The Gift of Giving
You’ve done it again! Your giving and your caring have made our work so much more possible.”

Sister Mary Lawrence Hallagan
Former Chairman of the Board

As we go forward with our fundraising efforts to support the hospital we are ever mindful of the generosity of our donors. It was to all of you that Catherine McAuley, foundress of the Sisters of Mercy, was referring when she said: “May God bless and protect you, and make you instruments of His glory.”

We thank all of our supporters and promise continued prayers for you.

Sr. James Marie Donahue

Are you aware that 35 years ago the Mercy Foundation was established! In 1977 the Margaret and Howard Hall Radiation Center board gave to Mercy Hospital the Radiation Center and Hallmar, with equipment and assets, acknowledging its trust in the hospital and its support for Mercy’s philosophy of care and concern. The Mercy Hospital Endowment Foundation (now Mercy Medical Center Foundation) was legally incorporated six months later. Plans for such a foundation had been envisioned two years earlier by the hospital’s administration and were brought to a reality by a $1.5 million leadership gift from the Radiation Center board. Sister Mary Lawrence became the first President. So, we in the Foundation have good reason to celebrate our 35th anniversary as we carry forth that trust.

In 1981, the Partners Magazine noted that “so much at Mercy has come through Howard Hall’s generosity.” The Sisters of Mercy had a long history of friendship with Howard Hall and his generous gifts have been put to very good use for the welfare of others in our Cedar Rapids area, and especially for those who come through the doors of Mercy Medical Center.

The articles in this issue of Partners Magazine express very well the many ways in which donors have supported Mercy through the years. On behalf of our generous donors, as far back as 1984, recognition of their continued support was acknowledged and affirmed by Sister Mary Lawrence: “You’ve done it again! Your giving and your caring have made our work so much more possible.”

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New members to the 2012 Founders’ Society as of September 1, 2012:

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- Donald & Rita Erusha
- John P. & Ruth A. Bickel
- Dorothy Boddicker
- Laverne & Audrey Busse
- Steven & Joanne Carfrae
- Delores Hubert
- Glenn & Bridget Janus
- Joe Hladky
- Leona Frances Simon
- John M. & Donna L. Thiher
- Mike & Mary Jo Plotz
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- Helen McKee
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- Wally & Betty* Milden
- Mabel Miller
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On the evening of July 27, the Hall-Perrine Cancer Center welcomed back 19 nurses who began their careers as oncology nurses at Mercy 35 years ago. They were the first oncology nursing team on Zone 42, now Zone 81, at Mercy.

They gathered to reconnect – sharing stories and memories of their work together, touring the new Hall-Perrine Cancer Center, and learning about the latest in cancer care treatment and technology. A unique group, the "Zone 42" oncology nurses started as a unit in December 1977. After 35 years, the bond between them remains strong.

When asked what memories most stood out of their work on Zone 42, they said the importance of mentoring was critical for each of them. For new nurses on the floor, it was especially important to have co-workers to guide and model excellence in patient care. Many in the group shared this was their greatest nursing experience, and agreed that they took care and supported each other while putting all their energies into caring for their patients.

The group was amazed at how cancer care, technology, treatment and standards of care have advanced since 1977. Chemotherapy was “high tech” in the seventies, and they were amazed at how dramatically chemotherapy has improved. What used to be one or two lines of potential therapy has advanced to multiple lines of treatment. Medications to prevent nausea related to treatment were noted as significantly better, as well as the IV and central lines used in administering chemo treatment. They all noted that it wasn’t until the mid-1980s that the standard of care for mixing and administering chemotherapy drugs and greater attention to infection control were more clearly defined.

They reflected on what they learned while caring for their patients – not only from each other and their patients, but from the disease itself. The comments were powerful from these seasoned care givers. All agreed, in particular, that they took the time to listen and visit with their patients and, in many instances, be a part of many poignant moments and conversations. Life and death were part of their daily experience and they had come to feel that death is both an end and beginning.

As the evening of sharing came to an end, the nurses of Zone 42 agreed to come together again, and not wait 35 years until next time! They also are working to build a fund to support current and future oncology nurses and their educational expenses for cancer certification courses. Their legacy and vibrant spirit lives on.

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Sue Hawn, CFRE, President, Mercy Foundation

WRAPPING UP

A GOOD YEAR!

O what does a bountiful harvest from the garden and the many gifts given to Mercy this past year have in common? Plenty. Despite the dry summer, it was a good year for my vegetable garden. There’s plenty of produce to enjoy, give to friends and family, plus enough to preserve so that we can enjoy the great tomatoes of August next February. Your gifts to Mercy are like gifts from a garden. They nourish the mission of the hospital, providing for both current and future needs that focus on patient care.

