



**2024**

**LINCOLN**  
**ANNUAL REPORT**  
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# Dear Friends of Mercy,

The future is bright for health care in Lincoln County, thanks to your continued support of Mercy Health Foundation Lincoln. Your generosity is the cornerstone of our success, enabling us to fulfill our mission of providing exceptional health care services to our community.

Your contributions have made a profound impact on the lives of countless individuals. Together, we can provide hope, healing and comfort when and where it's needed most. Through your generous donations, we've added much needed equipment and services in our therapy and rehab department, expanding our reach to serve more patients. In addition, we've provided support for community health initiatives that improve access to care.

Your generosity empowers us to continue pushing the boundaries of health care innovation, ensuring that our community receives the highest quality care possible, right here at home.

We're deeply grateful for your continued support. Together we're making a difference in the lives of our patients, and for that, we extend our deepest thanks.

With gratitude,

**Alan Smith**  
Hospital Administrator  
Mercy Hospital

**Sarah Burkemper**  
Board Chair  
Mercy Health Foundation

**Greg Hewitt**  
Director  
Mercy Health Foundation



Rehab Therapy Team (From L/R): Lisa Winters, DPT; Rebecca Daul, COTA; Lauren Schumacher, DPT; Jessica Nelson, PTA; Susan Smith, PT; Courtney Luitjohan, DPT; and Hannah Ridings, DPT

## Therapy & Rehab Services Receive Foundation Support

Susan Smith, director of Therapy and Rehabilitation Services at Mercy Hospital Lincoln, expresses deep gratitude for the recent support her department received from the Foundation.

"The generous donation from the 2023 Foundation Golf Tournament allowed us to expand our developmental pediatric services with a climbing gym," said Smith. "Funding was also provided for developmental test kits for physical, occupational and speech therapy, as well as balance beams, dyslexia eye charts, and home program communication/exercise modules that will improve care for our patients."

Mercy Hospital Lincoln offers comprehensive physical, occupational and speech therapies for those recovering from surgery, illness or injury. We also provide pediatric therapies right here in Lincoln through Mercy Kids Therapy Services, including injury rehabilitation and care for children with genetic disorders, sensory processing disorders, neurological issues, developmental delays, and speech and language issues.

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Amy Lavy, Patient Relations, Mercy Hospital Lincoln

## Foundation Provides Funding For Patient Relations Program

A significant part of the Foundation's purpose is to help our community flourish by responding to the needs of those we serve.



\$25 gas cards for patients in need remove a financial barrier that might otherwise prevent them from receiving essential care.

Amy Lavy, who leads Patient Relations at Mercy Hospital Lincoln, is deeply attuned to these needs. Every day, she assists patients and families who need a helping hand.

Amy reached out to the Foundation for support with a pilot project to alleviate a common burden for many patients: transportation costs. She requested \$25 gas cards for patients in need, removing a financial barrier that might otherwise prevent them from receiving essential care, while providing a little peace-of-mind during a potentially stressful time.

"We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Mercy Health Foundation for their generous support in providing gas cards, essential in improving patient satisfaction. Your contribution strengthens our patient experience initiatives," she says.



## Our Funding Priorities

### Therapy and Rehab Services

Families in Lincoln County face significant geographic barriers when they need specialized therapy and rehab services on a recurring basis. Funds will be used to expand developmental pediatric services with a climbing gym, developmental test kits for physical, occupational and speech therapies, balance beams, dyslexia eye charts and home program communication and exercise modules. Funding will also expand vestibular and concussive treatments with a bariatric treatment table and vision care tools.

### Patient Relations

Funds raised will support patient relations activities and service recovery efforts at Mercy Hospital Lincoln. This has proven to be essential in facilitating and strengthening patient experience initiatives.

### Areas of Greatest Need

Funds will be utilized to support the Areas of Greatest Need in our community. This fund ensures that we're able to address the most pressing needs at Mercy Lincoln as they arise.

# 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.



### Areas of Greatest Need

# \$56,239



### Rehab and Therapy Services

# \$17,126



### Charity Care and Co-worker Assistance

# \$5,812



### Community Assistance

# \$454



## Annual Foundation Golf Tournament Sets Fundraising Record

The annual Mercy Health Foundation Lincoln Golf Tournament, held on October 6, 2023, at Woods Fort Golf Course in Troy, raised a record amount of over \$17,000! Proceeds from the annual tournament will benefit therapy and rehabilitation services at Mercy Hospital Lincoln.

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Photo: The Mercy Lincoln Team (From L to R): Cody Harper, Dr. Dustin Neider, Alex Schulte, and Ian Hemmer.







Mercy Health Foundation Lincoln Foundation Board (From L to R): Hannah Ridings, Jacob Kliethermes, Seth Rash, Carla Angel, Greg Hewitt, Justin St. Pierre, Mark Thorn, John Pace, Casey Hopkins, Myron Daw, Cheri Winchester, Alan Smith and Sarah Burkemper

## Mercy Health Foundation Lincoln Welcomes New Board Members

Mercy Health Foundation Lincoln has welcomed several new members to our Board of Directors over the past year. Please join us in welcoming them as they work to make a positive impact on our hospital, our patients and our community.

**Hannah Ridings, DPT, PT**, is a physical therapist who serves in the therapy/rehab department at Mercy Hospital Lincoln. She is passionate about pediatric therapy and has been an advocate for patients and their families during her first year on the Board.

**Myron Daw** is a lifelong resident of Lincoln County and spent 29 years as a teacher in the Lincoln County School District. He has a long history of service within Lincoln County and his expertise and attention have been instrumental in planning our annual Foundation Golf Tournament.

**Rev. Seth Rash** is the Associate Minister of Youth and Family at First Christian Church in Troy, Missouri. He has a heart for serving the underserved and creating equitable systems for all.

### Golf Tournament *(continued from page 2)*

"The annual Golf Tournament has been a wonderful event over the years in our community," said Sarah Burkemper, Mercy Health Foundation Lincoln board chair. Our donors have always stepped up when called upon and we are so thankful for them."

A total of 16 teams participated in the tournament. A special "thank you" goes out to our tournament sponsor, Peoples Bank & Trust.

Other corporate sponsors who fielded teams were McCarthy, Troy Flooring Center, Guarantee Electrical, Bank of Old Monroe, Syntegra Financial, Jim Trenary Automotive of Troy, and United Rentals.

"We were blessed with a beautiful day in Lincoln County and are so thankful for everyone who participated in the event," concluded Greg Hewitt, director of Mercy Health Foundation Lincoln.

### Therapy & Rehab Services *(continued from page 2)*

"The families of Lincoln County face significant geographic barriers when they need therapy and rehab care on a recurring basis," said Smith. "We're incredibly fortunate to offer these expanded services to patients who might otherwise be unable to travel outside the county for their treatments," added Smith. She shared that her department's future plans include the addition of arm and leg orthotics, treatments for feeding disorders, vision therapy and cognitive rehabilitation.

Greg Hewitt, director of Mercy Health Foundation Lincoln, says the decision to assist therapy and rehab services through funds raised at the annual Golf Tournament was an easy one. "Our donors understand the importance of providing these expanded therapy services to the community and we're thrilled that the funds raised at the tournament are going to good use."

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

#### Mercy Health Foundation Lincoln Board of Directors

Sarah Burkemper, Board Chair  
Casey Hopkins, Vice Chair  
Carla Angel  
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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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