

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:

Oct. 16 Board Meeting
Oct. 17-18 Midwest Books (10th Street Lobby)

Sympathy & Prayers

Garlene Knight Auxilian
Sara Sorensen Auxilian
Jan Kazimour Auxilian
Bette Janik Auxilian

Welcome New Auxiliary Members

New Lifetime Member (\$100 fee)

Joanie Lacayo



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



Mercy Auxiliary Newsletter News to You



October, 2023

Comment Corner —

Mercy Auxiliary volunteers shine!

— Submitted by Lorrie Erusha, President, Mercy Medical Center Foundation



Lorrie Erusha

We give our heartfelt appreciation for your outstanding contributions as volunteers. Your dedication, enthusiasm and hard work are noticed every day by staff, leadership and patients. You engaged in ongoing work to help raise money, morale and levels of care for our mission. Every dollar you raise helps ensure *The Mercy Touch*® happens in our hospital of excellence.

Thank you for belonging to the Mercy Medical Center Auxiliary. We see the fruits of your labor. We see the smiles you bring to staff faces with the outstanding service you provide in the coffee shop. We see the new people entering our space to attend your markets. We see the sales soaring in the gift shops. This is all very meaningful for our mission, image, reputation and quality of care.

You inspire us. Each one of you holds a gift of time, resources, skills and abilities. When you choose to share these gifts with Mercy, you serve as a remarkable example for others to follow. Just as Catherine McAuley said, "No matter how small the gift, God gives the increase." Every gesture, every effort and every dollar counts. We share the Mercy mission and we share this belief.

As you move forward in FY24, please remember this: Your time in the building as individuals and as a group is far more important than you realize. You demonstrate your caring nature and your dedication to influencing the lives of others in the most positive way. We have great confidence in you to do what you think best for Mercy Medical Center and our patients. Mother McAuley would encourage each of us to be shining lamps, giving light to all around us. Let us all go forth into 2024 shining our lamps for Mercy Medical Center!





It's almost time...

Mistletoe Market is right around the corner. You'll once again be able to peruse the many tempting gifts that have been handcrafted by Iowa artisans. If all that shopping makes you hungry, we'll have a terrific bake sale for you to check out.

Coffee and other beverages will be available at Uncommon Grounds – the auxiliary's fantastic coffee shop. The raffle, of course, is a MUST DO because prizes awarded are worth in excess of \$500 each.

We can't wait to see our friends and spend a leisurely day of shopping, visiting and supporting a great cause. The date of the Market is Thursday, November 9, so mark your calendars because you certainly don't want to miss this annual event. Proceeds from this event sponsored by Mercy Auxiliary go to support many worthwhile projects at Mercy Medical Center.

Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers: Extension of Pastoral Care

— Submitted by Pat Martin

Pastoral Care is an integral leader in the mission of Mercy Medical Center with professionally trained chaplains who minister to patients, families, individuals and staff. They provide emotional and spiritual support through prayer for those grappling with decision-making and death, and for others who are concerned about their personal relationship with God.

A part of this care is extended to include the assistance of Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion. These volunteers are members of community Catholic parishes who have been commissioned to assist with the distribution of Holy Communion to patients who, for medical reasons, can't attend Holy Communion in their home parishes.

The roster of current Extraordinary Ministers includes the following:

Sheila Barta	Don Jones	Laurie Quint
Penny Bear	Ron and Vanessa Junge	Janet Rater
Stacy Bennett	Pat Kerr	Dennis Riha
Mary Ann Boardman	Bernie Kleppe	Larry Rogers
Mike Cira	Helen Kueter	Nancy Rouse
Marco Delgado	Sue Kullander	Lorrayne Rudish
Ellie and Harvey Denlinger	Linda and Don Leonhart	Angi Sawyers
Deacon Frank Easton	Larry Maires	Steve Schmitz
Mackenzie Eichorn	Deacon Ed and Karen Martin	Betsy Schmuck
JoAnn Gorbatjuk	Chris Mautino	Aggie Sullivan
Polly Hatala	Bonnie Mincy	Mike and Pam Sullivan
Jane Hamilton,	Dorie Murray	Janet Volesky
Lynne Happ	Tim and Mary Beth Neal	Coleen Waldron
Kathy Herriott	Penny Olson	Dacey Waldron
Joyce Helmick	Sandy Olson	Dennis Waldron
Glenn Janus	Alex Pern	Peggy Wieneke
Cathy Jones	Virginia Pilcher	Jim Young

By bringing the Eucharist to Mercy patients, volunteers share God's love and provide companionship and prayer to those who can't physically worship at daily and weekend Masses.

Ready, Set, BAKE!

The Mistletoe Market will soon be here. The Mercy Auxiliary Bake Sale has always been a big part of our event. That being said, we need your help with donated baked goods. If you never were or are no longer a baker, ask a neighbor, friend or relative to donate baked goods to our event.

We won't be calling as a reminder because we have found that it's not the best way to contact people. Outdated phone numbers and land lines that are no longer in use have proven to be problematic with calling, so word of mouth is our new method of communication.

Baked goods can be cookies, pies, bars, holiday mixes, etc. Keep in mind as you select recipes that there is no refrigeration, so please no cream-filled goods or goods with custard. Please indicate if your items are gluten-free or contain nuts. Items should be placed in disposable containers covered with foil or clear wrap. We'll do the packaging for you, and we often make up trays with a variety of items.

If you aren't a baker, cash donations are always appreciated! Checks should be made out to Mercy Auxiliary with "Bake Sale" written on the memo line.



If you participate, please drop off your bake sale items at the 10th Street lobby entrance to Mercy Medical Center from 3 to 5 p.m. on Wednesday, November 8. Volunteers will be there to meet your car and take your baked goods – no need to find a parking place! If necessary, items may be brought earlier on Wednesday and taken to Watts Library.

Thank you in advance for your continued support of the Mercy Auxiliary Bake Sale, whether that's actual bake goods or a monetary donation.

-Bake Sale Co-chairs, Chris Hoffman and Linda Kelly

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.

