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ANNUAL REPORT
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Dear Friends of Mercy,

Thank you for your steadfast support of Mercy Health Foundation! Over the past year, your generosity has allowed us to enhance care and expand innovative technology, while sustaining Mercy's mission to provide compassionate care to all those we serve.

We're grateful to have assisted with transportation and lodging needs for patients undergoing cancer treatments. We purchased robes for our radiation oncology patients to provide added comfort and dignity during appointments. We reached our fundraising goal to purchase and equip a new Mobile Mammography Bus, ensuring that more patients in underserved areas can receive life-saving screenings. And, a telemetry monitoring upgrade was implemented, resulting in an improved, safer patient experience and better workflow for our care teams.

This year, I was fortunate to participate in Advanced Formation, a program that prepares Mercy leaders for a defined mission. Through this experience, I was inspired by our foundress, Catherine McAuley, who was an innovator before her time. Realizing that she couldn't do it alone, Catherine invited others to join her in her calling to care for the marginalized. I am blessed to serve alongside generous people like you who are equally as passionate about making a difference in our community. Together, we can touch more lives. Save more lives. And improve more lives.

I'm pleased to share with you our Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2024. We're privileged to have been a part of the work that was accomplished at Mercy and we're eager to share the good news with our generous donors who helped make it possible.

Gratefully,

Alyea Alldredge
Executive Director
Mercy Health Foundation

WWAM Members Continue the Legacy of Catherine McAuley

The Women with a Mission (WWAM) giving society strives to continue the legacy of Mercy's foundress, Catherine McAuley. Following in Catherine's footsteps, WWAM members support and improve the health of our community by combining their resources, vision and a passion for helping others.

"This group is both empowering and fun"

— Jennifer Murray,
Nursing Director

Gifted annually, membership dues are collectively given back to Mercy Hospital Springfield as directed by member votes during their allocation meeting held each spring. Members also enjoy quarterly meetings with fun social, philanthropic and educational opportunities.

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From left to right: Alyea Alldredge with Darrel and Lori Wilson at the 2023 Colors of Hope Gala

Community Responds to Need for a New Mobile Mammography Bus

For more than two decades, Mercy's Mobile Mammography program has provided more than 50,000 life-saving screening mammograms in 16 critically underserved communities and 17 area employers, spanning a 100-mile stretch of Highway 60 from Springfield to West Plains. But after 13 years on the road and logging more than 150,000 miles, our current Mammo Bus was spending more time out of service than on the road.

As you can imagine, a pause in service could mean a delay in detecting breast cancer. And the best way to survive breast cancer is to find it early. When the Breast Center team approached the Foundation about replacing the current Mammo Bus, we knew our community would respond in great ways.

The team at Wilson Logistics, along with owner Darrel Wilson, stepped forward with the lead gift to put a brand new Mammo Bus into service. As leaders in the transportation industry, Wilson Logistics realizes the importance of having a modern, dependable vehicle.

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Colors of Hope
Gala

Members of our Women with a Mission giving society were also quick to hop on board with their support. They voted to allocate a portion of their membership dues toward this important initiative.

Funds raised at the 2023 Mercy Colors of Hope Gala helped us reach the final destination on our fundraising journey. Thanks to our generous supporters and sponsors, we raised almost \$580,000 for the new Mammo Bus at the Gala.

A special "thank you" goes out to Tianna Legere for sharing her touching story with our Gala guests. Tianna scheduled her first ever mammogram on the Mammo Bus, deciding to take advantage of the bus being on-site at her employer. But, she never expected the appointment she booked out of convenience would end up saving her life.

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Our Focus Areas

Women's & Children's Care:

Supports a comprehensive range of services to meet women's unique health needs, including high-risk breast care, maternity care, low-intervention births through our midwifery program and care for our tiniest patients through NICU and pediatric services.

Cancer Care:

Provides access to advanced diagnostic capabilities, therapies, leading-edge treatments and compassionate care, close to home. Funding to the cancer care program also provides patient assistance, such as gas cards, transportation and lodging for those in need, as well as resources for support groups.

Charitable Care:

Provides continued support for the Co-Worker Crisis fund, McAuley Prescription Assistance fund, MSU Care Clinic and our Hospice program in partnership with Integrity Home Care & Hospice - Springfield.

Area of Greatest Need:

Provides unrestricted support for high-priority needs, such as state-of-the-art equipment and technology within Mercy Hospital Springfield.

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.



Cancer Care \$952,174



Mercy Kids \$822,242



Chapel Restoration \$809,143



Health Care Education \$661,037



Program & Service Line Enhancements \$458,225



Area of Greatest Need \$321,385



Patient Assistance \$57,793



Co-worker Engagement \$32,061



Child Life Services \$30,875



Patient Transportation \$27,489



Pediatric Cancer Care \$23,507



Co-worker Assistance \$15,209



Hospice \$12,145



Tianna Legere entering the Mobile Mammography Bus in 2023

Mammography Bus (continued from the previous page)

Tianna's screening revealed areas of concern. After her follow-up diagnostic mammogram and ultrasound, masses were identified in both breasts. Tianna underwent three biopsies which confirmed that she had breast cancer. She received chemotherapy, surgery and radiation with her surgeon, Dr. John Bumberry, by her side throughout her entire cancer journey. Dr. Bumberry was grateful to be the one to share the good news with Tianna that she was in remission. Tianna attributes her survival to her early detection screening on the Mammo Bus.

Thank you to all our donors and supporters who helped make the new Mammo Bus a reality. Be looking for it to hit the highway in the very near future.

Did you know?



In the past three years alone, nearly 15,000 women have relied on the Mammo Bus for their screening mammograms. A majority of these women wouldn't have received their screenings if it weren't for this important resource.



WWAM members at the annual Allocation Meeting in March 2024

Women with a Mission (WWAM) (continued from the previous page)

Since 2016, WWAM has allocated more than \$350,000 for critical needs at Mercy, supporting the following items this year:

- Automated chest compression machine for the ER to assist with CPR
- LigaSure device for Labor & Delivery to shorten operative time, reduce bleeding and improve patient safety
- Vitals cart for the Breast Center to increase quality of care by capturing more accurate blood pressure readings prior to procedures
- Tonometer device for Ophthalmology to assist physicians with early detection of glaucoma and eye pressure spikes after previous treatments
- Treadmill for Cardiopulmonary Rehab patients to aid in their recovery and rehabilitation following medical procedures

To join WWAM, please contact Ashley Walden at 417-820-9855.

In 2024, WWAM allocated **\$44,981** for critical needs at Mercy

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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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