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The Power of Philanthropy

When people give to others, something powerful happens. People are changed. Better choices can be made. Lives can be saved. **That's the magic of philanthropy.**

The Friends of Mercy Foundation has the privilege of witnessing these moments. Donors who support our efforts will likely never meet the people whose lives have been affected by their gift. However, our patients often tell us how appreciative they are of the state-of-the-art technology, life-saving equipment, and special programs that enhance the hospital's healing environment; much of which has been funded through philanthropy. They

recognize the importance of reliable and accurate technology but they also appreciate the kindness that comes in many forms from many different people, including those of you who have been so generous to us this past year.

Last year alone, the Friends of Mercy Foundation transferred more than \$2,500,000 in philanthropic support

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Dear Friends of Mercy,

Welcome to the 2015 edition of **Friends for Life**; our annual publication where we highlight the many stories of how philanthropy impacts the lives of our patients or those in our community whose needs extend beyond the walls of the hospital.



We are grateful to the thousands of donors who, year after year, support our fundraising efforts. This newsletter is dedicated to you. We appreciate your generosity and for choosing the Friends of Mercy Foundation as your charity of choice.

Stewardship is one of the five core values of Mercy Hospital. Defined as "cultivating the resources entrusted to us to promote healing and wholeness", Stewardship is at the core of what we consider to be one of the most important responsibilities of the Friends of Mercy Foundation. We appreciate the generosity of our donors and consider it an honor and privilege to ensure that your precious financial resources are used in the manner in which you have chosen.

In this issue of Friends for Life you will see how philanthropy has funded several hospital programs ranging from holistic

healing to state-of-the-art technology. You will read about how members of our four annual giving groups; the Catherine McAuley Society, William Howell Century Club, Legacy Circle at Mercy and Spirit of Giving have used their cumulative gifts to support much needed equipment for our hospitals and support for our outreach programs.

You'll also see how a major gift or large grant can make it possible to significantly expand a program or hospital service line.

And finally, you'll read the heartwarming story of Vivian Niskanen and how her longtime relationship with us resulted in a bequest to the Friends of Mercy Foundation.

Philanthropy is the desire to help mankind; most often through charitable gifts. Donors do not seek to make a profit from their gift. However, all of

you who have donated to the Friends of Mercy Foundation have given patients the opportunity to profit from your generosity. Because of your gifts, patient care is enhanced; individuals who are vulnerable from the effects of poverty experience kindness, and lives are saved.

The Friends of Mercy Foundation is grateful to all of our donors and the positive impact your gifts make on our patients. Read more to see how alive and powerful philanthropy is here at Mercy Hospital and the Friends of Mercy Foundation.

On behalf of the Friends of Mercy Foundation Board of Directors, Mercy Hospital and the Sisters of Mercy, we wish you a happy and healthy 2015. May you continue to experience the joy, inspiration and gratitude made possible through giving to others; names and faces you may never know or see but whose lives you have changed.

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Blessings,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Stephanie Weber".

Stephanie Weber
VP of Philanthropy

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Pat Campbell".

Pat Campbell, Chairman
Friends of Mercy Foundation
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The Power of Philanthropy

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to Mercy Hospitals. A significant source of that transfer was in support of the purchase of an MRI (Magnetic Resonance Imaging) at Mercy Hospital Southwest. This specialized and highly technical imaging equipment diagnoses a large range of health issues. Although there had been an MRI located at Mercy Hospital Southwest for some time, it was housed in a temporary trailer and patients had to be wheeled outdoors for their test, sometimes in a patient gown and robe. Even though we tried to minimize their discomfort and the inconvenience it caused, we knew we needed something more permanent; we knew we could do better for our patients. **This highly technical and expensive piece of equipment is now permanently placed adjacent to the Imaging Department, making it convenient and "patient friendly"...all as a result of philanthropic support.**

Another example of the magic and power of philanthropy can be seen in our Oncology Unit located on the main floor of Mercy Hospital Downtown. This specialized unit offers six private rooms, has been completely renovated and was designed specifically for the patient who is being treated for cancer.

Many of these patients require care that may be different than the average hospital patient; they have a need for ongoing treatment that leaves them vulnerable to infection and weakness, they need a family member or friend to be by their side at all times, their appetite comes and goes and sometimes they are finally ready to eat at 3:00 in the morning when food service isn't available and the cafeteria is closed. **Because of the wide variety of nuances that occur with our oncology patients, we offer as close to a home setting as possible in this newly remodeled unit.** At the same time, we offer specialized and comprehensive care; an interdisciplinary team of caregivers round on each patient and their family on a daily basis so that all are aware of the personalized care needed for each specific individual.

A common area has been designed for those family members or friends who are caring for their loved one. There they can rest, attend to personal things and take a few moments for respite. Patients appreciate how important it is for their loved ones to find comfort and rest and it in turn helps their recovery.

Each room is private. Each room offers a sleeper chair or couch for the person staying with their loved one. Many other amenities are included in the rooms. Soon, each room will include a refrigerator and each of our patients will

unit possible. They are giving hope to those who need it most and respite to the people who love them. This is the magic and power of philanthropy!

There are many other areas within the walls of the hospital that have been impacted because of philanthropy. But, just as important is the impact that philanthropy has made on the lives of those whose needs extend beyond the walls of the hospital. These are the people who suffer the effects of living in poverty. They may have chronic illnesses or be a senior citizen living alone. They may even be children with nowhere to go afterschool. All are vulnerable. However, because of the generosity of others, we can offer many of them hope.

It is a powerful thing to know that your selfless act of kindness and generosity can change lives and save lives.



receive a soft, comfortable robe to take home with them. Some of our oncology patients have to be hospitalized on a regular basis for one reason or another. They have come to know the staff and this healing environment very well. In fact, these patients even have their "favorite" room and often request it specifically when they arrive. **People give to people in need. Our donors have made this specialized**

For more information on how to continue to support the Friends of Mercy Foundation or to read more about some of the programs funded through philanthropy, please log on to our website at www.SupportFriendsOfMercy.org

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The Friends of Mercy Foundation Celebrates its Board Members



Steve Anderson

Ravi Patel, MD

Sandi Shepherd

We extend our sincerest thanks to **Michael O'Doherty and Randy Richardson** for their years of service, dedication, and commitment to the Friends of Mercy Foundation and welcome **Steve Anderson, Ravi Patel, MD, and Sandi Shepherd**. We are privileged to have such highly regarded members of our community join our board to help further our fundraising efforts. Each of them brings a unique and important skill to the Foundation board and we look forward to working with them.

