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AURORA / CASSVILLE
ANNUAL REPORT
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Dear Friends of Mercy,

We are thrilled to present your Mercy Health Foundation Aurora/Cassville Annual Report for 2024.

Your support of our patients in Aurora, Cassville and surrounding communities has been a shining example of God's love. Scripture tells us in Matthew 6:21, "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Thank you for supporting Mercy Health Foundation Aurora/Cassville with the treasures of your financial support as well as your time and prayer. You are making a difference in our community!

As you answer the call to meet immediate needs in our area, your support is an encouragement to our providers and patients. Whether funding new equipment and technology, or donating to the Red Door Pantry or Helping Hands Fund – just a few of the needs you have met this year – your joyful giving is an inspiration!

Our hearts are full of gratitude as we consider your partnership with us in the work of Mercy Health Foundation Aurora/Cassville. Thank you for helping us carry out the healing ministry of Jesus.

Many blessings,



Soncee Partida, MBA, CFRE
Senior Annual Giving Officer
Mercy Health Foundation Aurora/Cassville



Valerie Davis
Hospital Administrator
Mercy Hospital Aurora



The Hacopians are grateful for the care Chris received at Mercy Hospital Aurora and Joplin

Compassionate Caregivers Make a Difference

Chris Hacopian is a Marine veteran in our Aurora/Cassville community who served our country with unwavering courage. He recently found himself facing a new battle – a life-threatening illness worsened by a crippling fear of the medical system. With encouragement from his wife, Chris sought care at Mercy. At Mercy Hospital Aurora, Chris found a common bond with Travis Hawks, MD, ER medical director, and former Army physician and Chief of Aerospace Medicine – 139th MO Air National Guard. Chris found his Mercy caregivers treated him as a whole person, first bonding with him as a military veteran, and then ensuring his mental, emotional and physical health needs were met. Chris says, "The doctors, nurses and staff wanted to be there. They wanted to help me. Mercy saved my life."



Mercy Aurora-Cassville Run to Care 5K benefits our Mission Fund and supports patients in need

Annual "Run to Care" Benefits Helping Hands Fund

Every September, the Mercy Clinic Aurora parking lot undergoes a transformation to make way for our annual Run to Care 5K race. The event is part vendor fair, part 5K race and ALL community heart! Runners and walkers of all levels come together with sponsors and donors from Aurora, Cassville and surrounding communities to

promote wellness and raise funds to improve the health of our friends and neighbors.

Proceeds from the race benefit our Helping Hands Fund and make a significant impact on our community. The Helping Hands fund provides assistance

"But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint."

Isaiah 40:31

with unexpected costs, including transportation, prescriptions, clothing and food for our patients.

Thanks to our generous sponsors, donors and participants, Run to Care 2023 raised \$11,720! In the race's six-year history, \$48,418 has been raised to support patients in need at Mercy Hospital Aurora and Mercy Hospital Cassville. We are truly grateful to all our Run to Care volunteers and supporters.

If you would like to get involved as a participant or sponsor, go to mercyhealthfoundation.net/RunToCare or contact Soncee Partida at soncee.partida@mercy.net.



Our Funding Priorities

Women's and Children's Care:

Supports a comprehensive range of services to meet women's unique health needs, including breast care, maternity care, and pediatric services. In the past year, births at Mercy Hospital Aurora have nearly doubled, due to increased need in the community.

Area of Greatest Need:

Provides unrestricted support for high priority needs, such as advanced technology and equipment within Mercy Hospital Aurora and Mercy Hospital Cassville.

Patient Assistance:

Helps to stand in the gap for patients with needs that might not be met by insurance, family, or community support programs. Many times, this program supports rides for patients who arrived at the hospital via ambulance and have no other way to return home.

Emergency Care:

Supports high priority needs for provider services in our Emergency Departments through capital support of advanced technology and equipment.

Your Gifts at Work

Because of generous donations and continued support from donors like you, many programs and services were funded in fiscal year 2024.



Other Hospital Services \$53,749



Emergency Care \$25,930



Women's and Children's \$19,313



Education \$8,000



Patient Assistance \$5,963



Hospice Care \$3,389

Changing Lives One Clean Dish at a Time

Ilo Ketron's hands seem to know their own way as she guides strands of colorful material through them, turning and pulling, straightening and measuring. She is fashioning scrubbies - reusable crocheted dish scrubbers. Working alongside her fellow Mercy Hospital Aurora Auxiliary Members in their Craft House as they prepare for the Auxiliary Christmas Bazaar, President Ilo checks in with members as she diligently toils. The popular and handy scrubbies are not only getting dishes sparkling clean throughout the Aurora community, they're making a mighty impact! Ilo estimates that she's made over 13,000 of the colorful kitchen tools since 2010, raising around \$26,000! We are grateful to Ilo's compassion and diligent service!

▶ Scrubbies can be purchased in the Mercy Hospital Aurora Gift Shop and support Mercy Hospital Aurora Auxiliary.



Mercy Aurora Auxiliary President Ilo Ketron joyfully supports Mercy with her handiwork



Mercy Aurora Auxiliary Members and Pastor Jim Erwin pray a blessing over the new infant warmer

Major Donors Make Major Impact

What do a chest compression device, bedside ultrasound, auto resuscitation system, infant warmer and EKG machine all have in common? They are all new devices made possible by major gifts from generous donors to Mercy Health Foundation Aurora/Cassville. We are grateful for the leadership of our major gift donors and the way they've stepped up to help meet the needs of our patients.

At Mercy Hospital Cassville ER, a generous five-figure donation from a local family has made possible the purchase of a Lucas Chest Compression Device and bedside ultrasound machine. These two devices alone will impact some 12,000 patients annually.

This donation inspired the gift of a similar, and much-needed, AutoPulse to our Mercy Hospital Aurora ER. Funding was made possible by a grant from the Aurora Area Community Foundation, as well as contributions from the Aurora Lions Club and Mercy Hospital Aurora Auxiliary.

An average of 13,936 patients annually from all over Lawrence County and parts of Barry, Christian, Stone and Newton Counties will benefit from this life-saving device.

Mercy Emergency Department providers in Aurora and Cassville now have new life-saving devices at their fingertips thanks to our generous donors.

Mercy Hospital Aurora's Auxiliary didn't hesitate to meet an immediate need for an additional infant warmer for Labor and Delivery. There's been a recent baby boom at Mercy Aurora due to the closure of another local provider's OB unit and the addition of two new OB/GYN physicians to our Women's Services care team. The Auxiliary also supported our Respiratory department with a much-needed EKG machine. This brings the Auxiliary's total giving from 2007-2024 to \$188,600. Thank you, Auxiliary!

WE ARE TRULY GRATEFUL TO ALL OUR MAJOR GIFT DONORS. YOU'RE MAKING A MAJOR IMPACT!

EKG Machine - records the electrical signals in the heart to help diagnose heart attacks and irregular heartbeats

AutoPulse Resuscitation System - provides high-quality automated CPR to victims of sudden cardiac arrest

Lucas Chest Compression Device - delivers consistent, high-quality chest compressions during cardiac arrest, allowing the care team to perform other life-saving procedures

Bedside Ultrasound - allows caregivers to make faster diagnoses and treatment decisions when minutes matter

Infant Warmer - used to maintain the body temperature of newborn infants



The Lucas chest compression device (pictured above) is one of several new tools recently deployed in Aurora and Cassville, thanks to generous donors.

Together we can touch more lives. Save more lives. And improve more lives.

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.

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