

# Friends For Life

## Spring 2020



**Friends of Mercy  
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philanthropic support. We also highlight how the compassion of our caregivers makes a lasting, often lifelong impression. Finally, we thank those who have joined our mission to support the inspiring faith of our beloved Sisters of Mercy. (Kindly note that our fall edition will highlight all donors with a comprehensive listing of those who support the Foundation.)

Thank you in advance for your continued support as we work to ensure every member of our community receives state of the art medical care, with compassion and dignity, right here at home. However, the only way we can meet our mission is to have your support and that of our community partners. In the words of St. Francis of Assisi, “for it is in giving that we receive.”

With gratitude,

Geoff King,  
*Chairman of the Board,*  
*Friends of Mercy Foundation*

Toni Harper,  
*Vice President of Philanthropy,*  
*Friends of Mercy Foundation*

**We are excited to share with you the incredible work that continues to happen at Mercy Hospitals of Bakersfield and beyond our walls.**

As you read on, it's evident that our success is a direct reflection of our generous donor community. From state of the art technology to treat breast cancer (intra-operative radiation therapy), to minimally invasive robotic surgery, and finally to the construction of a new patient care tower to meet the demand for services in our community – it would not be possible without grateful patients, local businesses, leaders and Friends of Mercy making their own lasting legacy.

In this edition of Friends for Life, you will see some of the exclusive technology and services that only Mercy Hospitals has, obtained solely as a result of our community's

## Friends of Mercy Foundation Leadership

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## Hello Friends of Mercy,

I often reflect on the incredible generosity of our community and that is certainly the case with those who support our Mercy Downtown and Mercy Southwest Hospitals. Since 1910, we have been able to bring amazing equipment, technology, and services to our patients, families, and friends because of your support. As the world becomes more complex, so do the needs of our patients—and your continued support is essential. You help us deliver the kind of care we want for our family and friends. You help us serve the community in countless ways. With your continuing support, we can build on this extraordinary legacy, and move into the future providing excellence in care. I thank you from the bottom of my heart. On behalf of our staff and doctors, please accept their appreciation for all that you do in furtherance of our mission.

Bruce Peters  
*President/CEO*  
*Mercy Hospital Downtown*  
*Mercy Hospital Southwest*

## Save the Date

### 30th Annual Mercy Charity Golf Classic

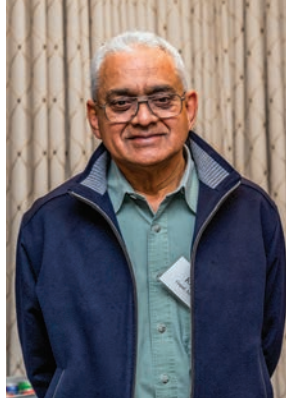
*Benefitting the Mercy Hospital Southwest Patient Care Tower Expansion*

Stockdale Country Club



Friday • June 12  
**2020**





## When You're Grateful, We're Grateful.

Sometimes Mercy Hospital supporters aren't members of the community, but rather travelers requiring health care services. In early 2018, Susan and Russell Jackson from Highland Village, Texas, were on a trip when Mrs. Jackson began to experience back pain. They went to Mercy Downtown, and as it was flu season, the ED was packed. Mrs. Jackson was admitted and moved to a room for treatment. Due to the kindness the caregivers showed, Mr. and Mrs. Jackson made a gift in honor of Sallie Bailen, RN and Jeanette Balderas, RN upon discharge.

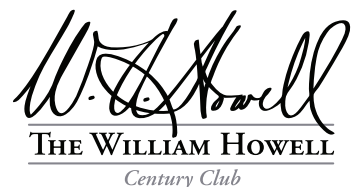
The Jackson family has since made nine more gifts to support the healing mission of Mercy Hospitals. We gratefully thank all of the staff who shared the Mercy Spirit with our out-of-town guests, and we are deeply appreciative of Mr. and Mrs. Jackson's continued, generous support.



Jeanette Balderas, RN

"These two ladies (Sallie & Jeanette) stood out with their very good care, but the others, whose names we aren't sure of, were outstanding too. We told them if we get a need for help we will not hesitate to come to Mercy."

—Susan Jackson,  
Out-of-town patient



In February 2020, the William Howell Century Club, now in its 10th year, used their cumulative gift of \$102,000 to fund equipment for five departments at Mercy Hospitals. Thanks to the generosity of the club's 101 members, we will be able to enhance the care provided to our patients with the addition of state of the art non-invasive cardiac

output monitors for the Intensive Care Units; a cutting edge microscope for the laboratory; C-arm monitors for enhanced orthopedic surgical procedures; patient air lifts to ensure the safety of our patients who have fallen; and ventilator technology for our tiniest patients in the NICU. This suite of equipment is incredibly important to our staff and patients, and we thank you deeply for your support.