In September of 2014, we hosted our annual Hospital and Foundation Board of Directors dinner at which we say goodbye to outgoing Friends of Mercy board members whose terms have expired and welcome new Foundation board members.

▼ **Clockwise from top left:**

Sandi & Dave Shepherd, Mike & Pat Campbell and Bruce Peters; Steve & Kari Anderson; Kevin Andrew, Drs. Ravi & Naina Patel and Antonio Beccari; Jeff Andrew & Mike Burger



Pavilion Café Serves Up Coffee and Independence



Catherine & David Gay meeting Joddie at the Pavilion Café

Donors don't always get the chance to meet the beneficiary of their gift, but David and Catherine Gay were recently introduced to Joddie, our barista in the Pavilion Café. Little did they know that their gift would create a job opportunity for someone who may not otherwise have been able to be employed.

When the Friends of Mercy Foundation conducted a \$1 million renovation

campaign, part of the new construction included a new café located in the lobby of Mercy Hospital Downtown. **The Gays made a significant gift to the campaign and chose to specify their gift in support of the new café.** In the meantime, Joddie was being trained in the hospital cafeteria through PathPoint's ProjectSEARCH program.

Mercy Hospital's partnership with PathPoint provides internship opportunities for individuals like Joddie. During these one year internships, participants are immersed in

an organization to develop prevocational skills through hands-on training, in addition to classroom instruction.

So, although their gift was first intended as a way for others to enjoy the peaceful Pavilion Healing Garden located in the same area, or just relax with a hot cup of coffee, their donation had unintended consequences...their gift allowed Mercy to construct a fun, friendly café AND it helped Joddie find a pathway to independence. **That's the power of giving to others.**

Beyond the Walls

Children Benefit from Generosity of Others

One of the programs administered through Dignity Health's Department of Special Needs and Community Outreach is the Homework Club conducted at the Learning Center located on the corner of East California Avenue and Baker Street.

It recently received a significant "boost" in its efforts to provide afterschool tutoring and extracurricular activities for children who live in one of the poorest neighborhoods in Bakersfield. These children would be going home to an empty house with little or no help available to them in completing their homework.

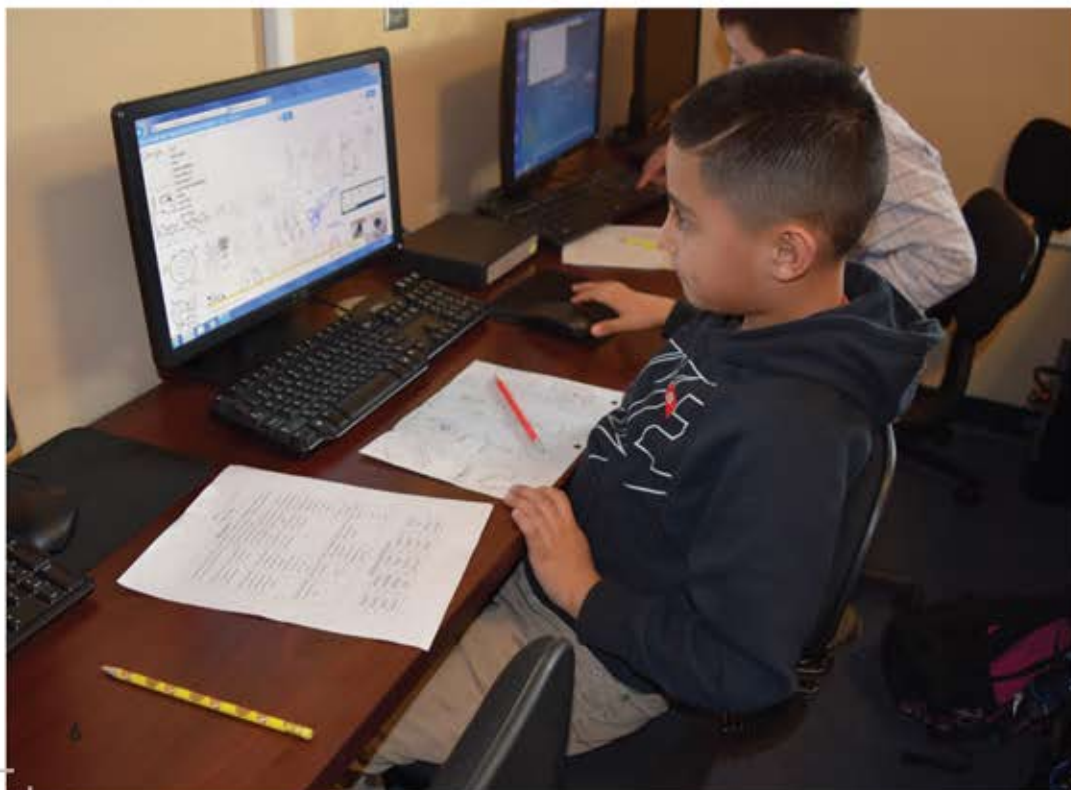
A \$100,000 gift from an anonymous donor and a \$5,000 grant from the Waterman Foundation will allow these children to receive one on one tutoring, help with their daily homework and trips to museums and educational facilities that they would not otherwise have the opportunity to visit.

Many of these children come to the Learning Center classified as below-grade level learners. Some do not speak English as their first language. Others have no access to enrichment programs located on their school campus and conducted after school.

The Homework Club is their safety net. There, they are greeted by name with a warm smile, a healthy snack and the opportunity to learn. Education is their gateway to a better life.

The Homework Club has seen tremendous success over the years. We've seen children performing below grade level go through the program and end up graduating high school with honors and becoming the first in their family to attend college. We've seen shy, introverted children who could not speak English when they first arrived, give speeches to a crowd of 100 Mercy managers, telling them what it meant to attend the Homework Club each day.

Philanthropy is changing these children's lives.





A computer lab has been established; new computers, printers and projectors have been purchased. These gifts have improved the learning environment. In addition, educational field trips have been arranged. **It's important to understand that most of these children have never been outside a one-mile radius from their home.** Exposure to California State University, Bakersfield, The Bakersfield Museum of Art, museums in Los Angeles and even Disneyland have all enhanced their education and given them a glance of "what can be possible" with a good education and someone's generous heart.

