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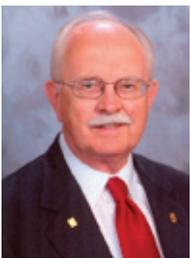
Using the concept that a picture is worth a thousand words, or at least 50, we decided to try something a little different this year. Instead of a variety of feature articles highlighting ways gifts to the Mercy Hospital Foundation improved the care that is provided here, we decided to instead show you a representative sampling through the use of pictures. And of course there are captions to tell you what you are looking at and why it is important. Once you've read this report, please let me know what you think of this approach at [Margaret.reese@mercyic.org](mailto:Margaret.reese@mercyic.org). I'd really like to know!

During the last year your gifts, combined with those of others who have made permanent investments at Mercy over the years, made tremendous contributions. One of the greatest was an investment of approximately \$600,000 in Mercy's surgical suites and Central Sterilizing area. Not only did we reconfigure the Central Sterilizing area to make it more efficient, but new sterilization equipment was purchased to allow us to process more instruments much more quickly, making it possible to conduct more surgeries with faster room turnover to accommodate growth in that area. To do that we also purchased many more trays of surgical instruments for General, Orthopedic, Bariatric and Gynecologic Surgery so we can help more patients more quickly and safely. All of this also makes a day in surgery much more efficient for our surgeons and nursing staff. None of it would have been possible without the support we receive from donors. Thank you for providing that support. Your gifts impact patients every single day and we appreciate your generosity very much.

The 2017 year brought a few challenges and many successes to Mercy Iowa City. We learned that our new partnership with Mercy Health Network (MHN) would prove to be excellent. MHN was perfectly positioned to provide expertise and resources that we would not have had access to otherwise. We began a financial and performance improvement plan that has been extraordinarily successful and it continues into the current year. We have experienced increases in patient volumes over the prior year across all specialties. And we have welcomed Sean Williams, Mercy's new President and CEO, who is a member of the Mercy Hospital Foundation Board of Directors.

As we write this letter to you in 2018, we know there will be many announcements of new plans and successes and we look forward to sharing those. In the meantime, we want to sincerely thank you for your support of Mercy Iowa City and its mission of providing care to all in the spirit of Jesus Christ and the Catholic tradition of the Sisters of Mercy. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,



*Bernie Cremers*

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*Margaret N. Reese, President  
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**Tissue Tek**

The Mercy Pathology/Histology department was very happy to be able to purchase a new Tissue Tek slide and cassette labeling system complete with interface from their pathology system, and a new tissue processor with backup power supply. The new equipment made it possible for the department to meet new requirements for surgical slide and block labeling that became effective on January 1, 2018. With the new slide and cassette printing and interface system, staff no longer need to enter information for cassettes or label slides manually. This increases efficiency, reduces errors, improves safety and also added capacity to accept additional work.



**TEAM Breast Friends**

Members of TEAM Breast Friends presented Celia Eckermann, Mercy Foundation, with a check to support the Breast Health Fund. The funds were raised through TEAM Breast Friend’s annual 5K Rack Run (this year’s event will be Sunday, October 7, at 10:00 a.m. at Terry Trueblood Recreation Area) and other activities to help women who have been diagnosed with breast cancer, or to help pay for mammograms and other diagnostic tests for women who can’t afford them.



### Health Careers Scholarships

The Mercy Foundation has made college a little more affordable for the past 16 years. Each spring the Foundation awards ten Health Careers Scholarships to exceptional students graduating from high schools in its service area (22 schools so far) who plan to major in a health career in college. Most students declare majors in nursing, physical therapy or pharmacy at the school of their choice. These are very competitive scholarships and each year the recipients are more impressive, representing some of the most accomplished in their class. The \$1,000 scholarships are renewable for up to four years if students continue in their major, keep a GPA of 3.0 or greater and remember to reapply (so far, everyone has!).



### Bariatric Wheelchair

Each year the hospital purchases new wheelchairs either to replace those that are worn or increase the number that can accommodate patients with special needs such as oxygen tanks or those who need a wider seat. Gifts to the Mercy Foundation and from the Mercy Guild have made it possible to assist with these requests each year.

## DAISY Awards

Two years ago Mercy Iowa City became a part of the DAISY (Diseases Attacking the Immune System) Award program. The DAISY Award is an international program that honors and celebrates the care that nurses provide every day. Mercy is one of more than 2,000 participating hospitals. Anyone can nominate a nurse for the DAISY Award including patients, families or colleagues. Nominations are accepted each quarter and a committee of Mercy nurses decides who should receive that award. All of the expenses for the awards are made possible by the Mercy Foundation. Each recipient receives a certificate, DAISY Award pin and a stone statue hand-carved in Africa called “The Healer’s Touch.” Mercy has also participated in recognizing Nurse Managers who are nominated by the nurses in their unit.



