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Dear Friends of Mercy,

As we reflect on the past year, we're overwhelmed with gratitude for your steadfast support of Mercy Health Foundation and Mercy Hospital Jefferson. Your generosity has played a pivotal role in our ability to meet the evolving health care needs of our patients.

Thanks to your support, we can continue to expand services, improve patient outcomes, and make a meaningful difference in countless lives. Over the past fiscal year, we enhanced our facilities, invested in cutting-edge medical technologies, and supported nurse navigation services for our patients with cancer. We added a new pediatric therapy room, a Da Vinci Robotic Surgical System, equipment for the new Pain Clinic, and a microscope for Neurosurgery.

Additionally, Mercy Hospital Jefferson onboarded eighteen new providers, expanding access to care for more people in our community. We're also excited to partner with Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine, one of three regional campuses in the United States, to begin training future physicians right here in Jefferson County.

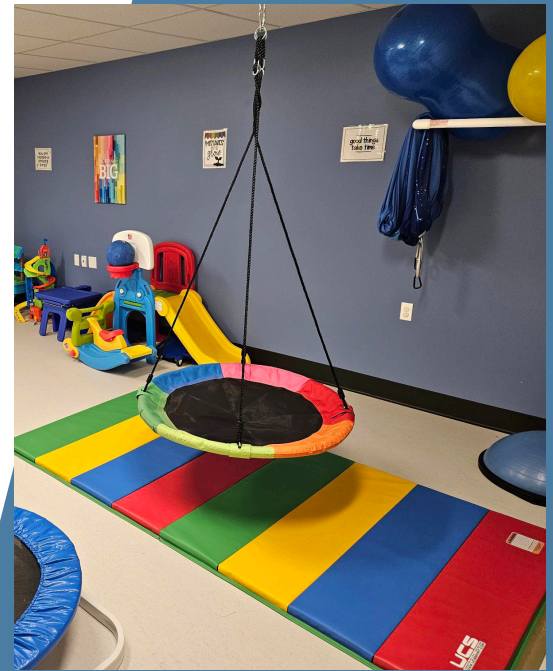
As we look ahead to the future, we're excited about the possibilities that lie before us. On behalf of the entire Mercy Jefferson family, we extend our heartfelt thanks for your unwavering support. Your contributions are truly making a difference, and we're deeply grateful.

With heartfelt appreciation,

Dan Eckenfels
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Mercy Hospital Jefferson now offers pediatric therapy services including physical, occupational and speech with the new pediatric therapy gym that was funded by Mercy Health Foundation

New Pediatric Therapy Services at Mercy Jefferson

Pediatric patients who are recovering from injuries or navigating disabilities often need therapy services that can extend over several months or even years. It can be a challenge for parents to transport their children to needed appointments, especially if they must travel outside our community for help.

Recognizing this urgent need, Mercy Health Foundation Jefferson stepped up to fund a new pediatric therapy gym within Mercy Therapy Services Jefferson. Thanks to our generous donors, a former office space has been transformed into a state-of-the-art facility that provides essential physical, occupational and speech therapies, delivered by pediatric specialists.

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— Lori Tatalovich,
Manager of Rehab
Services

The new gym is designed to minimize sensory input, creating a peaceful environment where children can reach their full potential. It features a one-way viewing window, allowing parents and caregivers to observe therapy sessions without causing distractions, allowing their children to receive the focused, effective care they need.

"We want to ensure families receive all the therapy services their children need, and never have to turn away a referral," said Lori Tatalovich, manager of Rehab Services. "We have been incredibly blessed by the support from our community, allowing us to bring innovative equipment and services to our department."



WWAM helped fund a new OB/GYN stretcher at Mercy Hospital Jefferson

Compassionate Women Changing Lives and Bringing Comfort

Mercy Health Foundation's Women with a Mission (WWAM) members gathered on May 6, 2023, for their biennial Allocation Meeting. On this special evening, several department leaders presented their funding requests to the members.

With just over \$39,000 in dues to allocate, the top three of six projects were funded, as voted by the members:

Baby Warmer

When babies are born in the ER, a new warmer will keep them comfortable and safe while caregivers provide necessary screenings, evaluations and procedures after delivery.

SANE Stretcher

Victims of sexual assault can receive better care during forensic examinations, thanks to a specially-equipped stretcher that provides comfort and dignity for patients during a stressful time.

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Our Funding Priorities

Cancer Care Services:

Funds provide assistance for patients in need such as prescription medications, nutritional supplements, screenings, transportation and utilities. Funds also help with the purchase of new and innovative technology at the cancer center.