Now, because of a generous gift of \$5,000 from another anonymous donor, we are replicating this homework club at another outreach center located on Virginia Avenue and Martin Luther King Boulevard. There, children from that neighborhood will now be able to access much of the same educational opportunities offered in the Homework Club at the Learning Center. All possible because of the generous philanthropic heart of a special couple who have, for years, supported fundraising efforts in their own, quiet, kind and unassuming manner.

Beyond the Walls



Kitchen Classroom Teaches Healthy Cooking

The Department of Special Needs and Community Outreach continues to expand and offer a growing line of services to more than 100,000 local individuals who suffer from the effects of poverty.

As a result of nearly \$300,000 in philanthropic support this past year, the Community Wellness Center has been undergoing renovations that have transformed this former physician office into a community resource center located in the heart of Downtown Bakersfield. The most recent addition was the Kitchen Classroom that has been funded through grants from The Bakersfield Californian Foundation and Kaiser Permanente, in addition to contributions from the Spirit of Giving Club (our employee giving program). The Kitchen Classroom will provide a hands-on tactile learning experience

for participants suffering from obesity or other nutrition related conditions. **Instructors will focus on teaching participants how to adapt healthy cooking techniques to a family's cultural background, traditions and tastes.** This classroom will allow clients to apply their new education directly to learning healthier cooking methods, and will mobilize them to make sustainable changes in the way they feed themselves and their families. A participant taking a Chronic Disease Self-Management seminar several months ago remarked that, "The only thing I want now is for someone to show me how to cook that way!"

Our hope is that generations of families will develop healthier eating habits as a result of this education.

The Kitchen Classroom is expected to open in Spring 2015.

NICU

Neonatal Intensive Care Unit Takes Special Care of Our Tiniest Patients

Two years ago, the Friends of Mercy Foundation successfully conducted a \$1 million renovation campaign and one of the remodeled areas was the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) in the Family Birth Center at Mercy Hospital Southwest.

The newly designed NICU makes it easier for parents to sit at the bedside of their tiny, fragile baby. In fact, the nursery now has room for the new mom that has to remain in bed, to be wheeled right next to her baby. Previous to the remodel, a bed-ridden mother would not have been able to see her baby in the NICU right away. The new nurses station has been designed in a manner that now allows our caregivers easy and more efficient access to information they need to care for our tiny patients.

Thanks to the generosity of the Hay & Burke Families, Gary & Cynthia Icardo and Mike & Pat Campbell, our babies are being cared for in an environment that is "family friendly" and at the same time, more efficient for physicians and staff.

Some of the technology that has been purchased through philanthropy includes the AccuVein Finders. This specialized equipment can be found in most departments in the hospital; perhaps nowhere more important than in the NICU where the tiniest of veins need specialized care and attention. A NICU baby's vein can be as tiny as a strand of hair.

Pictured here is Dr. Gurvir Khurana, using this state-of-the-art device that provides infrared detection of even the tiniest of veins. This technology allows our caregivers to more quickly and accurately insert intravenous (IV) therapy.



▲ NICU Staff members in Front of the Newly Renovated Nurses Station

▼ Dr. Khurana using the AccuVein finder device on a newborn triplet just days old.

Foundation and its donors for this state-of-the-art technology in treating and caring for our NICU babies."



Auxiliary Continues Tradition of Generosity



The Mercy Auxiliary has always been an inspiring example of humankindness and philanthropy. The generous spirit of these volunteers was exemplified with their annual gift to the Friends of Mercy Foundation. Each year the Auxiliary chooses to fund projects that are meaningful to them and at the same time, fill a need for the two Mercy Hospital campuses. Their important role in the Mercy family allows them to see firsthand the needs of our patients and families.

The decision to fund the purchase of comfort carts is a perfect example of meeting the needs of patients and families.

The comfort carts provide an assortment of amenities for patients and their loved ones and bring the comfort of home to the bedside. Patients can focus all of their energy on healing rather than worrying about not having reading glasses or a hairbrush. Stress can be

reduced through the distraction of a game of cards or filling in a crossword puzzle. Families can stay close to their loved ones and enjoy refreshments just steps away from the bedside. These small comforts provide not only convenience, but often result in significant piece of mind for patients and their families. A team of Auxilians

and Junior Auxilians are responsible for rounding with the carts on patient floors each day.

In addition to the comfort carts, the Auxiliary chose to fund an additional EKG which is used regularly to diagnose irregularities in the heart.

Their funds also supported the purchase of four additional AccuVein Finder devices. These state-of-the-art devices are already being used to provide quick, easy and painless IV insertion for patients who have an anatomy that makes this procedure difficult and painful. Throughout the year, the Auxiliary also purchases new clothing to be used for Emergency Room patients.



Spirit of Giving Club



Mercy Employees Celebrate Five Years of Continued Support and Success!

The Friends of Mercy Foundation recently concluded the fifth year of the Spirit of Giving Club –an annual giving fundraising campaign for Mercy employees. This year's campaign surpassed its original goal and raised more than \$150,000 from 413 employees.

The Spirit of Giving Committee, comprised of more than 40 hospital employees from both Mercy Hospital Downtown and Mercy Hospital Southwest, was co-chaired by Chief Financial Officer, Andy Cantu and the Manager of Orthopedic Services, Judith Martinez. Through hard work and dedication, the team not only surpassed its original goal but they achieved a 21% increase in revenue over the previous year.



There are two special donor groups within the Spirit of Giving Club. The Circle of Mercy, (1% of gross pay) the highest level of giving, was introduced in year two. This year we increased our number of Circle of Mercy Members to 107, which was 41 more than the previous year. Giving from this group represents \$87,216 of the total amount raised. As special recognition, the Circle of Mercy Members were invited to a special Christmas luncheon hosted by the Friends of Mercy Foundation Board

and Mercy Hospital President Bruce Peters. The 1910 Society (1/2 hour of pay per pay period) is the next highest level of giving and raised \$40,580. Together these two groups contributed \$127,796; 85% of the total raised; showing the generosity of our Mercy employees.

