

Membership Form

Mercy Auxiliary is a dynamic organization of nearly 500 members (women and men) who come from all walks and seasons of life.

In volunteering their time and talents, members work toward a common goal: to support Mercy Medical Center and participate in delivering The Mercy Touch.*

I would like to become a member of the Mercy Medical Center Auxiliary.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

Alternate Address _____

City _____

Phone _____

Cell Phone _____

Email Address _____

Membership: New Renewal

_____ \$10 – Regular Membership

_____ \$100 – Lifetime Membership

Auxiliary project area of interest
(refer to list in brochure):

If you have questions,
please call the Auxiliary Office at 398-6286.

Mail this form to:
The Mercy Medical Center Auxiliary
701 10th Street SE • Cedar Rapids, IA 52403
Please do not send cash through the mail.

You can help us grow the membership!
Look through your contacts to see who
might be interested in joining the auxiliary
and give them this form to send in.



Dates to Remember:

July 25 Quarterly Finance Meeting

Welcome New Auxiliary Members

New Lifetime Member (\$100 fee)

Donna Craft

Sympathy & Prayers

Mary Hook Auxilian

Cathy Sheka Husband



If you have a change of address
or membership status -
please contact
Joleen Woods,
Auxiliary Administrative Assistant
at (319) 398-6286
or jjwoods@mercy.org.



Mercy Auxiliary Newsletter News to You



Summer, 2023

Comment Corner —

Auxiliary wraps another fun and productive year

— Submitted by Linda Kelly, Mercy Auxiliary Co-Leader



Linda Kelly

If you were able to attend the annual meeting on May 15, thank you! It's wonderful to be able to meet again in person and see members that don't attend the monthly meetings.

In preparation for the May meeting and this article, I did a little research and realized that our auxiliary celebrated a big milestone anniversary this past February. The Mercy Auxiliary first began in February of 1923 with 13 members that gathered to sew for the hospital. Yes, the auxiliary is 100 years young! It's amazing to think that this organization has survived for that amount of time. Not only survived but thrived!

This year, we were able to gift the hospital \$115,727. The funds are now distributed immediately to the departments rather than pledged to them, which in the past made them wait a year to receive the funding needed.

In February, a committee of seven auxiliary members met with representatives from 11 departments to hear of needs that would allow them to improve their capabilities in serving the hospital's patients and staff. We were happy to say that we were able to fund the needs of six of those areas.

- Environmental Services – 35 vacuum cleaners
- Security/Behavioral Services – Two humane restraint beds/ One chair/One cot
- Emergency Department – A lock for the medication room and 13 carts
- Facilities – One previously owned van
- Hall-Perrine Cancer Center – Two ceiling lifts
- Surgical Services – MARTTI
- HPCC – Two ceiling lifts
- Birthplace – SleepSacks®

We were able to provide for these needs partially due to the success of our Mistletoe Market and Spring Bazaar. Both events gave us record-setting amounts earned. Additionally, Mercy's Gift Shops and Uncommon Grounds provided income to fund this year's hospital needs. Funds raised during vendor sales in the 10th Street lobby were also included in this year's funding total.

We had three wonderful guest speakers this past year. In November, Mary Tharp, Director of Behavioral Health and Mercy Family Counseling, spoke to us about the growing need for counseling. The statistics she reported made evident the necessity for this type of support in our world.

In January, we heard from Justin Anderson, Director of Environmental Services, as he detailed the contributions of this department in benefitting the hospital. Justin told us of the 80 to 90 workers that keep Mercy looking clean/sanitized and inviting for patients, visitors, and staff. This behind-the-scenes department is often overlooked, and we were happy that they were one of the departments receiving funds this year.

In March, our guest speaker was Nichole Plagge, Clinical Manager of Therapies for Physical Therapy and Sports Medicine Services. She told us about the locations that Mercy therapists provide care, both throughout the various departments in the hospital, as well as in the community. Physical therapy for post-surgical healing, mobility and regaining strength enables patients to return to normal activity levels.

At our May meeting, our speaker was Jonathan Arnold, MD, ABPM-UHM, CWS-P, from the Healing Center. He described the many types of wounds that are seen in the clinic and the treatments they provide.

As you can see, the auxiliary had a very busy and successful year. Here's to another 100 years of providing support to Mercy Medical Center! Please continue to support the auxiliary and spread the word that new members are needed.



Displaying a check representing the auxiliary's latest contribution to Mercy Medical Center...Linda Kelly, Mercy Auxiliary Leader, (Sr. Catherine McAuley, looking on), Lorrie Erusha, Foundation President, and Dr. Tim Quinn, Mercy Medical Center President & CEO.



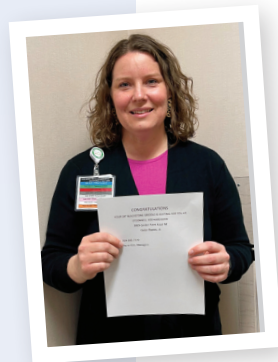
Spring Bazaar is in the books!