## Floor Drains

We realize that floor drains may not sound like critically needed equipment, but the Mercy Foundation directs funds to what we call “area of greatest need” by supporting equipment and facilities both when it’s a planned acquisition or change, and when it’s emergent. Last year the Foundation helped when it was necessary to install three floor drains in the Level 3 Mechanical Room to prevent water damage to a sterile supply room in Surgery on the floor below. If the supplies sustain water damage, they must be replaced and the costs are substantial. In order to replace the drains, the floor surface needed a specialized epoxy coating followed by installation of new piping and water detection sensors. The sensors will alert Engineering staff before a leak could even happen.



## AED's

Although Mercy has crash carts located in every patient area of the hospital to provide immediate assistance if someone experiences heart failure, we did not have AED's (automatic external defibrillators) in non-patient areas. With a gift from the Mercy Hospital Guild, AED's were installed in the hospital lobby and next to the Cafeteria. AED's have also been installed in public areas of the Medical Office Building across Market Street from the hospital.



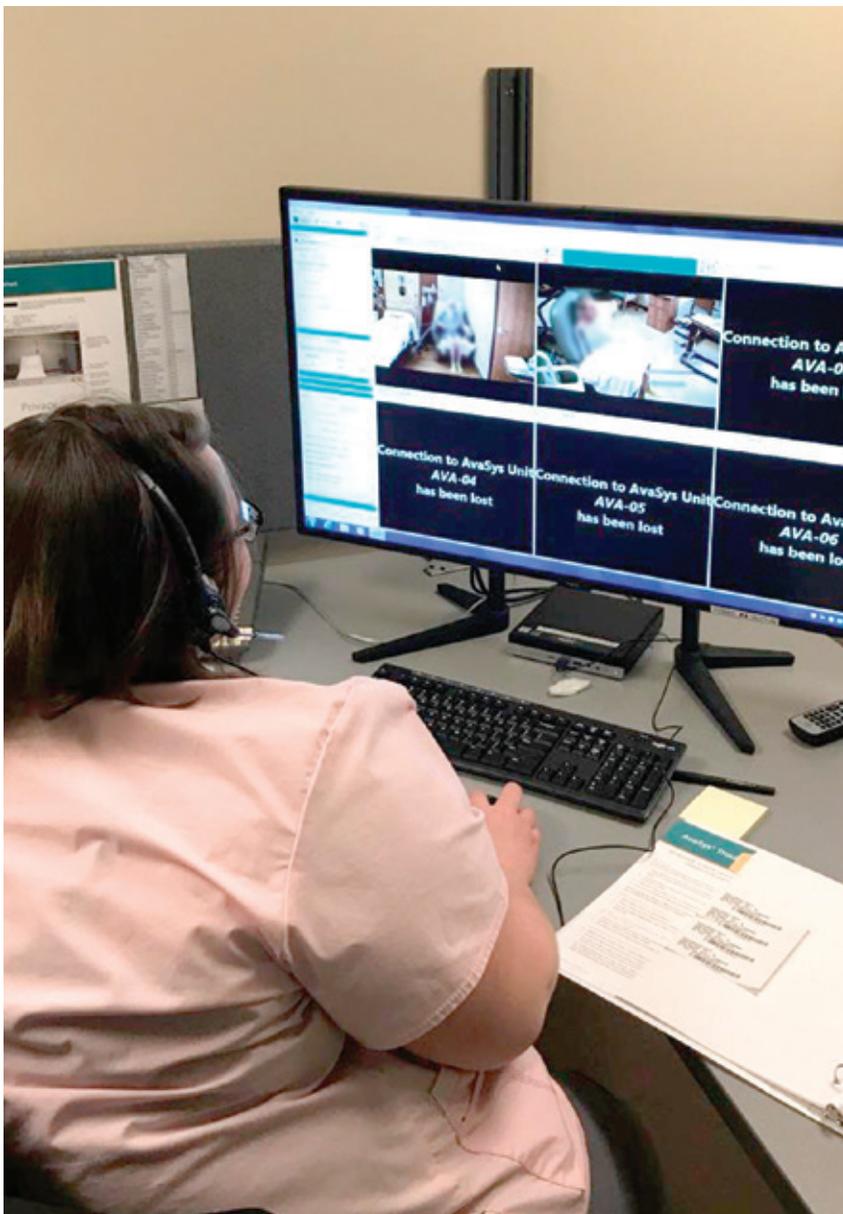
### Cafeteria Counter

Over the past several years the Mercy Foundation has contributed to several projects in Dietary, all of which increase efficiency, improve patient satisfaction and enhance the dining experience at Mercy. Those projects include: new ovens in the kitchen that can cook up to seven different items at different temperatures and for varying lengths of time, all at the same time, and steam clean at the end with the push of a button; new heating, cooling, grill, lighting and more in the short order line; and a café-style counter with bar-style chairs and TV's in the cafeteria.