Each of the 413 employees who participated in this year's Spirit of Giving Campaign chose one of three projects to fund: 1) equipment and amenities for pediatric patients, 2) a video-recording

program for our Simulation Lab, or 3) support for our outreach to the poor.

Since beginning in 2010, Mercy Employees have raised more than \$530,000 in support of programs and technology for Mercy Hospitals. The impact of employees choosing Mercy as their charity of choice is evident and inspiring.

Spirit of Giving Club 2014-2015 Circle of Mercy Members

Adriana Garcia Perez	Cristy Stewart	Eliseo Orozco	Jennifer Wichman	Melodie Kendall	Sergio Estrada
Alysia Williams	Colleen Goodman	Emily Hall	Judith Martinez	Michal Yniguez	Shana Gonsman
Alyssa Villasenor	Connie Tramel	Emmy Klassen	Julee Freeman	Mona Allen	Shanny Singh
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Andy Cantu	Cynthia Azevedo	Erica Mares	Kelly Hartwick	Nancy Banuelos	Stacy Garcia
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Cheryl Harris	Edgar Torres	Jasmine Hill	Marlyn Santos	Rosalie Witzig	Valerie Valdez
Chris Mizell	Edith Albert	Jeanette Smart	Mary Culp	Ruby Peters	Victoria Brewton
Christina Aceves-Payne	Edna Ponce	Jenette Johnson	Matthew Schneider	Ryan Bell	Walter Ray
	Elias Solis	Jennifer Nightengale	Melanie Fowler	Sean Holland	Yolanda Orona



"When I am out in the community, it gives me great pleasure to be able to say to people I come in contact with, how proud I am of our Mercy Hospital employees who are not only dedicated to their jobs at Mercy, providing compassionate, quality care to our patients, but who also give back a portion of their hard earned salaries to the hospital through our Employee Campaign. Having more than 400 employees who are willing to step up and help make a difference in the lives of people both inside and outside the walls of our hospital is a true blessing. They believe in the mission of Mercy Hospital and they give back with very generous hearts!"

—Pat Campbell, Chairman of the Friends of Mercy Foundation Board of Directors



Spirit of Giving Club 2014-2015 1910 Society Members

Abraham Rodriguez
Alan Lakin
Alissa McFaddin
Amara Nieland
Angela Nichols
Angelica DeMalade
Antonia Morales
Araceli De Maupin
Arlene Johnson
Barbara Burger
Candy Garza
Carmen Alvarez
Carol Beltran
Carol Falk
Christina Solis
Christine Edwards
Connie Saludes
Darla Shelton
Darrell Hardy
David Bohannon
Dayvea Mays
Debbie Hull
Deborah Pinkham
Dereese Banks-Aaron
Emily Hernandez
Esmeralda Veloz
Felix Camotuya
Frank Cornejo
Galdino Machado
Grace Bahmani
Harriett Paulovitz
Janel Reece
Janet Galindo
Jannett Gregg
Jason Helton
John Patalinghug
Jonathan Franey
Judith Cabato
Judy Epperson
Julie Bakalar
Julie Juarez-Ceja
Karen Jenkinson
Kathleen Dowd
Kim Pedroza
Kimberly Hernandez
Krishna Kostas
Lisa DeMalade
Lisa Ramos
Lucy Cortes
Luz Zamudio-Torres
Madeline Adams
Marcela Joven
Maria Hernandez
Maria Niovez
Marilyn Lopez
Marlynn Verdugo
Mary Ann MacNutt
Mary Grace Espinosa
Mayra Diaz
Misty De La Torre
Monique Aguirre
Pamela Good
Reita Michelli
Rita Flory
Robin Hunt
Rodrigo Vasquez
Roman Uribe
Rose De La Cruz
Roxan Spears
Saira Tadeo Garcia
Sandi Thoennes
Sandra Laskowski
Scott Smith
Shelia Hall-Vailes
Shelsie Robertson
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Catherine McAuley Society

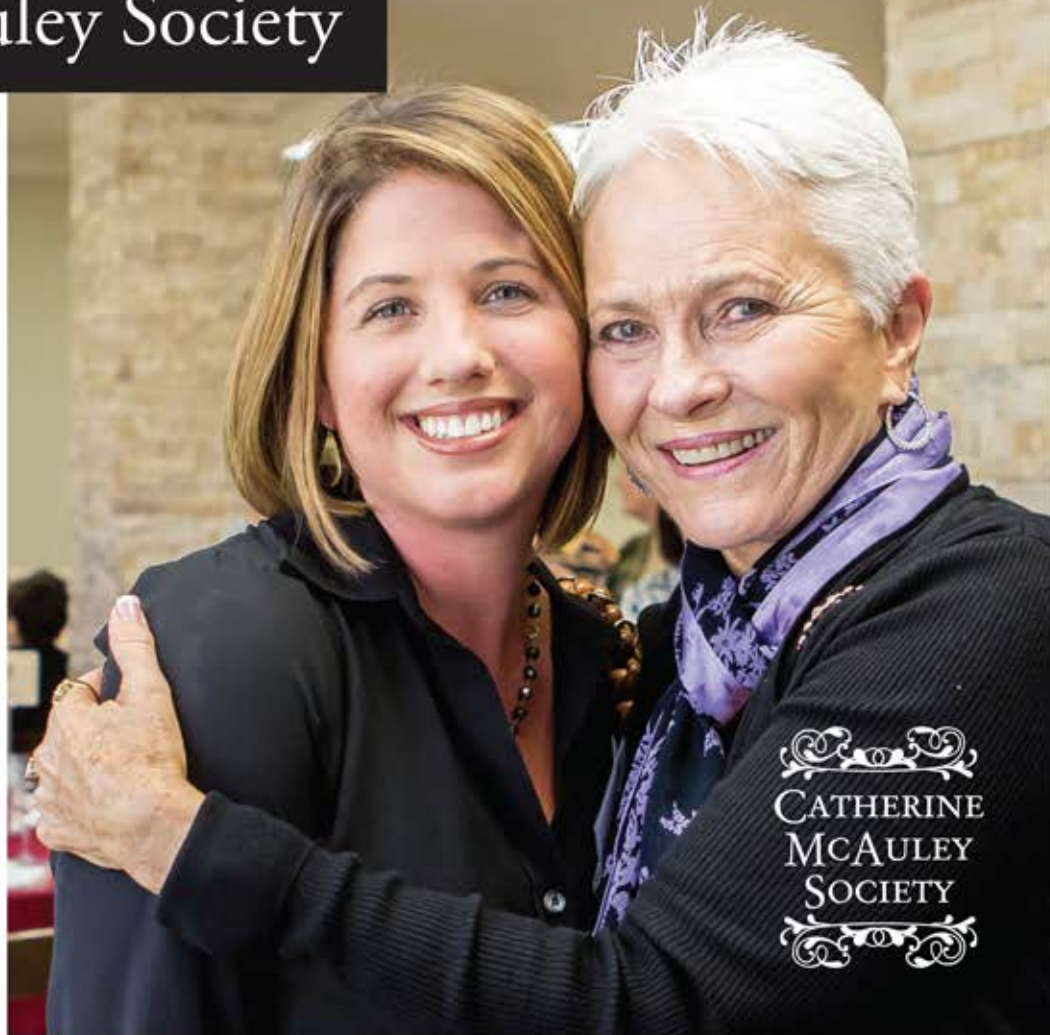
On November 5, 2014 the Friends of Mercy Foundation celebrated its ninth year of the Catherine McAuley Society. What began in 2006 with 54 members has now grown to 155 members; all like-minded women who have made a personal commitment to help others.

