

2024

LEBANON/ROLLA
ANNUAL REPORT
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Dear Friends of Mercy,

Your support of Mercy Health Foundation has made an incredible impact on our patients, and we're so grateful! As we pause to reflect on the past year, we're reminded of the scripture, "... God loves a cheerful giver" (II Corinthians 9:7). As you enjoy this year's annual report, we hope you'll feel the love of God through these treasured stories of healing and hope.

Many exciting things are happening at Mercy Lebanon. Our campus renovation projects have been completed. The upgrades to the clinic space and throughout the hospital are significant and will positively impact the care we provide, as well as the overall experience for patients and guests. We hope you've had the opportunity to see our improvements in person. If not, we'd love to show you around!

Thanks to you, Mercy continues to invest in technologies and programs that are transforming the lives of our patients. We're supporting the big dreams of area high school students to pursue health care careers through our scholarship program. And, our tiniest patients and their families are receiving basic care items through Catherine's Closet, ensuring they have a safe and healthy start to life.

Gracious legacy gifts to the Foundation are providing wraparound services for our patients at the Curry Cancer Center and Mercy Rolla. We're fortunate for the support of the families of Anita K. Lynch and Adrienne Light. Together with the help of students and staff at area schools, they're continuing the legacy of these beloved ladies through pink nights and other fundraising efforts.

From all of us at Mercy Health Foundation Lebanon/Rolla, please accept our thanks for cheerfully giving in support of our community.

With gratitude,

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



Gina Foster, sister of Janet's Wish namesake, the late Janet Rosipal Archibald, presented a check from the golf benefit to Mercy Health Foundation Executive Director Karen Simpson-Neasby.

Hospice Patients and Families Receive Support

Mercy Health Foundation received a donation from Janet's Wish for \$10,500 from their popular golf tournament, held each October at Bear Creek Golf Course in Osage Beach. Last year's tournament was the biggest to date!



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Proceeds from the record-setting event will provide comfort and support to area hospice patients and their loved ones. Janet's legacy lives on, thanks to the generosity of the tournament's participants and sponsors. Over the past 10 years, Janet's Wish has raised more than \$95,000 to improve quality of life during patients' final days.

Additionally, Hospice Foundation of the Ozarks awarded a grant to Mercy Health Foundation for grief support and education. The \$5,500 grant provided an ethics training course for clinical co-workers, first responders and staff from area nursing homes, as well as education on the topics of grief support, anticipatory grief, advanced directives and more.



Foundation Board members gather for a photo at the 19th annual Charity Bash

Mercy Health Foundation Lebanon/Rolla Celebrates Record-Setting Charity Bash

Foundation celebrates surpassing fundraising goal

Mercy Health Foundation's annual Charity Bash brings together supporters from throughout the area to raise funds to benefit Mercy Lebanon's Curry Cancer Center. Our presenting sponsor, Wall Street Cattle Company, hosted the 19th annual Charity Bash at their beautifully-appointed venue.

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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.

Helping Hands Fund:

The Helping Hands Fund assists patients receiving care at Curry Cancer Center and Mercy Oncology Rolla. Patients who are faced with financial challenges due to their cancer battles can receive transportation assistance, nutritional supplement shakes, prescription assistance and even wigs. The Helping Hands Fund also provides transportation and prescription assistance for underserved patients.

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

Catherine's Closet

Catherine's Closet supports women, babies and families in need. Donations help new mothers receive the essential supplies they need to care for their babies, ensuring the best possible start to life.

	Program and Service Line Enhancements	\$48,791
	Mercy Kids	\$36,646
	Cardiac Rehab / PT	\$30,622
	Community Care	\$20,137
	Lebanon Cancer Patient Assistance	\$15,207
	Patient and Co-worker Assistance	\$7,265
	Hospice Care	\$4,014
	Rolla Cancer Patient Assistance	\$2,259

Lebanon Area Students Support Breast Cancer Patients

Students from two local schools stepped up to make a huge impact for patients battling breast cancer.

Mercy Health Foundation was pleased to accept a check for \$600 from Joel E. Barber C-5 from their successful PINK OUT game: **Green Goes Pink**. The event was held during the girls' basketball game on October 12 and featured a tailgate party, face painting, t-shirts and other pink swag for purchase.

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Teachers, students and principals presented their donation to Mercy Health Foundation Board Member Amy Waterman and Foundation co-workers, Karen Neasby and Stephanie Breedlove.



Women With a Mission Fashion Show

Lebanon/Rolla Foundation Launches Women with a Mission

Mercy Health Foundation Lebanon/Rolla launched a new Women with a Mission chapter in 2023 with 28 inaugural members.

The Women with a Mission (WWAM) giving society unites diverse women with a common goal: bringing high-quality health care to anyone who needs it. Members raise money through annual dues and other fundraising events. They combine their resources so that their gifts have a greater impact—and they vote to direct

how the funds will be used.

“This is a great way for ladies in our community to band together and support the health care needs of our friends and neighbors,” said Joanna Wilkinson, WWAM Lebanon/Rolla Chair. “We’ve wrapped up our first year, and I can’t wait to see what we’ll accomplish next year.”

To join Women with a Mission, visit our website: mercyhealthfoundation.net/Lebanon-WWAM

Breast Cancer (continued from the previous page)

Their donation supported **Brighten the Journey**, which serves local women battling breast cancer. This fund provides free wigs, transportation assistance, prescription assistance, and nutritional supplement shakes. A big thank you goes out to the students, teachers and administration at Joel E. Barber for giving from their hearts!

We also extend our gratitude to the Lebanon High School Lady Jackets

volleyball team and coaches. With help from the Lebanon R-3 All Sports Booster Club, the volleyball team raised \$2,700 from their **October Pinkfest** shirt sales. All proceeds were given to **Mercy Health Foundation Lebanon for the Curry Cancer Center** in honor of Savannah Jackson Curry. The team shared that Savannah’s battle represents courage, resiliency and determination, and they were humbled to show support during her journey.

Charity Bash (continued from the previous page)

Guests enjoyed an Italian feast prepared by Wall Street’s very own chef. Auctioneer Craten Blattel encouraged attendees to bid high and often during the spirited live auction. Guests topped off the evening by dancing to the beat of a live band, the highly talented KC FLO.

“Through the incredible generosity of our sponsors and attendees, we surpassed our original goal of \$90,000, raising more than \$110,000,” said Karen Simpson-Neasby, executive director.

Proceeds will be used for cancer program support, including patient transportation and prescription assistance, wigs, wig supplies and hats, and nutritional supplement shakes. “I’m very thankful for every single one of our donors. Their



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support will make a life-changing impact on our patients in need,” said Simpson-Neasby.

Mercy Health Foundation Lebanon/Rolla’s 20th Anniversary Charity Bash will move to spring 2025. Details coming soon!

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

Stephanie Breedlove, Foundation Project Coordinator, Lebanon/Rolla and Mountain View

Mercy Health Foundation Lebanon WWAM Membership

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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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