

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:

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| Nov. 9 | Mistletoe Market |
| Nov. 20 | Board Meeting |
| Nov. 29-30 | Kroul Farms Greens Sale |



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



Mercy Auxiliary Newsletter News to You



November, 2023

Comment Corner —

Strengthening connections

— Submitted by Pat Wilson, Past Leadership



Pat Wilson

Connections are usually bound by like-minded people or people with common interests or goals. Here at Mercy, we often call this *The Mercy Touch*®. That phrase connects all of us to one purpose, to help all who come to us, whether that is an employee, patient, visitor or volunteer.

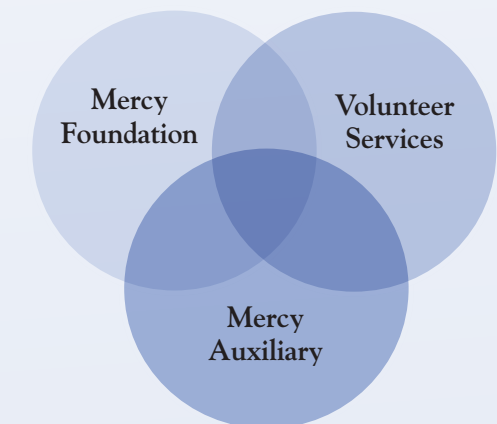
Connecting is a concept that became clear, and Linda and I met with the leadership and representation from Volunteer Services and the Mercy Foundation. It's known that changes are coming on the auxiliary board in early June and all groups represented at this meeting want the auxiliary to continue as does your current leadership.

Since 1952, the auxiliary had donated over \$6 million to the hospital and the hope is for us to continue in our support for patients and staff. Our focus of the day was on changes desired and necessary for this continued support. Facts considered included:

- No co-leader for the past two years
- Fewer active board members due to health changes and retirements
- Committees that are ending or need to evolve
- Continuing to add members (Dues support our Mount Mercy scholarships)

One outcome evident during our meeting is the desire to interact differently or more regularly with the other two areas – Volunteer Services and the Mercy Foundation. Yet to be envisioned are ways we operate individually and the ways all these areas could and should interact more in conjunction.

Our visual symbol was a Venn diagram as shown below:



Each circle of the diagram represents the three areas. The shaded area, an overlap of all three, represents the connections we're hoping to strengthen.

The teams will meet again in November. Linda and I are assuming the task of revisiting our mission statement, our committee structure and the bylaws. The possibilities of these connections and the benefits to the auxiliary are exciting, and we value input from all the membership.

The Mercy Touch®

Mistletoe Market will deck the Mercy halls November 9

Submitted by Stella Siver



What is the most important letter in the alphabet? **M**

Why? It's the **FIRST LETTER** in the words **MERCY, MISTLETOE** and **MARKET**.

What is the second most important letter in the alphabet? **N**

Why? It's the **FIRST LETTER** in the word **NOVEMBER**.

Put the words together and what do you see?

MISTLETOE MARKET AT MERCY IN NOVEMBER!

MARK your calendar to come to the Mistletoe Market from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 9.

ALWAYS a variety of things to purchase – jewelry, candies, soaps/lotions, handcrafted items, gifts/clothing for children, Christmas gifts and decorations, baked sale goodies and more.

RAFFLE tickets: Buy raffle tickets at the raffle table throughout the day. Raffle prizes will be on display at the table.

KICK off the holiday season by purchasing Christmas gifts and decorations for your friends and loved ones.

EVERYWHERE! Everything! There will be vendor merchandise on display throughout Mercy Medical Center in the Hallagan Education Center, Watts Library, 10th Street entrance and lobby, and special items at both gift shops.

TAKE the **TIME** to enjoy the day, drinking cups of coffee from Uncommon Grounds, and shop for unique and creative gifts items from the vendors.

Christmas Room exudes even more sparkle to holidays

Submitted by Pat Martin

What makes Christmas even more exciting than it already is? A new Christmas Room located next door to Mercy Flowers & Gifts near the 10th Street lobby.

“Every year, we have to tear down so much general merchandise to bring Christmas in. So, I thought “Why not have it all?”” explained Emilie Hardy, Mercy Gift Shop Manager. “The Christmas Room is so cozy and enchanting, and we cannot wait to share it with everyone. We really look forward to even more visitors and hospital staff coming down and enjoying it.”

During Mistletoe Market, this new space will be open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., and after that, the Christmas Room will stay open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Staff and volunteers will be ready to help you with all your needs.

Emilie Hardy and Lori Bredl function as a team for both gift shops, the one in the 10th Street lobby and the one in the Hall-Perrine Cancer Center. Let them and volunteers assist you with all your gift and floral needs. Gift shops contribute to auxiliary’s fundraising!



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November 29	Wreaths	Garland
9 a.m. - 3 p.m.	Pinecones	Christmas Greens
November 30	Spruce Tree Toppers	Birch Branches
9 a.m. - 2 p.m.	Dogwood	Curly Willow
	Christmas Gifts	and more

10th Street Lobby, Mercy Medical Center



Sponsored by Mercy Auxiliary to benefit patient care services at Mercy Medical Center

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.

