

# Friends For Life

## Summer 2020



# Gratitude

[ˈgra-tə-,tüd] *noun*

The quality or feeling of being grateful or thankful.



**Friends of Mercy  
Foundation.**  
A Dignity Health Member





At Mercy Hospital, our cup is overflowing with gratitude.

We are excited to have you join us in celebrating the extraordinary community support we have experienced during the COVID-19 pandemic. Individuals, families, small businesses, large corporations, schools and churches have

supported our caregivers with food, supplies and financial resources. Most importantly, you have joined with us in spirit, acknowledging that we are in this together.

We recognize the personal impact of the pandemic on you, our supporters – the health of our loved ones, the security of our finances, the safety of our communities. **However, this pandemic has not diminished the community's compassion, and our work at Mercy Hospital continues to stand as reassurance to all of the healing presence of our ministry, to serve every individual with excellence and humankindness.** Read on to find stories of gratefulness, healing and even joy.

We would be honored to have you join us in our continued mission to further the legacy of the Sisters of Mercy. If you desire, please remit the enclosed envelope with a gift to support our healing ministry in our hospital and beyond our walls.

Please know that we hold you in our hearts– that you are bearing any burdens with courage and that you are holding onto hope for our shared future.

In gratitude,

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

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



## Hello Friends,

To say these last couple of months were turbulent and uncertain would be an understatement. Nothing in my career has had such an impact on our hospitals, our patients, and our families. We have adapted to the changing conditions and adjusted our processes to ensure our patients are getting the best care possible. The support from you and our community has been overwhelming and heartwarming. The staff of Mercy Hospitals has been uplifted by your generosity and we can't thank you enough. We wish you health and happiness, and look forward to seeing you soon!

Very kindly,

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

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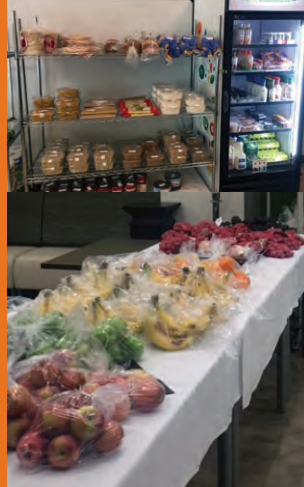
# Mercy Market



 Dignity Health  
Mercy Hospitals

The Mercy Hospital Administration would like to thank the generous supporters of the Mercy Market that was erected on both Mercy campuses.

The market was filled with essential items that were difficult to find in stores, and fresh, nutritious produce was available daily to keep our staff healthy. It was an example of the community supporting the hospital as you have done since 1910, continuing the legacy of giving.



## Mercy Market Donors:

- Bolthouse Farms
- Grimmway Farms
- Tasteful Selections
- The Wonderful Company
- Samco Food Store
- Sun Pacific
- Vega

*Thank you Donors!*







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# “For it is in giving that we



“My parents [Lisa and Geoff King] have always been advocates of philanthropy and being involved in our community and that is definitely something that I have taken to heart. It has truly been a joy to be a part of the Mercy family. I like being a part of a group that helps respond to the needs of the community.”



LEGACY CIRCLE  
AT MERCY

— Jen King-Wickensheimer  
*Legacy Circle at Mercy Member*



Since 2005, the Friends of Mercy Foundation has brought together more than 1,000 like-minded, philanthropic community members with our annual giving groups: Catherine McAuley Society, Legacy Circle at Mercy, Spirit of Giving Club, and William Howell Century Club. These groups have generously supported Mercy hospitals by cumulatively

“I’m proud to support the company I work for. I support Spirit of Giving because it gives me the opportunity to give back and help with a major need of the hospital or community need.”

— Monica Grady  
*Spirit of Giving Member*



# receive.” —*St. Francis of Assisi*

“This was a good way to support the Foundation and the hospital. I like to be able to vote on where the money from the William Howell Century Club is used and enjoy learning about the needs and operations of the hospital.”

  
**WILLIAM HOWELL**  
Century Club

— Randy Richardson  
*William Howell*  
Century Club Member



donating **\$4,254,732** in support of advanced equipment, state-of-the-art technology, nursing education scholarships, multiple programs that serve our community beyond the walls of the hospital, and so much more. With their support, we are able to continue Mercy Hospitals' 110-year tradition of providing compassionate care to Kern County.

“I love being part of a group that supports Mercy Hospital and its doctors and nurses by providing extra and/or special equipment to enable better health and healing.”

*Catherine McAuley Society*  
SUPPORTING MERCY HOSPITALS  
SINCE 2005

— Sylvia Thomson Cattani  
*Catherine McAuley*  
Society Member

