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Mercy Joplin Community Benefit Report
(Joplin, Carthage, Columbus, KS)

New Mercy Donor Wall Unveiled

On February 9, Mercy Health Foundation Joplin hosted a donor wall unveiling ceremony at Mercy Hospital Joplin in the conference center. The wall, located on the hospital’s second floor, features commemorative plaques and a digital display to recognize donors, and their commitment to continuing Mercy’s mission.

“We’re excited to unveil this new space honoring Mercy Health Foundation donors,” said Christopher Dumm, chair of Mercy Health Foundation Joplin Board of Directors. “Our donors’ generosity and support are vital to carrying out the mission and ministry of Mercy. Through their contributions, Mercy is able to remain on the leading edge of medical technology and provide support to area programs serving those who might not otherwise get the help they need.”

The event began with breakfast followed by three Sisters of Mercy unveiling of the donor wall and a donor blessing.

“Our hope is when we see this wall we realize the great number of individuals, foundations and corporations that stand in support of our cause for healing and helping, giving us confidence to be even bolder in growing the ministry of Mercy,” said Rev. J Friedel, of St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church.

Since the 2011 tornado, Mercy has invested nearly $1 billion in the community to ensure the area’s demands for health care needs are met. Following the disaster, Mercy Health Foundation launched a $15 million capital campaign – dubbed Advancing Care Together – to support the rebuilding efforts.

Charity Care
Includes the actual cost of providing free or discounted care to persons who cannot afford to pay and who are not eligible for public programs. Charity care does not include bad debt.
Benefit:  $7,176,000

Community Outreach Services
Includes activities carried out to improve community health and services that are subsidized because they are needed in the community.
Examples: education, support groups, health screenings, and immunizations.
Benefit:  $45,000

Health Professionals Education and Research
Includes the cost of providing clinical placement for physicians, nurses and other health professionals plus the costs of the nursing anesthesia, EMS and radiology schools.
Benefit:  $466,000

Cash, In-Kind Donations, Workforce Enhancement and Fundraising
Includes cash, in-kind donations, fundraising costs, food & supplies to shelters, use of Mercy rooms and facilities, donated office space and recruitment of health professionals in medically underserved areas.
Benefit:  $426,000

Medicaid Subsidies
Includes the actual unpaid cost of providing care to Medicaid patients and represents the shortfall between cost of care and the payments received by the government.
Benefit:  $-2,444,000