Each of them contributes \$1,000 on an annual basis and together, they choose to fund a project that improves the quality of care we provide to our patients. The second luncheon of the year will be held on March 31st where the membership will decide how to use this year's cumulative gift. If you or someone you know would like to experience the effect that philanthropic women can have, please consider joining the Catherine McAuley Society and be part of its ninth year.

Listed on the opposite page is the current membership of the Catherine McAuley Society.

It's not too late to add your name to our roster!

Just contact the Friends of Mercy Foundation at (661) 663-6700 or log onto www.SupportFriendsOfMercy.org.



*"If the love of God really reigns in your heart,
it will quickly show itself in the exterior."*

—Catherine McAuley, Foundress of the Sisters of Mercy



Catherine McAuley Society 2014/2015 Members—Year 9

Cherie Aaron
 Doreen Abrams*
 Janie Alderete
 Maureen Andrew
 Antonette Anich*
 Marcelle Ansolabehere*
 Rosemary Anspach*
 Sandy Banducci*
 Patty Bass
 Kay Beavers
 Maureen Beccan*
 Frankie Berchtold
 Mary Margaret Berry
 Tricia Bland
 Traci Boylan
 Brenda Brown
 Alissa Buckey*
 Vicki Burger
 Bebe Burke
 JoAnn Burris
 Sharon Bush*
 Laurie Bustamante
 Sister Cris Caballero+
 Izzetta Camp
 Kaye Camp
 Beverly Camp
 Pat Campbell*
 Debbie Cappello*
 Naida Carlton
 Patti Carroll*
 Sylvia Cattani*
 Susan Cerri-Buck
 Jennice Cerrina
 Julie Cesare
 Rose Cinquemani
 Becky Clark
 Janet Craft
 Kathy Crettol
 Sarah Crowley
 Joan Dezember*
 Fern DiNicola*
 Sister Sherry Dolan+
 Joyce Downs
 Jennifer Drake
 Adel Durando*
 Patricia Eagleson*†
 Dana Edwards, MD
 Mesha Elliott
 Cherilee Ezell
 Katherine Fahy
 Judith Fanucchi
 Gina Fanucchi
 Kim Fiorini
 Melissa Fortune
 Sandra Foster
 Marilyn Fowler
 Judy Franconi*
 Jan Froehlich
 Sheila Fry
 Penny Fulton
 Mary Gamboni
 Kathy Gargan
 Catherine Gay
 Marcia Giumarra
 Cynthia Giumarra
 Keri Gless
 Jan Glinn
 Sister Josie Gonzales*+
 Yolanda Griffiths*
 Susan Hamilton
 Brook Hardt
 Catherine Haupt
 Jane Haupt
 Mikie Hay*
 Elizabeth Hedden
 Lauren Helper
 Ann Hine
 Patti Houchin
 Debbie Hull*
 Christine Icardo
 Cynthia Icardo*

Cindy Jones
 Germaine Kimm
 Lisa King
 Karen Krausse-Roesle
 Diane Lake*
 Valerie Lallo
 Dee Ann Lantz*
 Marianne Laxague
 Mary Lewis
 Mary Mazzei*
 Ronda Mazzei
 Cindy McCann
 Louise McCarthy
 Lisa McIntosh
 Theresa McNally
 Cindy Meek
 Sister Judy Morasci*+
 Mary Ann Mulkay
 Beth Nahama
 Lily Nahama
 Marjorie Nixon
 Nancy Nusbaum
 Maria Paine
 Beth Pandol
 Mona Pankey*
 Laura Pascoe
 Barbara Patrick
 Lori Petrelli
 Margaret Philippe
 Becky Porter
 Patty Plank*†
 Joan Pracy
 Lila Ray
 Sandra Reider
 Mary Richardson
 Monique Roberts
 Linda Rojas
 Erika Romanini
 Cheyenne Romanini
 Chris Romanini
 Alexis Roy
 Sister Hope Sanchez+
 Barbara A. Sandrini*
 Joellyn Schroeder
 Florence Schroeder*
 Sandra Serrano
 Sandi Shepherd
 Jeanette Smart*
 Juliet Smith
 Karen Stanley
 Sherry Stone
 Laura Tague
 Mora Tang
 Roberta Cerri Teglia
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 Jane Toller*+
 Brooke Trybul
 Jane Uhalt*
 Marilyn Unruh
 Mary Wade
 Joan Wallace
 Lynn Ward
 Stephanie Weber*
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 Katie Werdel
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 Sue Williams
 Anne Wolfersberger
 Patty Young
 Jennifer Zahry
 Katy Zaninovich
 Tammie Zaninovich*
 Theo Zaninovich
 Dominique Zaninovich
 Florence Ziemann*

+ Honorary Members
 * Charter Members
 † Deceased

Catherine McAuley Society



Last year, the Catherine McAuley Society used their cumulative gift to support the purchase of a 4D Echocardiogram. This state-of-the-art imaging equipment will be used to more quickly and effectively diagnose heart disease in adults and children. At their celebratory luncheon held in June 2014, the membership was able to see a demonstration of the technology and all were inspired knowing that they have played a part in someone's journey to better health.



