Advancing Care Together
Mercy Hospital Joplin

Your life is our life’s work.
The massive tornado that ripped through the heart of the community in May 2011 destroyed our hospital, leaving a shell of steel beams and empty window frames. Although our building had to be demolished, the storm left our spirit unshaken and stronger than ever.

There was never a question that we would rebuild. Mercy comes from a body of beliefs – firmly rooted in Joplin since 1885 – of who we are and what we stand for:

As the Sisters of Mercy before us, we bring to life the healing ministry of Jesus through our compassionate care and exceptional service.
Building for the future

With the help of our supporters, we will create a new Mercy Hospital Joplin, designed to serve the community with the latest care delivered in the most compassionate way.

When complete in spring of 2015, the hospital will reflect patient-centered thinking in every aspect of its design. The environment will include elements known to accelerate and improve treatment outcomes, while reducing the stress and anxiety of hospital-based treatment for patients and their families.

Among the latest technology will be our sophisticated electronic health record (EHR) system. The EHR will be integrated into each patient’s room, putting vital patient medical information at the fingertips of caregivers, and enabling them to share patient information across Mercy hospitals and physician offices in Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri and Oklahoma.

Above all, our new hospital will be an extension of our commitment to patients and their families.

You shared, we listened

“We want the best access and health services for our children.”

“We need more specialty care services.”

Before the violent tornado made its indelible mark on Joplin, Mercy hosted meetings with residents of Joplin and outlying communities to ask how we could better serve them.

Some common themes emerged: easily accessible, quality children’s care; more specialty care services; and more behavior health and rehabilitation care.

This feedback helped make up our community master plan. In addition to increasing convenience and access to patient care, our new hospital will include many specialized care services.

Mercy’s EHR allowed the medical records of 183 patients at the Joplin hospital to remain intact and immediately available after the tornado.
A children’s hospital within the hospital

There are approximately 201,850 children in the 19-county Joplin region. By 2016, that number is expected to grow by nearly 6 percent. Of that number, approximately 12,100 children will require inpatient services.

2011 data from Thomson Reuters

A family-focused healing environment for kids of all ages, Mercy Hospital Joplin’s pediatric center will provide seamless care to young patients and allow them and their families to receive the best care without leaving Joplin. The new hospital will house an entire floor dedicated to children’s health services.

Children’s Outpatient Center with Children’s Clinics
The outpatient center and clinics will be conveniently located on the same floor and connect to the children’s inpatient units. Other children’s services such as child development and nutrition will be available.

Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU)
Family-centered care drives Mercy’s design plans, serving each pre-term baby at every stage of development. Our new NICU will feature:

- Access to telemedicine to complement hands-on care
- Healing elements proven to promote the long-term health of newborns, such as special lighting and acoustics
- In-room sleeper sofas so parents can stay with baby
- Two oversized rooms to accommodate multiple births
- Twelve private patient/family rooms

A 700-square-foot Ronald McDonald House will be located on the pediatric floor. The “home-away-from-home” will house a family room, bedroom, bath, kitchen and other amenities so families can remain near their sick children.
According to the American Cancer Society, in 2014, there will be an estimated 1,665,540 new cancer cases diagnosed and 585,720 cancer deaths in the United States. Cancer remains the second most common cause of death in the U.S., accounting for nearly 1 of every 4 deaths.

Cancer Facts and Figures 2014.

Mercy’s new cancer center will be a patient-focused healing environment with physician clinics located in proximity to diagnostic and treatment rooms. Patients can choose their own care environment during treatment such as:

- Indoor living rooms
- Private rooms
- Therapy rooms
- Activity spaces
- Outdoor gardens designed to change with the seasons

The cancer center will also house a resource and education room, which will provide interactive multi-media for patient education and physician interaction.
The heart of the hospital, which will provide Level II trauma care, will include:

- General medicine/surgery
- Women’s health services
  - Labor/delivery/recovery/postpartum
  - Clinics
  - Outpatient breast center
- Acute pediatric care
  - Pediatric surgery
  - Neonatal intensive care unit (NICU)
- Oncology center with radiation and medical oncology
- Emergency department
- Inpatient/outpatient surgery
- Inpatient/outpatient catheterization/electrophysiology labs
- Inpatient/outpatient endoscopy
- Inpatient/outpatient imaging
- Inpatient/outpatient nuclear medicine
- Inpatient acute care therapy
- Outpatient non-oncology infusion center

Other amenities
- Conference center
- Chapel
- Café and coffee shop
- Gift shop

More compassionate care
Patient rooms will be private, calming and spacious, allowing room for family and friends. Rooms will feature soothing colors and textures that promote healing. Each room will feature:

- A private bath
- Ambient lighting
- Sleeper sofas
- Desk/work area
- Roomy closets
- Wireless Internet
- Individual temperature controls
- Flat panel TV with media players
Mercy’s new state-of-the-art hospital will be constructed on an approximate 100-acre site located at I-44 and Main Street (roughly 3 miles from our former location). It will offer the finest health care service in the region and include specialty care on its main campus and primary care clinics throughout the community. We recognize the strong need for comprehensive health care in the Joplin region. In fact, Mercy provides these services to more than 19 counties in proximity to Joplin in Missouri, Oklahoma, Kansas and Arkansas. We are committed more than ever to continue to deliver the best care possible to all we touch.

**Designed to endure Mother Nature**

Our new hospital will integrate special design elements to help safeguard it from destructive storms.

- Laminated glass in patient care areas
- Redundant normal utility feeds with multiple back-up generators
- Remotely located central utility plant
- Patient care areas with emergency-powered air conditioning
- Redundant, uninterruptable power and cooling for electrical medical record rooms
Mercy Health Foundation Joplin

Mercy Health Foundation Joplin is a non-profit, 501(c)3 organization. It is dependent on the gifts and support of generous individuals and caring corporations and foundations to help the hospital meet the health care needs of Joplin and its surrounding areas.

When you make a gift to our Advancing Care Together campaign, you join a select group of people who help save lives, heal and care for patients, comfort their families, teach good health, meet new challenges and bring innovative health care to the Joplin community.

All contributions to the Foundation support Mercy and its mission. Every gift, no matter the size, helps Mercy deliver exceptional health care to all, regardless of their ability to pay. Please consider supporting our Advancing Care Together campaign with a gift today.

Your philanthropic support will help Mercy provide the best regional hospital for Joplin and its surrounding communities.

We invite your partnership

Mercy comes from a body of beliefs – firmly rooted in Joplin since 1885 when the Sisters of Mercy traveled to the Midwest to provide education and build a school. They also recognized the need for health care and opened a hospital in 1896.

Nearly 120 years later, that mission continues – bringing enhanced care with the same sense of mission and service. Mercy’s nearly $1 billion commitment includes new, state-of-the-art infrastructure, skilled health care professionals and advanced technologies so patients in Joplin and surrounding communities can receive convenient, continuous, streamlined care in a compassionate manner.

An opportunity for partnership

Philanthropy is as integral to Mercy’s fabric as are our highly skilled health care providers and advanced medical technologies. Mercy Hospital Joplin presents an opportunity for you, too, to make a tremendous difference in our community. We cannot do it alone. When you make a gift to Mercy Hospital Joplin not only will you improve the lives of patients, you’ll improve the lives of their families and friends.

Mercy Health Foundation Joplin seeks to raise $25 million for programs and construction for a new Mercy Hospital. Your philanthropic support will help Mercy bring a new system of health to our community, exceptional care that comprehensively meets the needs of patients and their families.

We invite you to be our partner and support our mission. Your commitment combined with Mercy’s visionary plans will make it possible.

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