause for a photograph in front of the newly constructed Garden at Mercy Southwest fully made possible through their generous donations.

The Friends of Mercy Foundation recently completed a major fundraising initiative, the New Century Campaign — to raise funds in support of renovation and expansion efforts for Mercy Hospital Downtown and Mercy Hospital Southwest.

Donors to this campaign are listed on page 7.

The following is a list of areas benefitting from the contributions committed:

- 8 new Emergency beds were completed and are now fully functional at Mercy Hospital Southwest. As a result of these additional beds, that campus now sees approximately 124 patients per day for emergency services.
- The area directly off the circular driveway at Mercy Hospital Downtown has been renovated and now serves as the new main entrance to the hospital and includes the admitting and registration departments.
- The Pavilion and Main Lobby area is currently under construction and is expected to be completed in early 2014. This area includes an Internet Café and the new Bidart Chapel.

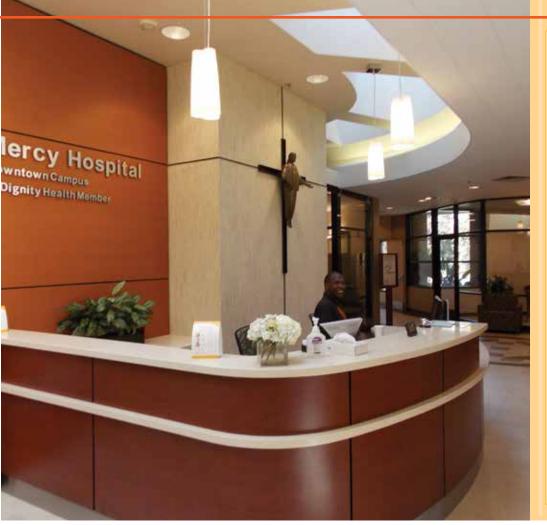
- The Pavilion Garden has been completed and will be the focal point of the Pavilion and Main Lobby.
- The Garden at Mercy Hospital Southwest was completed and is a beautiful showpiece on that campus -Monji Enterprises recently added a new entrance to the garden.
- The Community Wellness Center located on G Street in Central Bakersfield is currently under renovation to better house the

various preventive health services that we provide to the community; especially to those who are uninsured or underinsured.

• The renovation of the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) at Mercy Hospital Southwest is near completion and is expected to be fully functional in early 2014. The remodeled NICU will allow caregivers to more effectively care for our tiniest patients, using the most up to date technology and equipment in the most efficient and compassionate way for both baby and parents.

Thank you to all who helped us build tomorrow's traditions as we continue the legacy of giving that our community leaders established more than 100 years ago.





Mercy's New Century Campaign:

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The New Main Entrance at Mercy Hospital Downtown



VP of Fund Development Stephanie Weber, Mona Pankey, Elizabeth Pankey and VP of Mission Integration Sister Judy Morasci standing in the Pavilion Garden located inside Mercy Hospital Downtown and funded by a gift from the Pankey Family



One of the new Emergency rooms at Mercy Hospital Southwest

Patients Showing Gratitude



Grateful Hearts Recipient Bob Lawson and members of the Med/Surg Staff at Mercy Hospital Southwest



Mercy's Grateful Hearts Program provides patients and their families with an opportunity to show gratitude to the physician, nurse or other caregiver who played a special role in their care. We invite patients to remember that individual by making a Grateful Hearts contribution in his or her honor. When a gift is made, the person who is being honored is sent an acknowledgement letter along with the personalized note from the donor and a special lapel pin to wear proudly. The donor and the Grateful Heart recipient will be recognized in the Friends of Mercy Foundation's publications. If you have received exceptional care while treated at either Mercy Hospital Downtown or Mercy Hospital Southwest and would like to bestow a Grateful Heart upon your caregiver, please contact us at (661) 663-6700, FriendsOfMercy@dignityhealth.org or visit us at www.supportfriendsofmercy.org.

** Please note: 100% of your gift goes to the fund you choose – no portion of your gift is used for administrative costs. "Gratitude is the memory of the heart."

