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**NORTHWEST ARKANSAS**  
ANNUAL REPORT  
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# Dear Friends of Mercy,

At Mercy Northwest Arkansas, we deliver high quality health services with care and compassion. Your support is what makes it possible for us to answer new calls of service to meet our community's needs. As we continue to grow, Mercy Health Foundation is so very grateful for the generous donors who walk alongside us to ensure the strength of our health care ministry for generations to come.

On behalf of our Board of Directors, hospital and clinic leadership, and our Foundation team, we extend our heartfelt gratitude for your commitment to extending Mercy's healing ministry even deeper in our community.

I'm honored to highlight a \$5 million milestone gift, recently received from Walmart Foundation. Walmart is a strong community partner with a commitment to growth and cost savings while maintaining the high quality of care our community deserves and expects from Mercy. Walmart Foundation's support of the "Just Imagine" capital campaign will bring advanced technologies to Mercy Northwest Arkansas, while expanding programs and services that improve patients' lives.

Thank you for helping us provide the best possible care to our community and surrounding areas. Together, we are changing lives.

Sincerely,

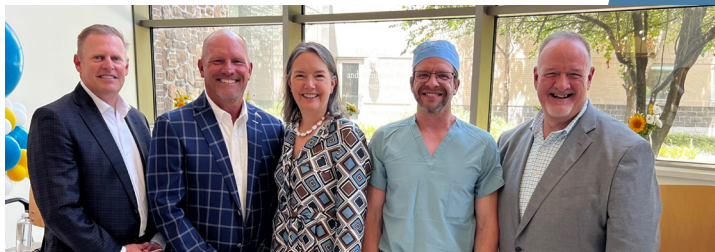
**Clark Ellison**

Vice President of Development  
Mercy Health Foundation Northwest Arkansas

## A Spark that will Change Lives

Thanks to a significant \$5 million gift from the Walmart Foundation, Mercy Hospital Northwest Arkansas is poised to expand our growth plans and improve access to quality health care for more people.

This generous contribution will enable Mercy to offer new procedures and treatments, eliminating the need for patients to travel outside the community for care. Additionally, these funds will support the purchase of advanced medical technologies, expanding services and bringing top-tier physicians to the region.



Mercy and Walmart Foundation representatives join together for this momentous announcement. L to R: Ryan Gehrig, President, Mercy Arkansas; Nathan Smith, Chairman, Mercy Health Foundation NWA Board of Directors; Kathleen McLaughlin, EVP and Chief Sustainability Officer, Walmart, Inc. & President, Walmart Foundation; Dr. Jared Garrett, Vascular and Interventional Radiology Specialist, Mercy Northwest Arkansas; Clark Ellison, Vice President, Mercy Health Foundation Northwest Arkansas.

One immediate impact of the gift is the construction of a new interventional radiology suite, equipped with the GE Allia IGS 7—a robot-controlled angiography system that uses imaging techniques to guide minimally invasive treatments. This suite will allow Mercy NWA to offer advanced treatment options right here in Northwest Arkansas.

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Dr. Scotty and Cynthia Cooper enjoying the 30th annual O' Night Divine Mercy Charity Ball

## Celebrating 30 Years!

The annual O' Night Divine Mercy Charity Ball was an unforgettable evening, marking the event's 30th year, or pearl anniversary. With over 1,300 guests in attendance, an astounding \$1.2 million was raised to support expanded programs and services, and fund essential equipment at Mercy Northwest Arkansas. We extend our deepest appreciation to Walmart/Sam's Club and the Lee and Linda Scott Family for leading the philanthropic efforts as Presenting Sponsors. Their generosity, along with the support of countless corporations and individuals has positioned Mercy for continued growth.