William Howell Century Club



The Friends of Mercy Foundation kicked off the fifth year of the William Howell Century Club at a dinner held on October 14, 2014. This is an annual giving group of philanthropic men that was established as a way to honor one of Mercy's first benefactors, Mr. William Howell, Sr. Each year members are given the opportunity to tour parts of the hospital not normally seen by the general public and hear first-hand from physicians who provide care to our patients.

In October, our members were able to tour the new MRI



located at Mercy Hospital Southwest as well as see a demonstration of the 4D Echocardiogram that was donated by members of last year's Catherine McAuley Society.

The second dinner of the year is scheduled for February 18th where our 95 members will vote on how to use their cumulative gift. **Listed on the opposite page is the current membership. If you'd like to join this year's William Howell Century Club and help celebrate its fifth year – please contact us at (661) 663-6700 or log onto www.SupportFriendsOfMercy.org.**



Since 2010, this dedicated group of men has raised more than \$425,000 in support of the following projects at Mercy:

- CT Scanner/advanced visualization software
- X-ray package for diagnostic imaging of spinal disorders and a fluoroscan mini c-arm
- Digital way finding and communications system and specialized microscope primarily used in hand surgery
- 11 AccuVein Finder units and sterile processing tracking and information system

William Howell Century Club



Last year, the William Howell Century Club designated their cumulative gift of \$97,000 to purchase 11 AccuVein Finders as well as a sterile processing information system for the hospital's operating rooms. The AccuVein Finders are hand held devices that show an infrared "map" of the veins and allows for accuracy and less stress when trying to draw blood or obtain intravenous access. The sterile processing system allows for more efficiency in the operating rooms and helps ensure a smooth case flow for the physician and surgical staff.



William Howell Century Club 2014/2015 Members

Hal Aaron
Bob Abrams
Steve Anderson
Jeff Andrew*
Kevin Andrew*
George Ansolabehere
Robert Anspach*
Tim Banks, II
Antonio Beccari*
Michael Beckwith*
E.G. Berchtold*
Thomas Berry, DDS
Leonard Bidart*
Michael Burger
Bill Bush*
Javier Bustamante, MD*
Don Camp, Sr.*
Edwin Camp
James Camp
Mike Campbell*
Andy Cantu*
George Cappello*
Jim Cesare
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Legacy Circle at Mercy



The Legacy Circle at Mercy is made up of a group of young philanthropists that have the

desire to continue the history and tradition of giving that started more than 100 years ago when Mercy Hospital was first established.

Nothing describes how well they are continuing this legacy better than by what they chose to support with their cumulative gift in their charter year. **Their choice was to purchase two AccuVein Finders; devices that increase the efficiency of intravenous insertion and reduce pain and discomfort to patients.** However, the hospital needed several more so that each department at both campuses could have access to this technology. So, the Friends of Mercy Foundation leveraged the gift of the Legacy Circle to raise more money to purchase the additional devices.



And, we were successful. The William Howell Century Club took note of the generosity of the young philanthropists and decided to use part of their cumulative annual gift to purchase 11 more. The Mercy Auxiliary was also impressed that the Legacy Circle used their limited funds to purchase these advanced devices so they purchased four more with their annual gift so that every department on both campuses would have access to this technology.

Little did the members of the Legacy Circle know that with their one generous designation, the hospital would now be equipped with 17 AccuVein Finders!

The Legacy Circle concluded its second year with a celebratory dinner held on December 3rd. **Their membership is now at thirty-one and they designated their cumulative gift to fund specialized pediatric equipment. Their gift of \$15,500 will purchase two Broselow carts. These carts are unique to the specific needs of pediatric patients.** They contain tools that allow caregivers to quickly assess a child's needs and provide correct medication dosages in an instant. This cart is particularly critical in an emergency situation. **The other part of their designation was to purchase iPads for children who are patients in the Emergency Department or who have to be admitted to the hospital for a short stay.** Many times children need to be distracted in order to be diagnosed and quickly treated. The iPads will be loaded with educational games and serve as the distraction for children who



are frightened and vulnerable in an uncomfortable and unfamiliar setting.

The Friends of Mercy Foundation is kicking off the third year of the Legacy Circle at Mercy in May of 2015. **If you or someone you know is interested in joining like-minded young philanthropists in making an impact on patient care, please consider becoming a member by calling us at (661) 663-6700 or log onto www.SupportFriendsOfMercy.org.**

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Impact to Imaging

The Friends of Mercy Foundation recently funded several key pieces of equipment for the two hospitals' Imaging Departments.

The first piece of equipment funded was a new MRI for the Mercy Hospital Southwest Campus, which opened in Summer of 2014. Its close proximity to the Imaging Department has now made it more comfortable for patients to receive diagnostic tests. Previously, patients were wheeled outdoors to the MRI located temporarily in a trailer.

The 4D Echocardiogram is the first of its kind at Mercy and made possible by the Catherine McAuley Society, an annual giving group for women. This highly specialized piece of equipment will allow Radiologists to see much clearer images of the heart and better diagnose cardiac conditions in both adults and children.

Proceeds from the 2014 Golf Tournament have been used to purchase a Hologic Breast Biopsy System with Stereotactic Guidance Technology for the Women's Imaging Center at Mercy Hospital Southwest. This state-of-



the-art equipment uses cutting-edge targeting and guidance technology that allows for superb image quality needed to locate even the most difficult lesions, while providing increased comfort for our Breast Cancer patients.

Construction on the new Radiography/Fluoroscopy rooms at each campus will

soon begin. These specialized rooms are the workhorse of the Imaging Department and allow for static images to be captured in both horizontal and vertical formats. A range of digital X-Ray applications from gastro-intestinal, various iodine and vascular procedures to standard digital radiography can all be performed in one room.



All of this state-of-the-art technology was made possible because of philanthropic support and each piece of equipment will help enhance the quality of diagnostic services, while increasing the level of comfort provided to inpatients and outpatients at Mercy Hospital Downtown and Mercy Hospital Southwest. Nearly \$2,000,000 was raised to support these critical pieces of diagnostic equipment.

Mercy Charity Golf Classic

The Annual Mercy Charity Golf Classic held on Friday, June 13th was the most successful tournament in its 24 year history; raising more than \$127,000.

