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Mercy Health Foundation St. Louis is a non-profit, 501(c)3 organization and is dependent on the gifts and support of generous individuals, caring corporations and foundations. Your gifts to Mercy Health Foundation help meet the health care needs of residents of our local community.
Dear Friends of Mercy,

Mercy Health Foundation St. Louis raises funds to uphold and expand the good works of Mercy, touching the lives of many thousands of people throughout the St. Louis area. Your financial support makes you a part of these good works, and we simply could not achieve so much without you.

In purely financial terms, our year ending June 30, 2017, was absolutely stellar, with an 80% increase in funds raised for Mercy St. Louis’ efforts. Yet, the real story here is about the people who Mercy was better able to help because of your gifts. These are our friends, families and neighbors, in addition to the many thousands you might never know or meet, but who were still blessed by your caring and generosity.

Children who came to the hospital hurting and scared were calmed, comforted and educated about their care by our Child Life Specialists. Financially challenged women were able to access screening and diagnostic services to detect breast cancer earlier, giving them a better fighting chance. Families with a child on the autism spectrum received the very best therapeutic interventions, with reduced wait times and expert guidance on accessing additional help from the community. These are just a few of the many Mercy programs that made a greater difference last year due to your help.

Mercy continues to grow to better meet our community’s needs. Our recent affiliation with St. Anthony’s Hospital in South St. Louis County will make us stronger and even more effective in serving our region in the years ahead. Additionally, for the second year in a row, Mercy was named one of the top five largest health care systems in the nation by Truven Health Analytics’. This reflects Mercy’s top performance in patient outcomes, process of care, efficiency and other data-driven measurements.

We appreciate the recognition, but mostly we are grateful for the chance to serve. Mercy’s President and CEO Lynn Britton said it best: “Simply put, Mercy and the other health care systems on Truven’s Top 15 list were able to send more people home from the hospital and in better health – which is truly something to celebrate.”

Please join us in celebrating all of the lives that were saved, restored and improved by Mercy during the past year. Finally, please accept our deepest gratitude for your compassionate kindness and your caring support of our healing mission.

Sincerely,

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Mercy’s Mission
As the Sisters of Mercy before us, we bring to life the healing ministry of Jesus through our compassionate care and exceptional service.

Mercy’s Vision
We are the people of Mercy Health Ministry. Together, we are pioneering a new model of care. We will relentlessly pursue our goal to get health care right. Everywhere and every way that Mercy serves, we will deliver a transformative health experience.

Philanthropy’s Commitment
Mercy Health Foundation generates support to extend the Mercy mission deeper into the communities we serve. We help bring their personal touch and compassionate health care to more people, improving and saving lives every day.

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Anheuser-Busch Clinical Training Center

Mercy’s new Anheuser-Busch Clinical Training Center offers providers a realistic learning environment where they can practice clinical and procedural skills in a state-of-the-art setting.

Here are a few examples of how Mercy is using the facility:

• Simulated “code blues” using mannequins have been performed in various locations in the hospital to improve teamwork between multiple clinical areas.

• Internal Medicine and Family Medicine resident physicians are able to practice diagnosing and treating complicated patient scenarios in a safe learning environment so that they will be better prepared to care for patients with these conditions.

• Obstetrical residents are able to practice both complicated and uncomplicated deliveries to improve their skills prior to caring for patients in Labor and Delivery units.

• Monthly “mock codes” are performed by adult critical care nursing and physician staff to ensure that Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) guidelines are consistently followed.

According to Dr. Joan Shaffer, “Individual teaching classrooms and advanced technologies offer a platform where providers can focus solely on quality and safety.”

In addition to four simulation rooms equipped with mannequins, the center also includes teaching and learning spaces, classrooms and computer labs.

“The new training center allows Mercy to retain a competitive edge in our industry.”

- Dr. Joan Shaffer, Chairman of Mercy Graduate Medical Education

The center was made possible through Mercy Health Foundation’s Anheuser-Busch Clinical Excellence Endowment.
When Mercy Kids Mid Rivers opened in 2014, it was the first 25,000-square-foot center focused solely on pediatric outpatient care in St. Charles County. Equipped with a therapy and development center, pediatric rehabilitation gym, convenient care and screening programs, the concept of caring for the whole child—from conception into adulthood—played a vital role in the addition of Hansen’s Park and McAuley Playground. Hansen’s Park, located adjacent to Mercy Kids Mid Rivers, is a 1.5-acre public park named in honor of Jeff Hansen, local philanthropist and champion for children.