Each year, the evening's direct appeal highlights a specific health need in our community. This year's appeal for improved mother/baby care was particularly resonant. Mercy is dedicated to improving health outcomes for the women who choose Mercy for their maternity care. Mercy Northwest Arkansas has joined with 35 other hospitals across the state to form the Arkansas Perinatal Quality Collaborative. The



Country Artist, Matt Stell, lit up the entertainment stage at Mercy Charity Ball.

purpose of this group is to reduce maternal mortality rates and prevent unnecessary cesarean deliveries in low-risk pregnancies.

Looking ahead, Mercy Northwest Arkansas is embarking on an exciting new phase of growth, including enhancements to our Labor and Delivery unit, expansion of our NICU, improved hands-on training and skills practice for clinicians, and increased educational opportunities for patients and community members.

Health care needs continue to change and evolve, but one thing remains consistent: Mercy's mission to provide compassionate care and exceptional service.

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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.

## Emergency Department

Mercy Hospital Emergency Department stands as the first line of defense for saving lives and making a difference in health outcomes. With an unprecedented population growth, Mercy is imagining a strategic expansion adding 40 beds, more efficiencies, more dedicated staff, and greater care.

## Patient Care Facility Enhancements

Furthering a long-standing commitment to serve the needs of our community, Mercy will add critical patient rooms to the new tower footprint, expand the Cardiac Cath Lab and build out four new Operating Suites.

## Expansion of the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU)

Supporting a growing population of new babies born in Northwest Arkansas, Mercy's expanded NICU will allow for 14 additional units, providing top-quality care for our tiniest patients.



**Just Imagine Capital Campaign** \$5,357,710



**Area of Greatest Need** \$1,614,983



**Neuroscience Service Line** \$1,037,100



**Women's and Children's Care** \$382,696



**Program & Service Line Enhancements** \$236,056



**Adult Cystic Fibrosis Clinic** \$115,568



**Patient Assistance, Emergency Response & Co-worker Support** \$103,658



**Women with a Mission** \$94,843



Amanda Courcy with her husband, Scott, and their children, Molly and Teddy.

## A Grateful Patient

Amanda Courcy was a healthy young woman when she came to Mercy Hospital's ER with a persistent low-grade fever. Five days later, a chest X-ray and CT scan revealed pneumonia and a collapsed lung. Under the care of Dr. Jason McKinney, Mercy pulmonologist, Amanda underwent two bronchoscopies and was diagnosed with adenocarcinoma of the lung, a type of cancer. This was a surprising diagnosis for Amanda, who is a non-smoker. Thanks to the relentless dedication of her care team at Mercy Northwest Arkansas, Amanda's cancer was detected early.

Amanda underwent surgery and recovery locally, surrounded by her family and friends. This support allowed her to focus on healing.

Despite the fears that often accompany a cancer diagnosis, Amanda was confident in the care she received at Mercy. Throughout her journey, Amanda's caregivers approached her treatment with both expertise and compassion.

Amanda is grateful for her recovery and feels strongly that she has been given a second chance at life. Her faith played a significant role in her healing journey. She describes herself as "completely blessed" and is thankful for the proactive care she received at Mercy, despite not fitting the typical profile of a lung cancer patient.

Because of our generous donors, Mercy is able to deliver more tomorrows for more patients like Amanda. Thank you for your continued support.

## Charity Ball (continued from page 2)

Our dedicated caregivers are committed to serving this great community by ensuring access to high quality health care right here at home.

Thank you for joining Mercy Health Foundation to impact the lives of those entrusted to our care.

  
**\$1.2 million**  
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 support Mercy  
 Northwest  
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## Walmart Foundation Gift (continued from page 2)

The remainder of the Walmart Foundation's gift will fund other projects aligned with Mercy NWA's expansion plans, to be announced soon. These projects will address the growing health care needs of Northwest Arkansas' booming population.

Clark Ellison, vice president of Mercy Health Foundation Northwest Arkansas, emphasized the importance of community partnerships. "Walmart Foundation's support demonstrates the power of working together for lasting change," Ellison said. "Together, we will enhance access to top health care, ensuring all families in Northwest Arkansas receive the care they need."

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

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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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