## Telesitter

In February, 2018, a new patient safety system (AvaSys) went live. This new technology is designed to reduce the risk of falls, improve patient safety and make the best use of nursing resources. The technology was funded by the Mercy Hospital Foundation with donations from employees who contributed toward the technology during the 2017 Employee Campaign. A mobile unit in the patient room improves the safety of patients who are considered at greater risk for falls, may try to remove an IV or leave their room unaided. Designated rooms have been adapted for the technology on 3 West, 3 Center, 4 Center, 5 Telemetry and in the Mercy Hospice Unit. The nurses educate patients and their families about the system and introduce them to the Video Monitor Technician to make sure they understand how the system works and how it will help them.





### **Hospice Unit Team**

Many gifts received by the Mercy Foundation are directed to the hospice unit each year, including those from Love Lights. The Mercy Foundation is able to support the unit in every possible way, from updating equipment and furnishings to providing direct patient care. The Mercy Hospice care team appreciates knowing that whatever they need to provide wonderful care to their patients is possible because of these generous gifts.



### **Surgery Team**

The investment of approximately \$600,000 in Surgery and Central Sterilizing made the surgery team very happy! Being able to acquire a large quantity of surgical instruments and other needed equipment (read more about this on page 1) and redesigning work flows has improved scheduling, quality, safety and overall patient care.

## McAuley Legacy Society

McAuley Legacy Society donors have remembered Mercy or made known their intention to leave a gift through their estate. This allows the Foundation staff to direct future gifts to areas that are meaningful to the donor. If you are considering leaving an estate or other planned gift to the Foundation, please let us know so that we may work with you to direct your gift to the area(s) you wish to support. To learn more about planned giving, visit our Web site at [www.mercyic.org/Mercy Foundation](http://www.mercyic.org/MercyFoundation).

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### Ruth Becker Nursing Award for Outstanding Nursing Care

Stacy Rock, Maternal Child

### Legacy Award for Outstanding Nursing Care

Jamie Russell, 4 Center

### The Dr. George S. and Kathryn B. Anderson Friend of Nursing Award

Jamie Evans, Wound Center

### Dr. T. T. Bozek Friend of Nursing Award

Diana Dingus, Environmental Services

## 2017 Honors

All the Doctors, Nurses, Paramedics, Techs and Support Staff who have served our family and who serve the community.

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## Health Career Scholarship Recipients: 2017

Health Career Scholarships are awarded each year to students graduating from a school in Mercy's ten-county service area who intend to major in a health career in college. Awards are renewable for up to four years. The individuals here received awards in 2017.

Devyn Alt	Lone Tree High School	Valparaiso University
Claire Bridges	West Branch High School	Iowa State University
Sara Burlage	Regina High School	Mt. Mercy University
Emily Capper	Solon High School	Wartburg College
Maggie Dahlstrom	Iowa City West High School	University of Iowa
Paige Doehrmann	Lone Tree High School	Central College
Madison Donahue	Iowa City High School	Clarke University
Jacob Dye	Williamsburg High School	University of Iowa
Seth Eash	Mid-Prairie High School	Central College
Maggie Ferrel	Iowa City West High School	Luther College
Ashley Finnegan	West Branch High School	Allen College
Paige Gallagher	Solon High School	Mt. Mercy University
Jessica Heims	Cedar Rapids Prairie High School	University of Northern Iowa
Lauren Helle	Clear Creek Amana High School	University of Northern Iowa
Christine Kallsen	Iowa City West High School	Marquette University
Morgan Kimball	Washington High School	University of Iowa
Natalie Kosek	Solon High School	Mt. Mercy University
Morgan Kroymann	Solon High School	Iowa State University
Melissa Locey	Wilton High School	Mt. Mercy University
Arisa Marine	Mid-Prairie High School	Central College
McKenna McCreedy	Clear Creek Amana High School	Drake University
Makayla Phillips	Clear Creek Amana High School	Mt. Mercy University
Shannon Powers	Washington High School	University of Iowa
Collin Rogers	Regina High School	University of Iowa
Anna Stenberg	Benton Community High School	Grand View University
Lauren Stopko	Clear Creek Amana High School	Mt. Mercy University
Kyrsten Ulin	Solon High School	St. Ambrose University
Hannah Van Roekel	Mid-Prairie High School	Iowa State University
Emily Vittetoe	Washington High School	Mt. Mercy University
Mariah Weston	Iowa City West High School	St. Louis University
Jackson Yoder	Mid-Prairie High School	Mt. Mercy University
Madison Zahradnek	Mid-Prairie High School	University of Iowa