“I knew my very good friend Jeff Hansen for almost 30 years,” said Howard Schlansky, MD. “He was very committed to his God, his family and the McAuley Playground, and it gives me great joy knowing that thousands of children and their families will benefit from this amazing space.”

McAuley Playground is the main feature of Hansen’s Park and was developed through a partnership between Mercy Health Foundation and Unlimited Play. The playground is a fully accessible, inclusive play area named after Catherine McAuley, foundress of the religious Sisters of Mercy.

The playground’s custom-designed equipment and layout accommodate the special needs of children with physical limitations and promote inclusive play.

According to Natalie Mackay, Executive Director for Unlimited Play, fully accessible playgrounds offer a unique advantage. Because they are designed for unlimited access, all children are able to play and interact with each other. They feel the liberty to socialize and learn about others in beautiful ways.

Instead of physical differences being accentuated and stereotypes being created, both children and adults feel enriched as they see differences being disguised in beautiful ways. “I felt enriched as they see how much they can do and interact with each other. They feel the liberty to socialize and learn about others in beautiful ways.”

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Hansen’s Park and McAuley Playground

• Safe, spongy surfacing that ensures mobility for children and adults in wheelchairs and walkers and for those who experience difficulty on uneven surfacing
• Ramping systems, transfer stations, specialized seating, hand-holds, and slanted climbing systems to assist children’s climb and reach
• Swings, including adaptive swings (high backs) for children with low muscle tone, toddler swings and the all-time favorite Biggo Swings (pictured above)
• Stainless steel slides and roller slides for children with cochlear implants
• Cooling systems, including a very popular water spray play area and UV protective shade structures
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Finance and Allocation Committee

The Finance and Allocation committee of the Mercy Health Foundation Board of Directors oversees the distribution of unrestricted funds. Departments within Mercy Hospital can apply for Foundation funds annually. Below are the allocations made in 2017.

Charity Care Funds
1. Mercy Neighborhood Ministry: $188,672
   Funds will allow Mercy Neighborhood Ministry (MNM) to help community organizations connect the economically underserved with appropriate health and social service resources to improve access to care and quality of life.
2. Supportive Care for Obstetric Mercy Clinic Patients: $98,494
   Funds will support the implementation of a social worker who will assist underserved pregnant women so they seek timely health care.
3. Medication Assistance Program: $72,000
   Funds will support Mercy’s Care Management Team as they serve as navigators for patients and families and help facilitate discharge plans, access to community resources and work to ensure a smooth transition from hospital to home.
4. Adult Eye Care and Glasses: $35,500
   Funds will support eye exams, health checks and eye wear for low income/uninsured members of the community who otherwise would not be able to receive quality care.
5. Adult Behavioral Health Program Needs: $35,000
   Funds will support patients without the means to access care and help provide clinical resources to support their therapy needs.
6. Mercy Hospital JFK Clinic Durable Medical Equipment: $27,200
   Funds will support JFK Clinic Patients who are in need of medical equipment such as CPAPs, Oxygen, Rollator Walkers, Braces, Compression Stockings and LifeVests.
7. Adult Medical Supplies for Mercy Hospital JFK Clinic: $7,010
   Funds will continue to support the JFK Clinic and the distribution of medical supplies to patients in need.
8. Centering Pregnancy for Mercy Family Medicine: $6,000
   Funds will support Mercy Clinic Family Medicine’s partnership with Good Shepherd Catholic Charities by implementing Centering Pregnancy - a nationally recognized prenatal care model that decreases maternal-child health disparities among primarily African American teen mothers.
9. Diabetic Monitoring Supplies to Underserved Patients: $2,500
   Funds will purchase glucose meters and test strips for patients who are admitted to Mercy Hospital without the means to obtain these supplies.