- Jean Baptiste Massieu

"Diane was our labor and delivery nurse and she was beyond excellent ... I really could not have asked for a better person to have there. She was not only attentive and supportive to me, she also took great care of my husband and mother. I felt so blessed to have her as my nurse."

— Patient

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GRATEFUL HEARTS

Community Partner Aera Energy funds Community Care Initiative with a Generous Gift



Aera Energy President and CEO Gaurdie Banister, Stephanie Weber, Kern Community Foundation President and CEO Jeffrey Pickering

Aera Energy made a \$100,000 donation to the Friends of Mercy Foundation in recognition of Giving Day on December 3. The funds will help underwrite Mercy Hospitals' Community Care Initiative, a new program that will provide short-term services for discharged patients who have no primary care physician or are unable to access timely postdischarge care. Many of the patients who are treated in Mercy's two emergency rooms do not have insurance or a primary care physician. Others may have Medicare or Medi-Cal but do not have a primary care physician. The Community Care Initiative will provide this population with follow up care needed following hospitalization and with chronic illnesses. The goal is to reduce the rate of hospital readmissions and improve the overall health of the targeted population.

The Community Care Initiative will become a valuable resource to the community and will provide the following services, including but not limited to: diabetes education and management, Coumadin management, medication education and reconciliation, outpatient case management and follow up care.

Mayor Harvey Hall and the Kern County Board of Supervisors proclaimed Tuesday, Dec. 3, 2013 as Giving Day in Bakersfield. The day was proclaimed in recognition of the need to support and encourage citizens to continue contributing to philanthropic causes. The day coincided with the national "Giving Tuesday" effort.

Mercy Butterfly Release





The 3rd Annual Mercy Hospital Butterfly Release took place March 26th 2013 in the Garden at Mercy Hospital Southwest. The unique vertical garden is perfectly designed for butterflies creating places for them to perch and linger among families. The Mercy Hospital Butterfly Release was started by the Hospice Department to help families honor the loss of their loved one. At the event there was a brief ceremony and those in attendance had the opportunity to release a butterfly. This small action serves as a thoughtful and oftentimes emotional experience as participants remember a loved one who's been lost. The Friends of Mercy Foundation will once again invite the community to join us for the fourth Butterfly Release on April 22, 2014 in the Garden at Mercy Hospital Southwest. Please contact the Friends of Mercy Foundation at (661) 663-6700 or friendsofmercy@dignityhealth.org to receive information on the April 22nd Butterfly Release.

All members of the community are invited to attend.



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Mercy Auxiliary Funds Four Pieces of Equipment



members enjoying the Friends of Mercy Foundation's 25th anniversary even Current Mercy Auxiliary President Louis Peltier with fellow past and present Auxiliary

Mercy Hospital The Mercy Auxil-

iary continues to be a generous donor to the Friends of Mercy Founda-

tion. In April 2013, the Mercy Auxiliary Board of Directors voted to fund several pieces of equipment totaling \$100,597.

The equipment included a Sonosite Vein Finder used in Surgery at Mercy Hospital Southwest by anesthesiologists when a nerve block is the best option for pain management, a Biliblanket for the Family Birth Center used to wrap babies who are suffering from high levels of bilirubin allowing for parents to be able to hold their baby during light therapy, an ultrasound unit for use in the Women's Imaging Center to further diagnose breast cancer and a Fluid Warmer System to be used in surgery at Mercy Hospital Southwest to reduce hypothermia in surgical patients.

The Mercy Auxiliary has donated more than \$2,450,000 over the past several years in support of technology, construction projects, equipment, and programs that serve those with special needs.

The Friends of Mercy Foundation receives over \$11,000 through our Dignity Health Corporate Office!

This summer the Dignity Health Corporate office conducted their employee giving campaign. Corporate office employees were presented with three funding priorities out of seventeen that were submitted by Foundations across the system, and the Friends of Mercy Foundation's project was selected as one of those three priorities.

Together, 20 generous corporate employees contributed over \$11,000 in support of the Empowerment Program administered

by the Department of Special Needs and Community Outreach.