The Spring Bazaar was a great success that netted a profit of \$21,552.86. Thank you to all who helped with this project!

The auxiliary wrapped up this live event with the drawing of winners of our raffle prizes on April 21. Congratulations to the following lucky recipients:

Melissa Dean — Blackstone Grill
Lindsey Klein — Spring Quilt
Jo Ann Young — Kernels Suite
Mary Campbell — Vendor Potluck
“Best of the Bazaar”

Jeanette Werling — Around Town #1
Linda Halsor — Around Town #2
Karen Himmelsbach — Around Town #3



Melissa Dean



Jo Ann Young



Karen Himmelsbach



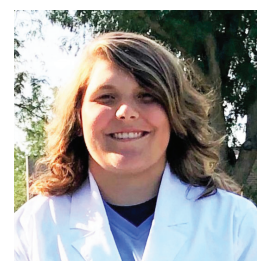
Linda Halsor



Mercy Auxiliary awards four Mount Mercy scholarships

This year, nine applications were received from Mount Mercy University nursing students. Interviews were held in April and again, the quality of these students made the decision very difficult. Four \$1,000 scholarships were given. The students receiving the scholarships are:

My thanks to the 2023 scholarship committee members: Leah Rae Highly, Chris Hoffman, Vicky Wieseler and Pat Wilson. Joleen Woods sat in on the interviews adding her viewpoint, and she was instrumental in gathering the applications and setting up the interview schedule.



Grace Cotton –
Sophomore



Cassidy Boche –
Junior



Emily Armstrong –
Junior



Maya Sankot –
Sophomore



Angie: Mercy Gifts' newest team member

It all about teamwork, whether in the personal or business world. Teamwork is the clue to success with Mercy Gift Shop, too.

The most recent team addition is Angie Willems, Flower & Plant Design Specialist. Angie is a Kirkwood Community College graduate with a degree in floriculture, who has been employed in floral design for 30 years. She heard about this position from people employed at Mercy and is happy with the friendliness, those with whom she works and her job duties.

“This job is a great change of pace for me,” Angie said.

Angie's typical day consists of filling orders for patients and employees; keeping the coolers full of beautiful flowers and plants; working on florals for special events organized by the hospital; and watering the plants throughout the hospital and gift shop. She is enjoying working with all the plant designs and floral arrangements for the new Chris & Suzy DeWolf Family Innovation Center for Aging & Dementia, Jewel & Jim Plumb Heart Center at Mercy, and HallMar Village.

“Our entire gift shop team is amazing,” Angie said. “Everyone helps everyone.”

Angie has been married 29 years. She and her husband have two adult children and a daughter-in-law. (Also, two fur babies named Maci and Cruz.) They enjoy one another, their pontoon, traveling and are always up for trying a new restaurant.

The entire shop team consists of the following: Emilie Hardy, Manager; Lori Bredl, Asst. Manager; Lois Snyder, Inventory Specialist; Angie Willems, Flower & Plant Design Specialist; Melinda Hoyt, part-time Gift Shop Specialist; Jodene Gana, part-time Gift Shop Specialist; Rosemary Cashman, part-time Gift Shop Specialist.

It's smart to shop Mercy Gifts for a variety of reasons. Extraordinary selection, vibrant flowers and plants, exceptional service and the added plus of being a financial boost for Mercy Auxiliary. Enjoy shopping with Mercy Gifts and share the good news with your friends!



Mercy Gifts staff:
Lois Snyder, Inventory Specialist;
Emilie Hardy, Manager; Angie Willems, Flower & Plant Design Specialist; Lori Bredl, Assistant Manager; Melinda Hoyt, Gift Shop Specialist.

Join us to support EFY!

The auxiliary will be sponsoring a team in the Especially For You race to be held on October 1, 2023. The cost is \$32 if you register by August 24. We need 10 members minimum to have the auxiliary logo printed on the backs of our shirts, so please get your registration in today. Registration must be completed online: <https://www.especiallyforyourace.org/efy>. Even if you are unable to participate in the race itself, please join our team and support this worthy event. Call Joleen in the auxiliary office at

(319) 398-6286 if you have questions or need assistance with the online registration.

Uncommon Grounds Needs Volunteers, STAT

Calling all energetic, enthusiastic go-getters: **Join the Uncommon Grounds brew crew!**

If you can **withstand light, physical tasks** and **enjoy learning new things**, serving coffee for a cause is a **perfect, flexible volunteer opportunity**. You'll meet great people, form new friendships and, because each beverage sold **helps support the mission of Mercy**, you'll **make a big difference** every day!

Our volunteer application is online at www.mercycare.org/volunteer; indicate your interest in Uncommon Grounds. Questions? Call the **Mercy Volunteer Office** at (319) 398-6035.