The tournament has had a long and rich history, which started with a group of employees from the Engineering Department. Their day at the golf course and a friendly wager resulted in \$18 in proceeds, which was donated to the Friends of Mercy Foundation. **Now 24 years later, this small act was the catalyst that has led to more than \$1,275,000 raised to fund programs and services for Mercy Hospitals.**

Nearly a quarter of a century later, the tournament lives on as the signature event of the Friends of Mercy Foundation. Once again the tournament was held at Stockdale Country Club, with **Kern Radiology as the Presenting Sponsor.** All of the proceeds from the tournament are benefiting Mercy's Imaging Department to purchase a Breast Biopsy System with Stereotactic Guidance for the Women's Imaging Center at Mercy Hospital Southwest.

The start of the tournament began with players enjoying breakfast and participating in a putting contest. Each player was able to choose between either the just released Titleist SM5



Vokey Wedge or a pair of Maui Jim Sunglasses. These tee prizes were once again sponsored by S.C. Anderson. Out on the course players were able to take advantage of the "Pro For Hire" and "Throw a Club" contests. The "BBQ with the Board", a favorite stop of our players was hosted by Mercy Hospital President Bruce Peters and Community Board Member George Cappello where players enjoyed grilled Wooddale sausages and George's famous grilled pineapple.

Following the tournament, players were treated to a BBQ luncheon in the clubhouse that was sponsored by Masters Sponsor Comprehensive Blood and Cancer Center.

Bruce Peters announced the tournament winners including the Serban Sound team as the 1st Place Net Winner and Mercy Hospital CFO Andy Cantu's team as the 1st Place Gross Winner.

The fun filled day concluded with the raffle and silent auction winners. **Everyone in attendance not only enjoyed the festivities and friendly competition, but they left feeling gratified that their gifts would be helping people receive the most state-of-the-art diagnostic equipment available.** They may never meet the people whose lives they've impacted, but they can be assured they have made a difference!

Planning for the 25th Annual Mercy Charity Golf Classic will soon begin. Please contact the Friends of Mercy Foundation at (661) 663-6700 or visit us at www.SupportFriendsOfMercy.org to secure a sponsorship and team.





Save the Date! Friday, June 12, 2015

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A Grateful Gift of Love Over a Lifetime

Vivian and her sister were both born at Mercy. It was only when Vivian died recently, that Stephanie Weber, VP of Philanthropy & Executive Director of the Friends of Mercy Foundation realized how important Mercy Hospital was to Vivian and her family.

As Stephanie tells it: "Vivian first became a donor when she received a direct mail appeal we mailed to former patients. She started out giving us \$15 every once in a while and then one day a \$75 check appeared. I called her to say thank you and she told me that this was how she wanted to celebrate her 75th birthday!

As I became friends with Vivian and spoke to her several times a year, she steadily increased her donations. With each phone call I learned even more

clearly, how much she loved Mercy. She and I had a wonderful relationship although she was always hesitant to meet in person. That only happened once at our 100 year gala celebration and then again when she was a patient here at Mercy. I was able to spend valuable time with her.

During our calls and visits she always mentioned that she had left her savings account to the Friends of Mercy Foundation. A dear friend, she was admittedly a bit eccentric so I never knew if it would come to be or not!

Vivian passed on a few months ago and yes, she left us a very generous gift through her estate plan! She is caring for the future, sharing her love for our community."

Vivian is one of many dear friends who have made a commitment to Mercy's future. Over the years, the Friends of Mercy Foundation has received many estate gifts, both large and small.

You can continue this great tradition of giving by remembering Mercy in your own estate plans. There are many ways to make a gift like Vivian did. She specified that a savings account was to go directly to the Foundation.

You can specify a percentage of your estate to go to Mercy, or name a specific dollar amount. There are ways that you can minimize your final income tax expense by assigning a portion of your IRA or commercial annuity to Mercy as well.

If you'd like more information about how you can make a gift like Vivian, or want to learn more about gifts now that can pay you a lifetime income, please contact Stephanie Weber at (661) 663-6700.

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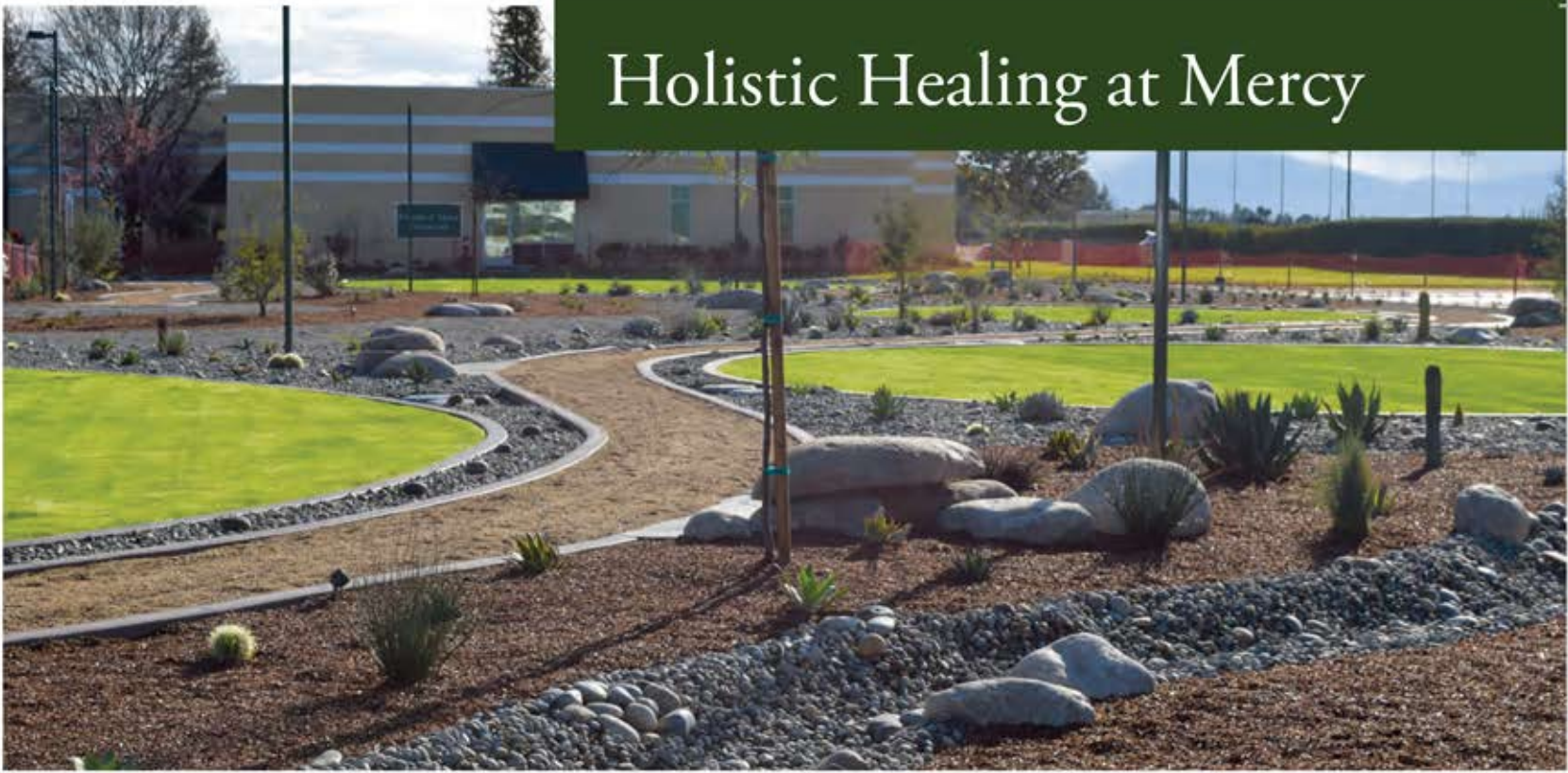
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Holistic Healing at Mercy