The Empowerment Program focuses on preventive healthcare for underserved and needy residents of Bakersfield and Kern County who suffer from the effects of diabetes and other chronic diseases. The program offers two types of seminars that are provided free of charge to participants. They have proven to be highly effective at helping individuals take better control of managing their chronic health conditions, and were developed by the Stanford School of Medicine.

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Mercy Charity Golf Classic!

The 23rd Annual Mercy Golf Tournament was held on Friday, June 14, 2013 at Stockdale Country Club.

The tournament began in 1990, when a group of employees from the Engineering Department gathered on the golf course for a round of golf. At the end of the day, they had \$18 in proceeds from their friendly wager and donated it to the Friends of Mercy Foundation. Little did they know, it would become the catalyst of the Mercy Charity Golf Classic which has now raised more than \$1,150,000 to fund programs and services at Mercy Hospital, most notably equipment and technology for the Florence R. Wheeler Cancer Center and our cancer services.

Today, 23 years later, the tournament continues to be the signature event of the Friends of Mercy Foundation.

This year tournament proceeds supported capital needs as well as the renovation of our 2-West cancer patient unit at Mercy Hospital Downtown.

The renovation includes the conversion of 6 rooms to private patient rooms solely designated for inpatient cancer care, including a seventh room for a family room. Funds raised have allowed the 2-West Unit at Mercy Hospital Downtown to feature the only dedicated inpatient cancer unit in Kern County.

Year after year, many of our golf tournament sponsors continue their generous support of the Mercy Golf Classic. These familiar faces add to the festivities and help make the tournament such a success.







24th Annual Mercy Charity Golf Classic **SAVE THE DATE!**

Friday, June 13th at Stockdale Country Club

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start. Following breakfast, players were given the tee prize choice of Oakley Sunglasses or a Titleist Pro-V Wedge, thanks to our "Welcome Gift Sponsor," S.C. Anderson. Once on the course, there were the Pro for Hire and Throw a Club contests; both player favorites. The "BBQ with the Board" featuring George Cappello's famous grilled pineapple and sausages from Wooddale Market continues to be a favorite stop for golfers while on the course.

Now scheduled on a Friday, the day began with a putting contest prior to the shotgun

Following the tournament, players enjoyed a BBQ luncheon in the clubhouse where raffle prizes and silent auction & tournament winners were announced. Each player was greeted with a gift box filled with goodies courtesy of our "Masters Sponsor" - CBCC & Dignity Health, Outsmarting Cancer Together.

If you are interested in supporting the 2014 Mercy Hospital Charity Golf Classic please contact the Friends of Mercy Foundation at (661) 663-6700 or visit us at www.supportfriendsofmercy.org.



One can define the word legacy as "continuing a tradition beyond what had been done before us."





Mercy was established with one philanthropic act that has continued for more than a century and has now become a legacy of giving that has been handed down from generation to generation.

For more than 100 years, individuals, families, businesses and foundations have generously contributed to Mercy Hospital; allowing it to provide quality, compassionate care to thousands of Kern Country residents.

There have been countless families who have supported Mercy Hospital through-

The Legacy Circle at Mercy

out different generations. One of those families is the James Burke family. Jim and his wife, Bebe are longtime benefactors of the hospital and Jim was the founding chairman of the Board of the Friends of Mercy Foundation. He was also Chairman of the hospital board of directors and instrumental in building Mercy Hospital Southwest. His daughter, Mikie Hay, served on the Friends of Mercy Foundation Board of Directors for many years and currently participates as a community member on one of its committees. She and her husband, Dan are generous supporters of the Friends of Mercy Foundation and their family just made a major contribution to renovate the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at Mercy Hospital Southwest. Now, a third generation of the Burke family is involved in philanthropy with Mercy. Joe Hay is one of the charter members of the Legacy Circle.

The Legacy Circle at Mercy, the newest annual giving club administered by the Friends of Mercy Foundation celebrates the legacy of giving that started with William Howell in 1910, and continued with Jim Burke and other community leaders long after Mr. Howell died.

In its inaugural year twenty-three individuals decided to make a donation of \$500 each toward something that would benefit the community rather than meet their own personal needs. They have chosen to walk in the footsteps of those who came before them and help build a healthier community. They have chosen to make a difference in someone's life they most likely will never meet.

