



Donor Impact Report

You Help Mercy Meet Community Needs

Because of generous donors like you, Mercy is expanding and breaking ground in many new and exciting ways.



In June 2023, The Chris & Suzy DeWolf Family Innovation Center for Aging & Dementia opened its doors on the campus of HallMar Village. The Innovation Center is a place of ongoing discovery – where new ideas flourish to continuously reframe how our society understands and cares for those living with chronic conditions like dementia.



In July 2023, a ribbon-cutting ceremony and open house took place at the new Jewel & Jim Plumb Heart Center at Mercy. The Plumb Heart Center is the largest and most comprehensive facility of its kind in Linn County, offering integrated, patient-centered care and state-of-the-art technology.



In October 2023, Mercy broke ground on a second standalone Emergency Department. The new ER will be conveniently located next to the MercyCare Marion clinic. Mercy’s Hiawatha emergency location opened in 2020 and was the first ER in Iowa available outside of a hospital-based setting.

“I know our work around aging and dementia will continue to be truly transformational. Your support is vital to all that we do and touches so many lives in meaningful and impactful ways. *Thank you!*”



– **Kathy Good, Director**,
Family Caregivers Center of Mercy &
The Chris & Suzy DeWolf Family
Innovation Center for Aging & Dementia



In November 2023, Mercy Medical Center, in partnership with Presbyterian Homes & Services, celebrated the opening of HallMar Village, a new senior living and care community in Cedar Rapids. HallMar Village, an advanced, medically integrated community – including innovative, specialized care for those with dementia – is setting a new standard in living for older adults.

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Mission Statement

To be the philanthropic catalyst in service to Mercy Medical Center's mission: to care for the sick and enhance the health of the communities we serve, guided by the spirit of the Sisters of Mercy.

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Bill Quinby and his daughter Karen Delaney

A Cool Glass of Water Turns into a Legacy Gift

Bill Quinby said it all started with a cool glass of water. He's referring to his friendship with the Sisters of Mercy and a connection to the hospital that has endured for decades.

"I would jog by Mercy and then I would go in and get a drink of water," said Bill. **"I would stop in there almost every Tuesday after I would jog the neighborhood."**

That's how he met Sister Mary Lawrence Hallagan and Sister James Marie Donahue in particular. He came to learn they shared his love of football. During the football season, their weekly conversations would include a lively recap of the games from the prior weekend. Sister Mary Lawrence Hallagan served as the administrator of Mercy for 17 years. She then became the first executive director of the Mercy Foundation in 1978.

"That was the beginning of our friendship," said Bill. **"They were kind. They would always make sure I**

was comfortable and had a cool glass of water."

Bill could go on for hours recounting stories of the Sisters, his connections to Mercy and his love of his family and the Cedar Rapids area.

When visiting with Bill, one fascinating life story quickly leads to another illustrated by the photos, accolades and sports memorabilia throughout the small apartment he once shared with his late wife Jan. To say he was service-oriented and engaged in the community feels like an understatement.

He's been a teacher, administrator, athletic director and a football official. After over a decade in the Big Ten Conference, Bill spent close to 20 years officiating for the

National Football League. He smiled proudly recalling his role as an official at Super Bowl XIX between the San Francisco 49ers and Miami Dolphins.

Bill is now 91 and suffering from congestive heart failure. He's receiving hospice care from Mercy at the assisted living facility where he lives. He knows the end is near.

"I'm ready to die," he said, with tears in his eyes. **"What a blessing this life has been for me. I'm ready and my family knows that."**

Bill and his children have been on this journey before. Jan received in-home hospice care from Mercy before her passing in 2018. One hospice nurse named Amy has cared for them both. This connection means so much to Bill and his family.

"Amy took care of my wife in her dying days and now she takes care of me," he said.

Bill's appreciation for hospice is abundant. In fact, he struggled to find words to adequately describe his gratitude for the compassionate care he and Jan have experienced. **"If I didn't have hospice and Amy, the chaplain and the other nurses, I wouldn't be so comfortable."**

Bill is a passionate man when it comes to the causes he cares about most. He is well-known throughout the Cedar Rapids area for his community service and charitable support. He is also very humble. **"We're just average people,"** he said of himself and Jan.

Together, Bill and his wife supported many areas of need at Mercy over the years including the Hall-Perrine Cancer Center, the Oldorf Hospice House of Mercy, nursing education and more.