### Ashley Umoren

The Mercy Hospital Foundation also awards nursing scholarships each spring and summer, made possible by generous donors. The scholarships are awarded to employees of Mercy Hospital or Mercy Clinics who are continuing their professional education in nursing. They can be going to school to receive their first two-year RN degree, a BSN, MSN, PhD or Nurse Practitioner. Ashley Umoren is one of Mercy's recent graduates who received scholarships from the Mercy Foundation. She completed her Nurse Practitioner degree in 2017 after working as a surgical nurse at Mercy while taking classes. Following graduation she began seeing patients at Mercy Specialty Clinics-Urology.



## Nursing Education Scholarships for Mercy Employees

Spring 2017	Position	Department
Brady Abby	RN	3 West Medical
Sheri Bachman	RN	Maternal Child
Andy Behounek (Elizabeth S. and John R. Stratton Scholarship)	RN	Nursing Administration
Stefanie Berg (Rose M. Reed Nursing Scholarship)	RN	3 West Medical
Laura Budde (Ruth and Sam Becker Nursing Scholarship)	RN	ICU
McKenna Cronbaugh	Multi-skilled Tech	ECU
Courtney Curtis (Rose M. Reed Nursing Scholarship)	RN	Telemetry
Ian Ellickson (Mercy Guild Nursing Scholarship)	Clerk/Tech	3 West Medical
Alissa Frisch	Unit Clerk	ICU
Megan Gilmore	RN	ICU
Christine Helbing	RN	3 West Medical
Hillari Jacoby (Mercy Guild Nursing Scholarship)	RN	Mercy Cardiology
Cathy Nelson	RN	Endoscopy
Connie Rees	Nurse Tech	3 West Medical
Chad Reschly	RN	4 Center Ortho
Jinhong Sargent	RN	4 Center Ortho
Ikami Sasa	RN	4 Center Ortho
Rachael Stitt (Sister Mary Josephus Nursing Scholarship)	RN	3 West Medical
Margaret Timm	Student Nurse Tech	Nursing Administration
Emily Vittetoe	Nurse Tech	Telemetry
Kendra Walsh (Margaret G. Fox, Ph.D. Nursing Scholarship)	RN	ICU
Angela Wardenburg	RN	Anesthesia

Fall 2017	Position	Department
Sara Anderson (Bunny Morrison Nursing Scholarship)	RN	Telemetry
Meredith Baird	RN	Maternal Child
Rachel Becker (Margaret G. Fox, Ph.D. Nursing Scholarship)	RN	Nursing Administration
Andrew Behounek	RN	Nursing Administration
Laura Budde (Bunny Morrison Nursing Scholarship)	RN	ICU
McKenna Cronbaugh	Multi-skilled Tech	ECU
Courtney Curtis	RN	Telemetry
Alisse Diers	RN	Telemetry
Katie Fischels (Bill Cory Nursing Scholarship)	RN	3 West Medical
Abby Flanigan (Erusha Family Nursing Scholarship)	RN	Maternal Child
Alissa Frisch	Unit Clerk	Float Pool
Hillari Jacoby (Margaret G. Fox, Ph.D. Nursing Scholarship)	RN	Mercy Cardiology
Travis Moore	RN	3 West Medical
Cathy Nelson	RN	Telemetry
Jennifer Nissley (Margaret G. Fox, Ph.D. Nursing Scholarship)	RN	4 Center Ortho
Jinhong Sargent	RN	4 Center Ortho
Ikami Sasa	RN	4 Center Ortho
Jessica Smith (Erusha Family Nursing Scholarship)	Nurse Tech	3 West Medical
Daniel Sterner	RN	Nursing Administration
Saadat Taghiyeva	RN	Telemetry
An Vu (Bill Cory Nursing Scholarship)	RN	ICU

# Ways of Giving

By making a gift to the Mercy Hospital Foundation you help Mercy in its mission to heal and comfort the sick and improve the health of the community—thank you! There are many ways to make a gift, some of which are listed here. For more information, please indicate your interest on the enclosed contribution form and return it to us, or call, email or visit our office.