This is the new generation of philanthropic leaders in our community. Together, they have raised \$11,500 in just their first year. At their dinner meeting in September, members were presented with two choices of equipment to fund with their cumulative gift. They heard presentations and saw demonstrations of an EKG machine as well as specialized vein finder technology that helps caregivers insert IVs with greater ease and quickness. After a good discussion and questions/answer session, members voted to fund the purchase of two of the AccuVein AV400 Vein Finder devices. Each device will be utilized in the emergency departments at Mercy Downtown and Mercy Southwest.

The final meeting of the year took place in December 2013 where members gathered at Mercy Hospital Downtown for a festive wrap up dinner meeting and were treated to the vocal talents of the children from the Dignity Health Learning Center who sang Christmas carols and stole the hearts of all in attendance.

The second year of the Legacy Circle will begin in early 2014. If you are interested in joining the Legacy Circle at Mercy, please call Erica Easton at 663-6700 or visit us at www.supportfriendsofmercy.org.



Briar & Ralph Keeler, our first members of Year 2 of the Legacy Circle at Mercy.

Friends of Mercy Foundation Legacy Circle Membership Listing 2013

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Legacy Circle members listening to carols from participants of the Dignity Health Learning Center Homework Club at the last dinner of the Charter year.

William Howell Century Club Timeless Commitment to Local Healthcare



Century Club

The Friends of Mercy Foundation has recently kicked off another year of the William Howell Century Club, a men's annual philanthropic giving club. As of December 2013, 94 men have joined this special group with each member making a gift of \$1,000.

The club was founded to continue the legacy of William Howell, Sr., who was instrumental in bringing the Sisters of Mercy to Bakersfield more than 100 years ago and establishing Mercy Hospital. Over the last four years, this group has raised more than \$331,000 in support of a wide variety of capital projects.

Last year, members chose to fund a two-part proposal with the cumulative gift of \$97,000 (including two corporate match gifts): A way finding and communications system that will be used at both hospital campuses and a specialized microscope that will be used across a wide variety of surgical procedures, in particularly hand and microsurgery.

Members are given the opportunity to attend three dinners during the year where they may receive free health screenings, tour "behind the scenes" areas of the hospital, participate in interactive



Dr. Charles Wong with the new specialized microscope funded by the William Howell Century Club.



Jeff Andrew and Tim Banks enjoying dinner at the October 22, 2013 William Howell Dinner at Mercy Hospital Downtown.



Kevin Andrew and Barry Goldner at the October Dinner



One of many new way finding screens that are throughout both campuses and funded by the cumulative gift from last year's William Howell Century Club Members

demonstrations, and get to know the hospital administrators. The second dinner meeting of the 4th year will be held in February 2014, at which time the membership will be provided with two funding proposals, hear presentations from the requesting Mercy department directors, then vote on which project they choose to support.

It's not too late to join this year's membership! If you are interested in joining the William Howell Century Club or for more information please contact the Foundation at 663-6700 or visit us at www.supportfriendsofmercy.org.

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Catherine McAuley Society — Women in Philanthropy



The Catherine McAuley Society, a women's philanthropic annual giving club, has recently kicked off its 8th year with a membership of 146 as of December 2013, including 6 honorary members. We are continually amazed at the ongoing support of so many women who have chosen to continue the legacy of Catherine McAuley.

Catherine was the Foundress of the Sisters of Mercy (the sponsoring congregation of Mercy Hospital) and she spent her life caring for the poor, sick, and uneducated in Dublin, Ireland.

The Catherine McAuley Society was established in 2006 with 54 women and in June 2013 completed its seventh year with 137 members. With their



Sylvia Cattani, Sandra Serrano and Barbara Patrick at the November 13, 2013 luncheon of the Catherine McAuley Society



A family member is able to rest comfortably right next to her loved one on a brand new sleeper chair, 50 of which were recently funded through the Catherine McAuley Society.