Our annual report tells the story of this good year. Because of your care and commitment, the Foundation was able to make $3,107,144 in distributions to Mercy this past fiscal year. The chart on the right outlines the specific areas in the hospital that received funding. As you can see, your gifts touched many areas of need at the hospital and each category supports patient care in one way or another.

This past year, the Foundation had a special fundraising focus for the Hall-Perrine Cancer Center. Our fundraising initiative to support the heart and soul of the cancer center was a success thanks to your generosity. Over 471 of Mercy’s friends gave $5,000,000 in immediate and planned gifts. Gifts are designated to either the cancer center’s area of greatest need or towards one of three endowments for patient care services, research or education. The outpouring of giving for the cancer center was immense and established funds specifically to support Mercy’s commitment to excellence in patient care. It’s important to note the combination of immediate and planned gifts augments both the cancer center’s current and future needs in a significant way. In particular, planned gift commitments were made by designating the Hall-Perrine Center in a will, life insurance policy or through an IRA. All gifts to the cancer center, impact cancer care services for our patients, enhancing Mercy’s longstanding commitment to cancer care locally and regionally.

As you can see, it was a good year, a year of abundance and Mercy is grateful to each of you for your generosity!
Why establish a named fund?  
Mercy Medical Center is committed to meeting the challenges of a changing healthcare system and improving the healing experience for our patients and families. It is only with your continued support that we can ensure we meet our future needs. With planning, it is possible to create a lasting legacy and make a meaningful investment in the quality of life in our community. To learn more about named funds contact Sue Hawn, President of the Mercy Foundation, at (319) 398-6278.

**Nursing Excellence**
requested by the donors. All funds and gifts are used for the benefit of Mercy Medical Center, its staff and its program. Medical Center, its staff and its programs. Named funds are funded by taxable donations.

A LASTING LEGACY

Robert & Esther Armstrong Charitable Trust for Nursing Excellence
Jennie E. Basile Nursing Scholarship
(Mount Mercy University BSN student)
Edith Gillespie Case ADN Nursing Student Scholarship
Edith Gillespie Case BSN Nursing Student Scholarship
Leola F. Clark Nursing Scholarship
Mark L. Coppock Endowment
Rozelle Cram Needs-Based Scholarship for Nursing (ADN, BSN or MSN nurs)
Dr. Darrell Dennis Endowed Pulmonary Medicine/Critical Care Scholarship
Sheilie Dochterm an Memorial Scholarship
(Surgical technician student)
Donald & Rita Ersako Endowed Nursing Scholarship
Anna Purna Ghosh Endowed Oncology Nursing Scholarship
Dr. John Huston Fund for Radiology Department
Bert & Suzanne Katt Trasua Room Fund
Wendell Koch Fund
Abbot A. Lipsky Education Fund
Scotty McIntyre McIntyre SimLab
Kathleen F. Merfeld, RN Oncology Education Endowed Scholarship
Betty and Wally Milden Diabetes Education Fund
Ella Miller Endowed Nursing Scholarship
Dr. Dale & Louise Morgan Endowment Fund
James C. & Patricia A. Nemens Patient Care Endowment Fund
Catherine A. Rohde Endowed Fund
Tina Marie Sloan Endowed Nursing Scholarship
Dolores & George Thier Memorial Endowed Nursing Scholarship
Orville L. and Doris Thomas Memorial Endowment
Mary B. & Robert Tilden Family Endowment Fund for Hospice of Mercy
Carol A. Watson Endowed Nursing Scholarship
Dr. Campbell & Doris Watts Medical Library Fund
Charlie and Tina Weepie Family Endowed Nursing Student Scholarship

Input from cancer survivors was integral in the design of the Hall-Perrine Cancer Center. On the list of priorities were outdoor spaces for relaxation, comfort, beauty, meditation, reflection and peace. To keep with the patient-centered philosophy that guides the center, two gardens were included in the project plans: the Schimberg Healing Garden and the Bert and Suzanne Katt Meditation Garden. The gardens have proven to be one of the most highly-regarded features of the Cancer Center. Since the Cancer Center opened March 19, 2012, the gardens have served many purposes. One multi-generational family was seen celebrating the completion of their loved one’s treatment by releasing pink balloons and eating popsicles. Another couple from Benton County shared a picnic lunch while waiting for their son to receive his radiation therapy. Frequently, individuals are seen enjoying the scenery, reading, relaxing and breathing in the fresh air. The gardens are truly a place of respite and rejuvenation.

