

Together we can touch more lives | save more lives | improve more lives

# Dear Friends of Mercy,

It's an honor to share our annual report for Mercy Health Foundation Lebanon/Rolla. Every member of the Foundation's Board of Directors hopes you'll read the stories of generosity and be filled with gratitude. The gifts made over the last year have been impactful for our patients, their loved ones, and our care team members. Our hearts are full. We are thankful for your willingness to partner with Mercy Hospital Lebanon and Mercy Rolla on so many different needs. Thank you for leaning in and joining us to impact the lives of our patients.

As we continue to navigate the COVID-19 pandemic, we are constantly reminded of your generosity. We've witnessed numerous ways our community is graciously uplifting Mercy's care team members. Your compassion encourages us and serves as a reminder that we're doing God's work every day. Your partnership is significant and impactful, and we are thankful for you.

From wigs for patients battling cancer to transportation assistance, and from Mercy Kids to scholarships, your generous donations mean so much. To those who have left a legacy gift to Mercy Health Foundation, we are humbled and grateful. And, we are blessed to have welcomed several new contributors to our Corporate Partners program over the past year.

From all of us at Mercy Health Foundation Lebanon/Rolla, we extend our most sincere thanks for your giving hearts. Together we can do more.

With grateful hearts,

Haven Sumpon. Aleasy

**Karen Simpson-Neasby**Executive Director
Lebanon/Rolla and Mountain View

### **Our Funding Priorities**

#### **Cancer Care**

Hundreds of cancer cases are diagnosed in our community annually. Mercy oncologists offer advanced treatment for the most challenging diseases while keeping patients close to home. Funds raised by Mercy Health Foundation Lebanon support cancer services with compassionate caregivers, technology-driven treatments, programs and education.

#### **Innovative Care**

The Foundation continues to fund new technology that will bring a customized approach to treatment and improve healing times. With your help, Mercy Hospital Lebanon can deliver the highest level of care possible.

#### **Patient Assistance**

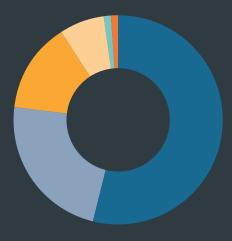
The Helping Hands Fund assists patients in both Lebanon and Rolla who receive care at either the Curry Cancer Center or at Mercy Oncology Rolla. Patients who are faced with financial challenges due to their cancer battle can receive transportation assistance, nutritional supplement shakes, prescription assistance and even wigs.

We're also pleased to begin a new program specifically for families. Catherine's Closet provides assistance with diapers, wipes, clothing, blankets and other infant care necessities, as well as car seats for newborns and toddlers.

### **Your Gifts at Work**

Because of generous donations and continued support from donors like you, below are some of the programs and services that were funded in fiscal year 2022.

- Hospital Services \$84,892
- Lebanon/Rolla Cancer Care \$36,006
- **Hospice** \$22,046
- Charity Care/
  Community Support
  \$10,730



- Women's Services \$1,830
- Children's Services \$1,384



GOCAPS students Payton Kincaid and Alley Vance displaying their "Care Bags for Courage."

# Capstone Project Provides Hope for Cancer Patients

Greater Ozarks Center for Advanced Professional Studies (GOCAPS) Lake Region is a unique year-long learning experience that allows high school juniors and seniors to test drive future career options. Students develop real world professional skills as they are embedded in partner businesses. GOCAPS Lake Region combines eight area school districts: Lebanon, Camdenton, Conway, Plato, Richland and Laquey. Lebanon Regional Economic Development, Inc., manages the GOCAPS program, and Lebanon School District is the fiscal agent.

The letter below is from GOCAPS student Payton Kincaid:

I learned so much at GOCAPS. GOCAPS students are given the chance to explore their interest in four areas: engineering and manufacturing, business and entrepreneurship, medicine and health care, and teaching professions. We attended a morning session or an afternoon session every day throughout the school year.

As we continued our GOCAPS studies this past school year, we learned that nearly 1.8 million lives are affected by cancer each year. Each Wednesday at Mercy Hospital Lebanon's Curry Cancer Center, there are patients enduring long days of chemotherapy. As GOCAPS students, Alley Vance and I looked at these statistics and knew that we needed to make an impact. It was perfect timing, as we were introduced to a year-long capstone project within our GOCAPS class that is a huge portion of our grade. We put together "Care Bags for Courage" for the patients of the Curry Cancer Center. With your help, we reached our goal.