"We've always had a warm feeling for health-related causes," he said. **"And I'm very grateful for the years that my wife was taken care of and now me."**

It is clear Mercy holds a special place in Bill's heart and carrying on the legacy of the Sisters of Mercy is important to him, so much so that he has included the Mercy Foundation in his will. Through his estate gift, he knows the spirit of giving he and Jan exemplified in their lifetimes will multiply and continue for generations to come. ♥



Ways to Give

In addition to cash gifts, there are many other ways you can give to Mercy and make a difference. These may provide tax benefits to you:

- IRA Rollover Gift:** Give to Mercy from your IRA (if you are 70 1/2 or older) and satisfy all or part of your required minimum distribution. Please remember with IRA charitable distributions only, checks must be made payable to Mercy Medical Center, not the Foundation.
- Gift of Securities:** Donate appreciated stock (with a low basis) and avoid capital gains tax.
- Life Insurance Gift:** Give the cash balance on an old or unneeded policy, or name the Mercy Foundation as a full or partial policy beneficiary.
- Life Income Gift:** Create a gift annuity or charitable remainder trust and receive lifetime payments. (Ask us for a free illustration with your benefits.)
- Charitable Bequest:** Make a gift to Mercy that costs you nothing today. Provide for loved ones first and then the Mercy causes you care about with a bequest in your will or trust.

Let our team help you explore your giving options. We are incredibly grateful for your support and happy to assist you in achieving your charitable goals.

New Fund Provides Opportunity to Explore Mercy's Mission



Thanks to donors like you and a newly endowed fund, our Catherine McAuley Service Award winners now have the chance to see where Mercy's healing mission was born. The creation of this fund honors former Mercy Medical Center President and CEO Tim Charles and his wife Janice. It is also an investment in preserving the legacy of the Sisters of Mercy.

The first Tim & Janice Charles Mission Immersion Experience to historic Dublin, Ireland will take place in April of 2024. Tim retired at the end of 2022 after 19 years of service to Mercy. He and Janice will participate in the first excursion along with current President and CEO Dr. Timothy Quinn and his wife Jessica.

"We are delighted that Tim and Janice will travel with the first group to share their rich professional and personal integration with the Sisters of Mercy," said Lorrie Erusha, Mercy Foundation President.

The surprise unveiling of the Tim and Janice Charles Mission Immersion Experience took place at Tim's retirement celebration. Lorrie said, **"It brings full circle the mission, vision and values of the Sisters of Mercy and the foundation of Mercy Medical Center."**

This special travel experience will be extended at no cost to recipients of Mercy's annual Catherine McAuley Service Award. This award is given to outstanding employees that embody the spirit and ministry of Catherine McAuley, the foundress of the Sisters of Mercy.

Other attendees may apply for consideration and will be responsible for their own travel expenses. Eligible travelers include Mercy care providers and other employees, volunteers, board members and their guests.

Those selected to participate in the five-day excursion will be hosted by the Sisters of Mercy in Dublin in the Mercy International Centre and Catherine's House, the original home purchased by Catherine McAuley on Lower Baggot Street. This opportunity will be offered every other year.

Janet McGrath Satterlee, Vice President Mission Integration/Pastoral Care said, **"This Immersion Experience will have a profound impact, not only on those who participate in the experience, but on our entire organization. Having the chance to travel with Mercy colleagues and deepen our understanding of the Sisters and their mission – this a once-in-a-lifetime honor!"** ♥



Mercy Honors Jan Kazimour

Janis Kazimour lived a life of service.

Before her passing in September of 2023, she gave 14,417 volunteer hours through the Auxiliary at Mercy Medical Center. In addition, Jan also served on the Mercy Foundation Board for 17 years and the Mercy Medical Center Board of Trustees for 38 years.

“You give of your time and whatever talents you have, but you end up getting a lot,” Jan said in a 1989 Cedar Rapids Gazette article highlighting her heart for volunteerism. **“You’re exposed to other people, their ideas, different ways of doing things. I have really learned. It’s all been educational and a real joy.”**

Mercy Medical Center President and CEO Dr. Timothy Quinn said, **“Jan was an incredibly dedicated volunteer. We are deeply grateful for her decades of service to Mercy and our community. She will be remembered as a steadfast advocate for Mercy and the Sisters of Mercy. She will be dearly missed.”**

Jan believed in giving of time, talent and also treasure. She and her family have proudly supported and donated to several areas within Mercy including the Dennis & Donna Oldorf Hospice House of Mercy, Hospice of Mercy, the Tim and Janice Charles Mission

Immersion Experience, Hall-Perrine Cancer Center, HallMar Village and The Chris & Suzy DeWolf Family Innovation Center for Aging & Dementia,

“Jan was the quintessential volunteer, ever present and supportive. Long before I worked at Mercy, I recall her at the front desk, greeting people in her pink coat and sharing her passion for Mercy,” said Lorrie Erusha, Mercy Foundation President.