Pediatric Funds
1. Child Life Program: $166,601
   Funds will support Child Life at Mercy Children’s Hospital by providing specialists in the Pediatric Emergency Department, test and treatments, outpatient surgery, behavioral health, NICU/PICU and on the pediatric floor.
2. Child Life Endowment: $44,889
   Funds will support the Child Life Endowment, which was established last year to help maintain the Child Life Program.
3. Pediatric Eye Care and Glasses: $19,500
   Funds will support pediatric eye exams, health checks and eye wear for low income/uninsured members of the community who otherwise would not be able to receive quality care.
4. Pediatric Behavioral Health Program Needs: $15,000
   Funds will support care for pediatric behavioral health patients who do not have the means to access the clinical resources needed.
5. Benefit for the Kids Carnival: $9,000
   Funds will support the Benefit for Mercy Kids carnival that includes games, food, prizes and more than 800 attendees.
6. Reducing Opiate Addiction for Children: $8,000
   Funds will support pediatric patients undergoing major spine surgery and how their pain regimes are managed by incorporating Mercy’s research and pharmacy departments who will aim to discharge patients on substantially lower doses of opiates.
7. Helmet Distribution: $7,000
   Funds will provide 800 bike helmets that will be distributed at a variety of events hosted by Mercy Kids Crew volunteers who also teach how to properly fit children with helmets.
8. Bilichek System to Assess Newborn Jaundice: $6,000
   Funds will provide The Bilichek, a noninvasive piece of equipment that assesses newborn baby jaundice and allows the caregiver to measure total serum bilirubin levels.
9. Pediatric Healing Through the Arts: $6,000
   Funds will continue the Healing Through the Arts program, a series of complimentary art therapy workshops offered to adult and pediatric patients each month.
    Funds will support the purchase of four Jefferson Car Seats that are designed for infants with congenital birth defects where their bowel, liver and abdominal organs protrude out of their abdomens.
11. Pediatric Simulation Equipment and Supplies: $5,000
    Funds will purchase simulation equipment to enrich new co-worker orientation and further teach current co-workers with hands on training.
12. Exam Table for Pediatric Treatment Room: $4,000
    Funds will purchase a new exam table to replace the non-pediatric table currently in the treatment room where all invasive and noninvasive procedures are performed.
13. Pediatric Medical Supplies for Mercy Hospital JFK Clinic: $3,500
    Funds will allow the Mercy Hospital JFK Clinic to continue distributing medical supplies to patients in need.
14. Health and Safety Programs for At-Risk Communities: $3,250
    Funds will support a collaboration with Mercy Neighborhood Ministry where community educators will deliver children’s classes including babysitting, first aid and educational content in underserved communities.
15. Astodia Transilluminator: $1,310
    Funds will purchase the Astodia Transilluminator, which allows a clear visual of small vessels, decreasing the number of attempts for needle sticks in newborns infants.
16. Welch Allyn Panoptic Ophthalmoscope: $700
    Funds will purchase the Panoptic Ophthalmoscope which is ideal in pediatric settings because it allows the practitioner to conduct a more thorough eye exam on an undilated pupil.

Unrestricted Funds
   Funds will support a surveillance program for early identification and intervention for breast cancer-related lymphedema by developing a preoperative screening program and periodic post-operative screenings in the first three years following surgery.
2. Reducing Opiate Addiction for Adults: $37,000
   Funds will support burn unit adult patients and incorporate Mercy’s Research and Pharmacy departments to design a pain regimen that aims to discharge patients on substantially lower doses of opiates.
3. Adult Simulation Equipment and Supplies: $27,692
   Funds will purchase simulation equipment to enrich new co-worker orientation and further teach current co-workers with hands-on training.
4. LiteGait: $25,845
   Funds will be used to purchase new equipment that meets the needs of those suffering from neurological impairment.
5. Adult Healing Through the Arts: $6,000
   Healing Through the Arts is a series of complimentary art therapy workshops offered to adult and pediatric patients each month.
Women with a Mission
Greater St. Louis

This past year, Women with a Mission members allocated $100,000 from membership dues back to Mercy. Members voted to fund $81,628 for a Breast Cancer Screening and Education program for our uninsured patients. In addition, $18,372 was directed to the Child Life Endowment and $5,000 to the McAuley Playground and Hansen’s Park at Mercy Kids Mid Rivers. What an amazing group of women!

Throughout the year, members enjoyed several events including our first Day of Inspiration.

This event was held at the Crystal Bridges Museum of Art in Bentonville, Arkansas. Rachel Lozano, an art therapist at Mercy Children’s Hospital and three-time survivor of Askin’s tumor of the spinal cord, kicked off the evening by sharing her story.

The next day, four female executives from Walmart participated in a question and answer session followed by our keynote speakers Barbara Pierce Bush and Jenna Bush Hager speaking at the Day of Inspiration.