Please contact the Friends of Mercy Foundation at (661) 663-6700 or visit us online at [www.SupportFriendsOfMercy.org](http://www.SupportFriendsOfMercy.org) for information on joining this exceptional group of men who are leaders in the community and passionate supporters of Mercy Hospital.

## Friends of Mercy Foundation Wins Quality Improvement Award



entity that has demonstrated the most significant improvement in the past year. In fiscal year 2019, fundraising revenue increased by 70% and increased fundraising revenue per full time employee by 85%. Concurrently, fundraising expenses decreased by 5% and cost per dollar raised decreased by nearly 45%. Overall, transfers to Mercy Downtown and Mercy Southwest increased by over 10% and transfer multiple by nearly 20%.

We are grateful to receive this award, and know that it would not be possible without the continued support of you, our donors, and the community.

The Quality Improvement Award celebrates the CommonSpirit Health affiliated fundraising



On November 3, 2006, fifty-six women joined the Catherine McAuley Society, a group supporting the healing ministry of Mercy Hospitals of Bakersfield. That year, their cumulative gift of \$54,000 funded Nursing scholarships for single parents and Mercy employees, and curriculum books. Now, almost 15 years later, this group has over 130 members, and has funded more than \$1,681,000 in state-of-the-art equipment/technology, and education programs. Their generous support continues to enhance the lives of our neighbors, friends, and community.

To join this group of women visit [www.SupportFriendsOfMercy.org](http://www.SupportFriendsOfMercy.org) or call the Foundation office at (661) 663-6700.





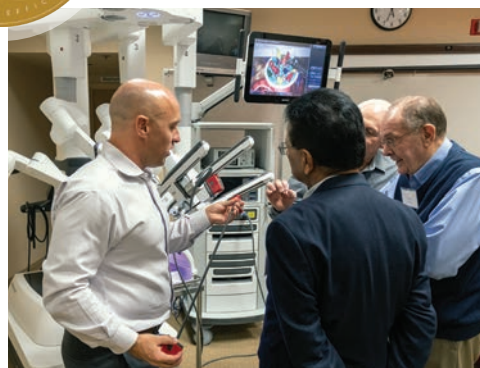


# Robotic Center of Excellence

In February 2020, Mercy Hospitals of Bakersfield's S.A. Camp Companies Robotic Surgical Center received the Center of Excellence in Robotic Surgery from the Surgical Review Corporation. This designation recognizes hospitals and surgeons who demonstrate unparalleled commitment and ability to consistently deliver safe, effective, evidenced based care. **Mercy Hospital is the only hospital between the bay area and Los Angeles to have achieved this distinction.**

Even though the program has been open for less than 2 years, it is now the largest in the area, completing more than 500 cases with 13 surgeons, specializing in gynecology, oncology-gynecology, uro-gynecology, urology, bariatrics, general surgery. In addition to the daVinci Xi, we also have added a Mako robot to support our orthopedic surgeons.

None of this would have been possible without the support of our generous community. On behalf of the patients who had better outcomes, less complications and faster recovery, delivered right here at home, we thank you.



## Thank you to the following donors:

S.A. Camp Companies  
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*In Memory of Caroline Dieter*  
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*In Memory of Vinka Barbic*  
 Scott Miller  
*In Honor of Madeline Daniel*  
 Ronnie and Jennifer Holbert



# Mercy Southwest Patient Care Tower Expansion

The Friends of Mercy Foundation is honored to lead the development efforts for the Mercy Southwest Tower Expansion Project. To date, we have raised \$5,287,000 toward our \$12,500,000 goal. Key project elements include:

- 106 Private Patient Rooms
- A new 24 Room Intensive Care Unit
- 18 Private Neonatal Intensive Care Unit Rooms
- State-of-the-Art Cardiac Catheterization Suites
- Expanded Neurosurgery Capabilities
- 6 additional Operating Rooms
- Specialized Oncology and Orthopedic Units
- Expanded Emergency Department
- Additional Parking and Campus Redesign

## Thank you to the following donors:

The David & Catherine Gay Family  
 Drs. Ravi and Naina Patel  
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*In Honor of our parents Jack and Winifred*  
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 Jack and Carolyn Pandol  
*In honor of Sr. Judy Morasci*  
 Morgan & Gloria Clayton  
*In Memory of Sharon A. Banks*  
 Tim and Rana Banks  
*In Memory of Ray Dezimmer*  
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Mercy Hospitals of Bakersfield has served the community for 110 years and has always anticipated and responded to the needs of Kern County. **Today is no different, as we together face the threat of COVID-19. Mercy Hospital is drawing on its legacy of compassion and excellence to ensure the most comprehensive response.** We could not do this urgent work without your past and continued support. It is because of you, our donors, that we are positioned and stand ready to serve you, your family and our community.

With much gratitude,  
*The Friends of Mercy Foundation Staff*

