

## **Mercy Springfield Communities**

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# **Mercy Health Foundation Lebanon Hits Landmark Year Impacting Patients right here in Lebanon**

*Over \$1M in generous contributions touches lives*

**Lebanon, MO. (September 18, 2018)** – Generous donors gave from the heart and are impacting care right here in Lebanon in some very special ways.

The Mercy Health Foundation Board of Directors wishes to thank donors that have given from the heart to help truly make a difference in the lives of our patients, their loved ones, our providers, and our co-workers. “We wanted to share with the entire community what a difference our donor’s partnerships with us makes. The Mercy Health Foundation is excited to share the big impact donations are making,” said Brennon Willard, Chairman of Mercy Health Foundation Lebanon.

Over \$1M was contributed back this past year by Mercy Health Foundation. Take a look at the incredible impact.

- Mercy Hospital Lebanon Chapel – Dedication and blessing in late July
- Cell phone chargers in three locations in the hospital
- Gammprobe – used for sentinel lymph node mapping
- Nutritional shakes for cancer patients at the Curry Cancer Center
- Curry Cancer Center support
- Refurbishment of the palliative care suite in ICU by Janet’s Wish
- Janet’s Wish comfort gifts for hospice patients
- Mercy Fitness Park
- Patient assistance for both transportation and prescriptions
- Community Cares/Lebanon Area Foundation
- Co-worker Crisis Fund
- Pediatric surgery bay in PACU and Recovery thanks to a generous partnership with Missouri Cooperage
- Team Anita patient transportation assistance and prescriptions assistance
- Rolla Back-to-School supplies for underserved children contributed by Mercy Rolla co-workers

“No matter the size of the gift, our donors impact the lives of our patients. We are so grateful for the partnership and for the incredibly kind individuals, families, and businesses that have a desire to help their neighbors. From the new chapel to nutritional shakes for our cancer patients, donations have touched the lives of our patients in such big ways. We are so grateful,” said Byron Dudley, Vice Chair of Mercy Health Foundation.

If you are interested in partnering with the Mercy Health Foundation, please contact Executive Director, Karen Simpson-Neasby at 417-533-6192 or [karen.simpson-neasby@mercy.net](mailto:karen.simpson-neasby@mercy.net).

***Mercy Springfield Communities*** is comprised of Mercy Hospital Springfield, an 866-bed referral center; an orthopedic hospital; a rehab hospital; a children’s hospital; four regional hospitals in Lebanon, Aurora, Cassville, and Mountain View, Missouri; and Mercy Clinic, a physician clinic with nearly 700 doctors and locations throughout the region. It is part of [Mercy](#), which services millions annually, and was named one of the top five large U.S. health systems in 2018, 2017 and 2016 by [IBM Watson Health](#). Mercy includes more than 40 acute care and specialty (heart, children’s, orthopedic and rehab) hospitals, 800 physician practices and outpatient facilities, 44,000 co-workers and 2,100 Mercy Clinic physicians in Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri and Oklahoma. Mercy also has clinics, outpatient services and outreach ministries in Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas. In addition, Mercy’s IT division, Mercy Technology Services, supply chain organization, ROi, and Mercy Virtual commercially serve providers and patients in more than 20 states coast to coast.