After losing my mom Allison to cancer, and Alley's little brother battling leukemia, we experienced the dramatic impact of cancer on our lives. Our capstone project was our way of giving back as both of our lives have been tremendously affected by cancer. A big thank you to the Protein Barre in Camdenton for hosting a fundraiser for the "Care Bags for Courage" along with family and friends that contributed to the bags.

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Every Care Bag was filled with hard candies, lip balm, lotion, a hat, and a gas card. Alley and I also wrote personal notes of encouragement to each patient. We hope the bag and notes were an encouragement to the patients. Alley and I were grateful to have the opportunity to work with Karen, Stephanie and the Mercy Health Foundation Lebanon/Rolla Board. We were blessed by getting to visit the patients that were receiving chemo and present them with a "Care Bag for Courage". If you knew my mom, you know she would be very proud of this.

# Mercy Hospital Lebanon Earns 'A' Grade

# Independent, third-party group recognizes Mercy for Patient Safety

Mercy Hospital Lebanon has once again received an 'A' Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade for achievements in protecting patients from harm and errors in the hospital.

"As your hometown hospital, we get the privilege of caring for our friends and neighbors, whether they've received a cancer diagnosis or need emergency care," said Nicki Gamet, administrator of Mercy Hospital Lebanon. "We want only the very best for our patients and will do everything we can to ensure they receive the highest-quality care possible. This grade tells us we're on the right track, and we'll continue to innovate to be even better."



Nicki Gamet, administrator of Mercy Hospital Lebanon

The Leapfrog Group, an independent, national watchdog organization, assigns letter grades to hospitals across the country based on more than 30 performance measures reflecting errors, injuries, accidents and infections, as well as the systems hospitals have in place to prevent harm to their patients.

The Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade is the only hospital ratings program based exclusively on hospital prevention of medical errors and harm to patients. The grading system is peer-reviewed, fully transparent and free to the public. Grades are updated twice annually, in the fall and spring.

"An 'A' Safety Grade is a tremendous achievement, of which this community should be extremely proud," said Leah Binder, president and CEO of The Leapfrog Group. "I thank the leadership and workforce of...

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**Did You Know?** Your patronage of the Mercy Lebanon Auxiliary Gift Shop helps Mercy Health Foundation transform health care in our community. 100% of proceeds from the Gift Shop benefit programs and services at Mercy Lebanon. So, come shop 'til you drop for a great cause!

The Mercy Lebanon Auxiliary Gift Shop is open Monday - Friday from 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.



We're pleased to welcome Jason Pritchett to the Bash stage for one big show! Wear your dancing shoes... you're gonna need them!

Jason Pritchett is putting western back in country music. He's a real cowboy from Independence, MO who rode PRCA-ranked bulls for several years until he found his true passion in country music. In a few short weeks, his first single "Good Show" has climbed the charts to the top 20, hitting #16. In Jason's first week on the charts, he was the highest debuting country artist.

Call 417-533-6017 for reservations and sponsorship information.

# MERCY HEALTH FOUNDATION LEBANON/ROLLA CHARITY BASH Saturday, October 15 | 6:00 P.M.

The Exchange at Wall Street Cattle Co. | 14900 HWY KK | Lebanon, MO 65536

## 'A' Grade (continued from previous page)

Mercy Hospital Lebanon for its commitment to prioritizing patients and their safety, especially during these trying times." The 'A' grade from The Leapfrog Group is in addition to other recent recognitions of safety and quality at Mercy Hospital Lebanon, including a 4-star rating from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

To see Mercy Hospital Lebanon's full grade details, visit hospitalsafetygrade.org.

# Mercy† Health Foundation

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#### **Our Mission**

As the Sisters of Mercy before us, we bring to life the healing ministry of Jesus through our compassionate care and exceptional service.

#### **Our Purpose**

Through collaborative partnerships, Mercy Health Foundation impacts the flourishing of our communities by inviting into our ministry those who have a passion to improve quality of life and make care accessible for all.

