

The Catherine McAuley Society, a women's philanthropic group gathered in November for the first meeting of the 2011/2012 year and celebrated this year's membership of 130. They began with a tour of the Simulation Lab at Mercy's Education Center. The focus of the tour was to see first hand how their contributions are making a difference in patient care. They also had the opportunity to meet the simulation "baby" mannequin that members voted to fund the previous year. The simulation baby was part of a proposal that also included technology and equipment that supports the Family Birth Center and Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at Mercy Southwest.



Immediately following the tour the ladies enjoyed a luncheon and the newest members were able to learn more about Catherine McAuley, the foundress of the Sisters of Mercy. The members also voted on the name of our newest addition to the Education Center – "Catherine Gianna".

For more information or to become a member of the Catherine McAuley Society, please contact us at (661) 663-6700 or at www.supportfriendsofmercy.org.



SAVE THE DATE

June 4, 2012

for the
22nd Annual
Mercy Charity
Golf Classic

Stockdale Country
Club - New Location!

Please contact
The Friends of
Mercy Foundation
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for
sponsorship
information
or to receive
an invitation to
this year's
tournament.



**An annual men's
philanthropic
giving club**

Members of the William Howell Century Club kicked off their second year with a membership dinner at Mercy Southwest Hospital. The evening included an interactive tour of the emergency room expansion. Sixty members were able to participate and "try out" various emergency room procedures on simulation mannequins. The 83 members will next meet in February for a membership dinner and to determine the next project to fund with their cumulative gift.

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TIMELESS MERCY TRADITIONS

The Annual **Christmas Appeal** featured a group of carolers who were singing at Mercy Hospital in 1951. Lorraine Panelli, one of the carolers pictured recognized the photo and contacted the The Friends of Mercy Foundation office to share her story. "What a pleasant surprise to open my Christmas Appeal and see the picture of my classmates and myself 60 years ago ... the picture truly made my day and I had been in the hospital (Mercy – Truxtun Campus) two weeks ago". The group featured was the **Garces Glee Club**. Today, they are all in their mid-late seventies.

Lorraine's mom was Yolanda Pacini, who retired for Mercy in 1985. Lorraine's story like so many others is a wonderful example of the scope of the **Mercy Family**. Each year our Mercy Family grows with new employees, volunteers, board members and patients and together we continue the many Timeless Mercy Traditions that have served generations of Kern County families for more than 100 years.

Funding from this year's Christmas Appeal will go towards programs to improve patient care.

Celebrate the birth of a
child in your life!



The Friends of Mercy Foundation gives you the opportunity to commemorate the birth of a loved one for years to come by participating in our Special Delivery Footprint Wall at Mercy Southwest Hospital. By purchasing a **footprint plaque for display** on our wall, you not only celebrate the birth of your little one but also support the important programs and services provided by the Family Birth Center and Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at Mercy Southwest Hospital.

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Mercy's New Century Campaign Building Tomorrow's Traditions

In the Fall, the Friends of Mercy Foundation launched a new \$1 million capital campaign to renovate and expand Mercy and Mercy Southwest Hospitals.

Today only a few months later, the expansion of the Emergency Room at Mercy Hospital is nearing completion and construction has begun on the New Main Entrance and Registration at Mercy Hospital. Additional projects for the campaign will include:

- ~ The remodel of the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at Mercy Southwest Hospital
- ~ The Mercy Pavilion at Mercy Hospital, which will house the new Bidart Chapel
- ~ The Board Room at Mercy Hospital
- ~ The CHW Community Wellness Center

We invite you to be part of our campaign and help us build tomorrow's traditions as we continue the legacy of giving that our community leaders established more than 100 years ago.

Thank you to 282 employees who contributed \$100,000 toward the campaign. Thanks also to the following individuals who have made gifts to the campaign:

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| ~ Elizabeth Pankey | ~ Pete & Mona Pankey |
| ~ David & Catherine Gay | ~ Bill & Sharon Bush |
| ~ Randy & Mary Richardson | ~ Bruce & Jane Haupt |
| ~ Russell & Shawna Judd | ~ Doug & Stephanie Weber |
| ~ Florence & Joe Ziemann | ~ Andy Cantu |
| ~ Sr. Judy Morasci | |

For more information on the progress of the projects or for donor recognition opportunities, please contact Stephanie Weber at (661) 663-6700.