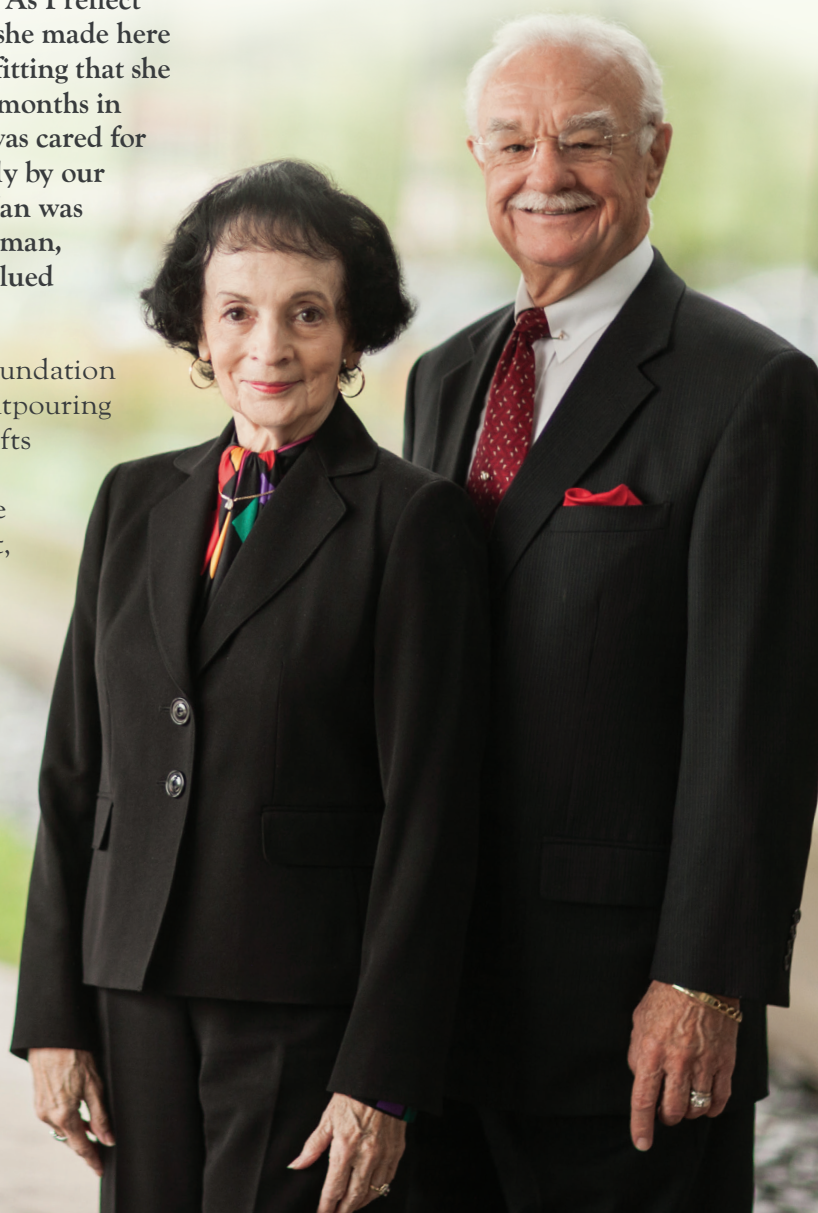
Lorrie added, **“As I reflect on the impact she made here at Mercy, it is fitting that she lived her final months in Hallmar and was cared for compassionately by our hospice team. Jan was an amazing woman, beloved and valued by Mercy.”**

The Mercy Foundation received an outpouring of memorial gifts in recognition of Jan. Because of this support, and as tribute to her life of service and the example she set, the Mercy volunteer office will be named in Jan’s honor. ♥

Janis (Jan) and her husband
Bob Kazimour

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– CEO DR. TIMOTHY QUINN



FY2023 Foundation Support to Mercy

\$16,371,361
TOTAL

\$13,150,000
Jewel & Jim Plumb
Heart Center at Mercy

\$1,000,000
Mercy Medical Center
(Greatest Needs Used at
Their Discretion)