## Cash Gift

The simplest method of providing support for Mercy is with a cash gift. These gifts may be made with cash, a personal check, or on-line by going to [www.mercycity.org/MercyFoundation](http://www.mercycity.org/MercyFoundation) and clicking “Donate Now.”

## Pledges and Direct Debit

Annual support at every level is crucial to maintaining the quality of our programs and services. You may also set up a pledge or direct debit plan to give monthly, quarterly or annually.

## Planned and Major Gifts

These may include:

- A charitable bequest in your will or trust
- A beneficiary designation in your retirement plan such as an IRA or annuity
- A beneficiary designation of all or a portion of a life insurance plan
- A life income gift through a Charitable Gift Annuity or Charitable Remainder Trust
- Appreciated securities

## Honor or Memorial Gifts

A gift is a thoughtful and meaningful way to honor or remember a loved one, friend or colleague. The Foundation will notify the person you have honored, or the next-of-kin for a memorial gift, that you have made a gift and we will recognize them in the Foundation’s annual *Report to the Community*.

## Honoring Mercy Caregivers

Making a gift to the Foundation is a wonderful way to recognize the exceptional care you or a loved one received from the staff at Mercy. We will notify the healthcare professional(s) you have honored to let them know how much you appreciated their care.

## Matching Gifts

Many contributors multiply their support to the Foundation by making use of their employer’s matching gift programs. Please ask your employer’s Human Resources Department for the necessary form to send with your gift.

## Recognition

The Mercy Legacy Club recognizes donors who give \$1,000 or more per year. Gifts of \$1,000 or more specifically to Mercy Hospice Care are recognized on a donor wall in the Hospice Unit. Gifts of \$5,000 or more to any area or combination of areas or a cumulative gift total of over \$5,000 are recognized on the donor wall in the hospital lobby near the skywalk entrance. All donors are acknowledged in the Foundation’s annual *Report to the Community*.

## Donating online is easy!

Visit [www.mercyiowacity.org/MercyFoundation](http://www.mercyiowacity.org/MercyFoundation) and click on “Donate Now.” If you’d like to make your gift in memory or honor of someone special, it’s easy to do!



# Areas of Support

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You may choose to direct your gift to any of the following areas. If you have additional interests or questions, please contact us for more information.

## Area of Greatest Need- Unrestricted

Many donors choose not to direct their gifts to any particular area, making them available for discretionary use in the areas listed here as well as direct patient care, patient and community education, and more.

## Arts Program

The visual and musical arts programs help to create a healing environment for patients, family members, visitors and staff. Mercy's art collection featuring local and regional artists continues to grow through generous donations that allow new acquisitions each year. And our Steinway pianos and guest artists bring the gift of music to everyone.

## Endowment Funds to Support Critical Programs

Gifts and bequests are often received with the stipulation that the principal be kept intact and invested to create an ongoing source of income for a specific purpose. Mercy has created permanently endowed (invested) funds to benefit **Hospice Care, Mental Health Services, Nursing Scholarships, and equipment and facility needs** of the hospital. Individual donors have also made gifts to create funds to benefit programs, such as Cancer Care, that are important to them. A portion of the income earned each year from these funds provides a reliable income stream to support these areas. Additional gifts may be added to these funds at any time. By creating or contributing to a permanently endowed fund, you leave a lasting legacy to support Mercy's mission and services into the future.

## Equipment and Facilities

Gifts supporting equipment and facilities needs are very important. Naming opportunities exist for facility expansion and remodeling projects.

## Health Careers Scholarships

Health Careers Scholarships are awarded annually to high school seniors graduating from schools in Mercy's ten-county service area who plan to pursue a degree in the health sciences. Those selected receive scholarships of \$1,000 per year, renewable for up to four years.

## Nursing Education Fund

The Nursing Education Fund is a permanently endowed fund that awards scholarships to Mercy employees who are continuing their professional nursing education. You may also create a permanently endowed nursing scholarship to honor or memorialize someone special to you.

## To Make Your Gift

To contribute to Mercy please send your gift payable to Mercy Hospital Foundation with your completed contribution form in the enclosed business return envelope. You may also make gifts on-line at [www.mercyiowacity.org/MercyFoundation](http://www.mercyiowacity.org/MercyFoundation) and clicking "Donate Now."

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# You Can Make a Difference

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Your support of the Mercy Hospital Foundation benefits the patients Mercy serves in a variety of ways. If you would like to learn more about how to help, please contact Margaret N. Reese at 319-358-2622 or [Margaret.reese@mercycic.org](mailto:Margaret.reese@mercycic.org) to explore the many ways you can support Mercy's mission today or in the years ahead.