2013–2014 Catherine McAuley Society Vicki Burger

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Juliet Smith, Katie Werdel, Erika Romanini & Gina Fanucchi at the November Luncheon

cumulative gift of \$133,000 including two corporate match gifts from Chevron, funds purchased 50 sleeper chairs and 10 sleeper sofas for use in Mercy Hospital Downtown and Mercy Hospital Southwest. This support fills a critical need for family members as many of them spend endless hours by their loved one's bedside.

This year's membership will meet for the second time at an upcoming luncheon in March 2014. At that time the ladies will be presented with three funding proposals, hear presentations from the requesting Mercy department directors and vote on the project they choose to fund with their cumulative gift. "The simplest and most practical lesson I know is to resolve to be good today, but better tomorrow."

> —Catherine McAuley, Foundress of the Sisters of Mercy

Since 2006, this special group of women philanthropists has raised more than \$838,000! In addition to last year's support, the Catherine McAuley Society members have funded the following needs:

- Helped 30 individuals reach their dream of becoming a registered nurse
- Purchased training equipment that allowed all caregivers to more accurately and readily identify and treat severe sepsis, a life-threatening disease
- Purchased special technology that detects the severity of a wound and helps prevent further damage to the skin
- Purchased a state of the art ultrasound unit that is supporting breast imaging, neonatal echocardiograms and general diagnostic imaging
- Purchased special technology and training equipment that will benefit newborns as well as our tiniest patients in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit
- Funded a renovation of two of the operating rooms at Mercy Hospital Downtown

This group is a true testimony to women in philanthropy. It's not too late to be a part of this year's membership. If you are interested in joining the Catherine McAuley Society or for more information please contact the Foundation at 663-6700 or visit us at www.supportfriendsofmercy.org.

Thank you to Chevron for your matching gift to the Catherine McAuley Society!

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\$500,000 Grant Awarded to the Friends of Mercy Foundation in support of the Community Health Initiative!



Community Health Initiative Staff Members - Nancy De La Torre, Edgar Aguilar, Jan Hefner and Rodrigo Vasquez

The Friends of Mercy Foundation has received a \$500,000 grant from The California Endowment to support outreach and enrollment activities related to the Affordable Care Act (ACA) in Kern County.

This grant will allow our Department of Special Needs and Community Outreach to expand their Community Health Initiative (CHI) program, which has worked for the past 10 years to increase the enrollment of children in public health insurance. With the implementation of the ACA, the CHI will apply its expertise to assist adults with enrollment into Kern County's Low Income Health Plan, Medi-Cal and Covered California plans.

The grant also targets outreach and enrollment of hard-to-reach populations, including individuals who are recently released from incarceration, homeless, emancipated foster youth and others. The CHI efforts have always been rooted in community collaboration, and the program staff has created new relationships with community non-profits and public agencies experienced in working with these targeted populations. Part of the funding will go to hire Certified Enrollment Counselors to provide in-hospital enrollment assistance to hospital patients and visitors. The Department of Special Needs and Community Outreach was chosen as the recipient of the funds in part because of the CHI's stellar reputation for collaboration with local agencies and their effectiveness at reducing the number of uninsured children in the county.

The CHI program employees are well regarded at the local and state levels for their expertise in effective outreach and enrollment practices and the various components of the Affordable Care Act.

Spirit of Giving Club The Spirit of Giving Club raises more than \$123,000 from Mercy Employees!



The Friends of Mercy Foundation just completed its fourth year of The Spirit of Giving Club, an annual employee giving club for Mercy Employees. This year, 414 Mercy employees participated with gifts ranging from \$5 per pay period to 1% of their total pay. This club increased its revenue over the previous year by 8% and recruited 205 new members. Their cumulative gift was \$123,007.37.

Each member was able to choose from 3 different projects to fund:

- The Mercy Park at Mercy Hospital Southwest
- Comfort Carts for patients and their families at both campuses
- Community Outreach: Children in Poverty

Thank you to all of our Spirit of Giving Members and the Spirit of Giving Solicitation Committee for your dedication and hard work!



Spirit of Giving Circle of Mercy Member and Committee Member Tracy Bertagnole greets Friends of Mercy Board Member Michael O'Doherty at the Circle of Mercy Member Luncheon

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