\$524,153
Hall Radiation Center

\$399,475
Unrestricted – General
Funds

\$274,802
Family Caregivers
Center of Mercy

\$259,385
Hospice House
Endowment Fund

\$162,055
Hall-Perrine Cancer
Center Operations

\$126,657
Scholarships &
Educational Trainings/
Certifications

\$120,394
Hospice of Mercy

\$117,290
Hall-Perrine
Cancer Center
Endowment Funds

\$115,727
Auxiliary

\$50,535
The Chris & Suzy
DeWolf Family
Innovation Center for
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\$41,904
Hope Fund

\$15,844
Room Renovations/
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Medical Center

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Baby Cael Black

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Orthopedic
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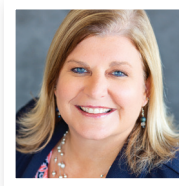
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Grateful Patients Improve Care at Mercy

Grateful Patients like Gary Hunt and Cornelis and Ellen van der Linden appreciate the care they've received at Mercy. Supporting the Foundation is a way to say thank you and pay it forward.

Mercy's Intensive Care Unit has new post-operative chairs for heart surgery patients thanks to Gary. The chairs have important features like foldable arm rests to allow for easier patient transfer, hooks for foley bags and push mechanisms. They lay completely flat in case a patient would need CPR or other medical attention.

"I know patients appreciate having a more comfortable chair to sit in after surgery," said Alesha Bynoe, BSN, Surgical Intensive Care Unit Manager. **"Staff appreciate being able to stabilize a patient in the chair and safely move a patient back to bed because of these specialized features."**

Alesha even credits the chair's features and ease of use with saving a patient's life recently who quickly and unexpectedly declined while sitting in one of the donated recliners.

"For Gary to go out of his way to donate money for our patients who spend hours in these chairs everyday means a lot to us," added Sarah Kinkead, RN.



Mercy Intensive Care Unit caregivers thank Gary Hunt and demonstrate how postoperative chairs work.



Donors Cornelis and Ellen van der Linden pose with the Vein Viewer they helped support at Hall-Perrine Cancer Center.

Donors including Cornelis and his wife Ellen have helped the Hall-Perrine Cancer Center invest in technology that improves patient comfort. Vein Viewers allow care providers to identify the best vein more quickly and accurately when placing an IV during the infusion process.

Cornelis is a cancer survivor and a volunteer in the Cancer Center. He said, **"When I got chemo, they used a vein finder for me. I got the benefit from it. I was really impressed. It helped find a lot of the veins,"** said Cornelis. **"It's a great asset and now there is another one available. It's nice to see it in use."**

You too can help improve patient care, comfort and safety at Mercy. For a list of current needs and opportunities, please reach out to a member of our Mercy Foundation Team. ♥



To hear stories from Grateful Patients and learn more about Grateful Patient Giving, visit our website at mercy.org/giving/grateful-patient-giving



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Gazebo Provides Solace to Hospice Patients

A fitting memorial, a beautiful new gazebo now stands at the Dennis and Donna Oldorf Hospice House of Mercy.



Jean and Francis Pitlik



Royce and Jeff Pitlik



“This is a tribute to the lives of Jean and Francis Pitlik in recognition of their love for the outdoors and the creatures that inhabit it,” said Jeff Pitlik, nephew of the couple. “The gazebo will be a special place for people to visit with loved ones and enjoy the beauty and peace the outdoors provides.”

Jean and Francis Pitlik included the Mercy Foundation in their will, leaving a portion of their estate to the Oldorf Hospice House. Hospice and Foundation staff, along with Jeff and his wife Royce, dedicated the gazebo

in September with a special ceremony that included the release of butterflies.

The gazebo was thoughtfully designed, including features that make it accessible for people using wheelchairs and walkers. Hospice staff wanted to ensure the space was available for everyone to enjoy.

Hospice Manager Cathi Kane said, “**This gift is an extension of love that will touch the families and patients we care for at the Hospice House for years to come.**” ♥

Planned giving is a fundraising term interchangeable with gift planning or legacy giving. It is the process of making a charitable gift during your life or at death as part of your financial or estate plan. A planned gift can be done through a will or trust, with life insurance, retirement assets, real estate and more and offer beneficial tax savings for you and your heirs. These types of gifts have a significant and lasting impact on organizations like the Mercy Foundation.