Healing is at the heart of all we do at Mercy. We want everyone in the Mercy Family of patients, families, volunteers, physicians and employees to be healthy and have access to all forms of healing. Going beyond providing for only a patient's medical needs, is what sets Mercy apart.

Most of us think of healing when we are given medication or when we have a procedure done. **But healing also includes things that give us solace and peace. Things like sounds, exercise, music, prayer, art.**

Our recent Christmas Appeal raised more than \$25,000 from our donors and those proceeds will go to support our efforts in holistic healing.

Both of our hospital campuses have beautiful healing gardens; two at Mercy Hospital Downtown and one at Mercy Hospital Southwest. **A fourth "walking" park has recently been constructed at Mercy Hospital Southwest and offers patients, visitors, staff and the community-at-large a place for quiet reflection and movement.** Movement has the ability to heal. Walking is the most naturally healing movement an individual can do. The Friends of Mercy Walking Park will offer this type of healing and it has been made possible entirely through philanthropic support.

No other local hospitals have this type of healing available.

Our Art for Healing Program also helps patients and caregivers cope with the stress, pain and suffering often associated with illness. We offer bedside art-making to our patients at both Mercy campuses. Additionally, the Art and Spirituality Center, located in what was once the Holy Trinity Chapel, is another source of holistic healing that is offered to individuals coping with chronic illness, and in some cases, to those who are the caregivers. For many, the center has become their sole place for respite.

One participant wrote that, "I now think of Art for Healing as a refuge...at least it has been for me. The experience has helped me "re-gather" myself, and shown me that not every single waking minute of every day has to be spent in service..."

Music is healing. Recently the Threshold Choir has been added to our Art for Healing Program. **This group of dedicated women provides comfort by singing at the bedside when someone is on the threshold of life. Their voices blend to create a calm and focused presence, which is soothing at the end of life for both patients and their loved ones.** This type of healing is also

beneficial for patients experiencing the discomfort often associated with a hospital stay. Additionally, during specific times, you may hear a quartet or harpist playing music in our lobby at Mercy Hospital Downtown.

And of course, Mercy offers a quiet place for prayer and reflection in each one of its campuses. The Bidart Chapel at Mercy Hospital Downtown and the Jim Burke Chapel at Mercy Hospital Southwest are used by visitors, staff, patients and others as a way to escape their harsh realities and become more centered on a higher power that can help heal in ways others cannot.

For more information how you can make a gift to the Art for Healing program or any of our other Holistic programs, please contact us at (661) 663-6700 or www.SupportFriendsOfMercy.org.



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The Friends of Mercy Foundation gives special recognition to its donors who have contributed a total of \$10,000 or more. We sincerely appreciate the support and generosity of our Founders Circle members listed on these pages.

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Training Our Caregivers



The Megacode kid was the fourth and latest manikin added to the Simulation Lab at Mercy's Education Center located down the street from Mercy Hospital Downtown.

These manikins were all made possible by philanthropy, including the Megacode kid which was funded by a grant from the Chevron Community Spirit Fund. Simulation is a key component to the caregiver training process, since it allows staff to perform procedures that mimic an actual clinical experience. Mercy's Educators are able to create realistic emergency scenarios with a variety of training opportunities for the entire nursing team, all while in the safety of the simulation lab.

Education never ends for our clinical team. The simulation lab provides a safe environment, which helps our staff provide the highest level of care for our patients.

Most recently, many nurses have undergone specific training for pediatric patients, who in certain circumstances will be admitted to Mercy. **The Megacode kid along with the baby Manikin "Catherine Gianna", funded by the Catherine McAuley Society, has been an integral part of preparing staff to care for children.** By the end of January 2015, more than 110 nurses from our inpatient care units and ICU departments will have completed extensive training, including lifesaving techniques specific to pediatric patients.



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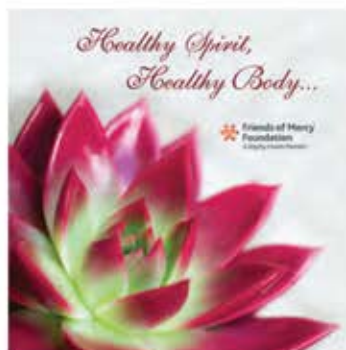
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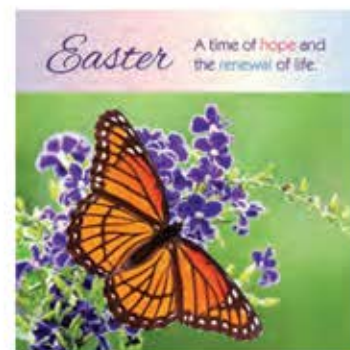
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