Nurse Navigation Program:

An oncology certified registered nurse guides our cancer patients and their families to recovery by coordinating with the entire care team, as well as the patient and their family, to provide timely screening, diagnosis, treatment and support services.

Mental Health Services:

Funds support patients at Mercy's Behavioral Health Intensive Outpatient Program to provide assistance for uninsured and underinsured patients with nutritional supplements, transportation, and prescription medications. Funds also support educational materials for patients and other needs at the facility to give patients the best care possible.

Women's and Children's Care:

Funds will provide patient assistance and essential care items for uninsured and underinsured moms. Funds will also help provide the latest technology and equipment needs to care for newborns.



Did you know?

Mercy Cancer Center Jefferson delivers high quality cancer care to patients from **25** different zip codes, some coming from as far as **100** miles for treatment.

In 2023, our Nurse Navigator, Cindy Brewer, assisted with more than **1,000** new and ongoing patient encounters.

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.



da Vinci Robot Campaign \$2,000,000



Area of Greatest Need \$221,838



Neurology Clinic \$221,457



Hospital and Clinic Support \$200,000



Heart Failure Services \$159,266



Pain Clinic Support \$149,000



Breast Cancer Services \$114,876



Becky Johnson Memorial Fund \$78,855



Behavioral Health IOP Fund \$57,676



Women's and Children's Care \$55,144



Oncology Services \$45,022



Pediatric Therapy \$45,016



Compassion Fund \$26,077



Respiratory Therapy Services \$17,000



Patient Transportation Services \$14,705



Guests enjoy a seated dinner and presentations during the Golden Gala at River City Casino

Navigating Their Journey

Nearly 300 guests gathered at the beautiful River City Casino ballroom on April 27 for Mercy Health Foundation Jefferson's Golden Gala - Navigating Their Journey. Funds raised at the 2024 Gala supported the Nurse Navigation program at Mercy Cancer Center Jefferson.

The golden evening featured a cocktail hour, live and silent auctions, raffles, a live painter, and a gourmet dinner. Guests capped off the night by dancing to the Z Band. Thanks to our generous sponsors and attendees, the Golden Gala raised \$255,000 for the Becky Johnson Memorial Nurse Navigation Fund.

This fund was established in 2019 in loving memory of Skip Johnson's wife, Becky. It was set up exclusively to cover the essential requirements and salary of an Oncology Certified Nurse Navigator. The purpose of the fund is to ensure that patients at Mercy Jefferson Cancer Center have access to the personalized care and support of a Nurse Navigator during their cancer journeys.

"When patients are faced with a cancer diagnosis, they often can't process the

testing and staging that needs to be done before they can start treatment," said Nurse Navigator Cindy Brewer. "I have an initial face-to-face meeting with the patient and their family members to educate them on their cancer type and available resources. I provide information on their diagnosis, treatment plan, care options and advocate for them to the providers."

Patients and families are not charged for cancer navigation services. Mercy relies on philanthropic support to sustain this vital program. Mercy and Mercy Health Foundation are extremely grateful to the individuals, businesses and organizations who are passionate about supporting this life-changing program.

Scan the code to watch the heartfelt video from our 2024 Golden Gala.



Compassionate Women (continued from the previous page)

Giraffe OmniBed Carestation

A new incubator will provide specialized support for babies who are born prematurely or need extra care after birth. It utilizes advanced technology to minimize a baby's temperature swings, promoting healthy growth and development, while keeping parents close to their newborns.

WWAM members enjoy quarterly meetings with fun social, educational and networking opportunities, and the chance to meet like-minded women from other regions at ministry-wide events. This past fiscal year, members enjoyed a social at La Chance Winery in Kimmswick, a holiday party at Mercy Hospital Jefferson, a night of comedy with the Sisters of Mercy at the Mercy Conference and Retreat Center, and a Regional Symposium on the importance of wholistic well-being at Mercy's Virtual Care Center.

Mercy's Foundress, Catherine McAuley, used an unexpected inheritance to open the first House of Mercy in Dublin, Ireland, in response to the suffering and poverty she witnessed around her. Today, nearly 200 years later, we strive to carry on Catherine's legacy of service to those in need. We are grateful to our Women with a Mission members who support Mercy's mission of delivering compassionate care and exceptional service to the community.

"I joined WWAM to help contribute a positive impact on the lives of individuals, families and my community," said Becki Williams, WWAM member.

To learn more about Women with a Mission, visit mercyhealthfoundation.net/Jefferson/WWAM or contact the Foundation Office at 636-933-1613.

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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.



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