The Katt Meditation Garden, a centerpiece garden located off the cafe, will soon be enhanced with sculptures created by artists Andrew Carson and Gary Lee Price. Additionally, inspirational quotes have been etched into the garden’s stones and limestone planter. All this will help provide hope and comfort to those battling cancer. The Schimberg Healing Garden is located directly south of the main entrance. The bubbling fountain and circular courtyard are the highlighted features. But, for most, it’s the messages and names engraved in the garden’s paving stones that capture their attention.

Gifts of $1,000 or more are recognized with paving stones engraved in memory of or honor of a loved one, medical professional or friend. Many families and businesses have taken advantage of this unique opportunity. Ongoing fundraising efforts are focused on assisting patients with little or no ability to pay for treatment, medical supplies and medications. Not only will a paving stone be a lasting tribute for those you wish to honor; but also a gift that will make a difference in the lives of patients receiving care now and in the future. If desired, $1,000 can be pledged over a three-year period. Contact the Mercy Foundation at (319) 398-6206 or mmf@mercycares.org for more information.

Gardens of hope. Messages of hope. All helping in the fight against cancer.
We make every effort to accurately report your family of the deceased that we have received which you gave. In the case of honor or you for the gift and acknowledge the purpose for when we receive your gift, we write to thank payable to Mercy Foundation, with your planned giving tools.

June, 30, 2012. Among generous donors whose gifts were not designated as honor or gifts to support the area listed deceased persons, followed by the founders’ society listing of Mercy’s founders’ society members. Gifts (organizations and individuals) list donors whose gifts were not designated as honor or memorial gifts.

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We make every effort to accurately report your gifts in the annual Partners magazine. Please notify us at any corrections to (319) 358-6262 or mmc@mercymc.org.

REQUESTS

LEON B. FRANCIS SIMON
Ralph Baker 
Roy "Sail" Orwell

HALL-PERRINE CANCER CENTER
Kendra’s gift received between July 1, 2011, and June 30, 2012.

In love Light Tree.

IN CARING

IN MEMORY

IN THE NAME OF

LOVE LIGHT TREE


Lancer Electric/Eagles & Squads Foundation

GIFTS (ORGANIZATIONS)

Gifts (Individuals)

GIVING IN CARING

GIVING IS PERSONAL, as is the individual reason behind each gift. The key below describes the categories of gifts given to Mercy Foundation between July 1, 2011, and June 30, 2012.

REQUESTS list persons who are deceased, whose gifts were received though wills, trusts, or other planned giving tools.

HALL-PERRINE CANCER CENTER gifts to support the area of greatest need or an endowed fund at the Hall-Perrine Cancer Center. Endowment gifts can be designated for patient care services, continuing education or research.

FOUNDERS’ SOCIETY refer to page 3 & 4 for a complete listing of Mercy’s Founders’ Society members.

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IN HONOR lists the donors honored, followed by the donors.

IN MEMORY lists deceased persons, followed by the donors who gave to their memorials. Every memorial fund remains open, and gifts are always welcome.

COMMITMENT TO COMMUNITY lists Mercy staff members and physicians who gave to Mercy Foundation through Mercy’s annual employee campaign.

LOVE LIGHT TREE at the Oldorf Hospice House lists donors who gave lights to the annual December Love Light Tree. In memory of or in honor of designers are included in parentheses following the donors’ names.

To contribute to Mercy, please send your gift, payable to Mercy Foundation, with your completed contribution form in the enclosed business reply envelope. You may also send your gifts online at www.mercymc.org/foundation.

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A Love Letter to Our Founder

The Directors of Mercy Medical Center Foundation

Greetings!

We trust that the last few months have been comforting, encouraging andfull of hope. While we have all endured the unknown and the uncertain during these challenging times, we have been reminded of the strength, perseverance and resilience of the human spirit.

Throughout our entire history, Mercy Medical Center has been dedicated to providing care to the community around us. To achieve this mission, we are all here at Mercy Medical Center to create a healthy future for all.

To date, our Foundation has raised over $116 million for Mercy Medical Center’s mission, vision and goals.

On behalf of our entire Board of Directors, we want to express our gratitude for all of our donors, our volunteers and all who have supported us in so many ways.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely yours,

Lynn Reynolds, Chair

Mercy Medical Center Foundation

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NEED A GIFT?

Need a gift for the person who has everything? Make a gift in their honor to the Hall-Perrine Cancer Center.

Send a gift to Mercy Medical Center Foundation and request a gift card today:

Mail to: Mercy Foundation, 701 10th Street SE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52403 or donate online at www.mercycare.org. Click on the blue “Donate Now” icon on the bottom right column.