In February, David Rempe, MD, Mercy Clinic Neurology and Stroke Team Leader, spoke to our members about Women and Strokes. In addition, he gave a presentation and demo on Mercy’s Virtual telestroke program which allows for the remote examination of patients leading to better and faster treatment.

Members also joined Mercy Hospital St. Louis’ leadership team to hear from special guest speaker, John O’Leary. Following the presentation, a tour of the Burn Unit was given by Dr. Jonathan Pollack, with Mercy Clinic Plastic Surgery.

In April, members experienced a guided tour through a tasting at St. Louis’ only oil and vinegar tasting bar. In addition, two groups of ladies signed up to volunteer at the Ronald McDonald House and cook dinner during April and May.

In May, members attended the Women with a Mission Membership Meeting. As always, the meeting was emceed by St. Louis’ own Channel 4 anchor, Claire Kellet.

In June, a small group of members from Mercy East went on a hard hat tour of the Gateway Arch Park grounds.

Would you like to join this dynamic group of women? Please contact angela.brennan@mercy.net or 314-251-3447.
Mercy Health Foundation St. Louis seeks ongoing support for programs and services at Mercy. The initiatives outlined below are a few areas of focus where the generosity of our donors can make a tremendous impact on the patients and families we serve.

Cancer Care Navigation
Mercy seeks to transform our patient care model to meet the complex medical and life needs of cancer patients by introducing cancer care navigation. Navigators will help patients coordinate appointments, identify care needs, facilitate communication with clinical staff, streamline referrals, increase patient satisfaction and offer survivorship education. Families are needed to implement and sustain this vital program.

Fundraising Goal: $20 million

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Child Life Endowment
Child Life Specialists comfort, educate and support the healing of children by providing age-appropriate interventions to empower pediatric patients as they cope with the stress and worry that often comes from having medical procedures. The program also includes modern technologies, different learning styles and unique approaches like pet, music and art therapies to determine the best course of action for each individual.

Maternal Mental Health Program
Macy’s Maternal Mental Health Program will provide new moms with direct counseling, support groups, coping skills and other therapies as needed. This program will make an immediate impact by improving health, wellness and functionality for women, their children and their families. A unique care environment with an integrated health care team will focus on treatment of severe depression and anxiety.

Fundraising Goal: $5 million

Fundraising Goal: $1.16 million

13th Annual Mercy Masquerade
Over 700 guests traveled down the yellow brick road in support of Mercy Health Foundation’s 13th Annual Mercy Masquerade, “There’s No Place Like Mercy.”

This year we raised more than $870,000 for charity care programs and services.

Thank you for helping Mercy’s most vulnerable patients mend their hearts, regain courage, and receive granted wishes. We could not have had this success without our event co-chairs, Jackie and Stephen Sanders, MD and Mary and Joe Steeven.

Save the Date
14th Annual Mercy Masquerade
Saturday, March 3, 2018
Union Station

13th Annual Benefit for Mercy Kids
The 2016 Benefit for Mercy Kids golf tournament and dinner auction raised more than $1 million to help our smallest patients.

Funds raised during the dinner helped support the development of a full pediatric MRI suite that increases efficiency, reduces the need for sedation and enhances the experience for kids.

This year we raised more than $1 million to help our smallest patients.

The event was co-chaired by Julie and John Mozeliak, St. Louis Cardinals and Nancy and Greg Stubblefield, Enterprise Holdings. Isaac Bruce and Jackie Joyner-Kersee served as the honorary chairs.

For more information about the event, visit www.mercy.net/benefitformercykids
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Young Friends of Mercy is a group of young professionals passionate about giving back to their community by supporting Mercy Hospital St. Louis and Mercy Health Foundation. All members receive the benefit of social, leadership, networking and volunteer opportunities.

Each year, the executive committee members select a funding initiative directly supported by 100% of funds raised. In fiscal year 2017 Young Friends of Mercy raised $40,950 to support Mercy’s Child Life Program.

Young Friends of Mercy cooking dinner for patients and families

The Child Life Program helps children cope with hospitalizations by planning activities to help normalize the child’s environment, explaining diagnoses, counselling siblings and family members through hard times and doing anything else that makes the visit easier. It’s through play and fun activities that our specialists help the healing process for Mercy’s youngest patients.
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