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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.

Philanthropy's Commitment

Mercy Health Foundation generates support to extend the Mercy mission deeper into the communities we serve.

Mercy Health Foundation Aurora/Cassville

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Your life is our life's work.

People throughout the Aurora and Cassville areas rely on Mercy for exceptional health care in a faith-based environment. Mercy is dedicated to providing the most advanced medical technologies and health care services available. That dedication and our commitment to provide care to all who need it, regardless of their ability to pay, means Mercy Health Foundation must rally community support to keep your trusted hospital strong. The community's health depends on it.

Mercy Health Foundation 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 help meet the health care needs of local residents - **and all money raised stays in our community.**



Dear Friends of Mercy,

On behalf of Mercy Hospital Aurora, Mercy Hospital Cassville, and physicians and staff, I sincerely thank you for helping us stay at the forefront of medical technology and care. Through your generosity, you help us deliver Mercy's unique brand of compassionate care and exceptional service to all our patients in the region and beyond.

Our communities continue to show their support, and we are especially grateful in 2016 to the Mercy Auxiliary - Aurora, who donated over \$26,000 to enhance virtual care, surgery and obstetrics. Our co-workers support the mission as well, raising \$16,000 in contributions via the Mercy Way program. Aurora and Cassville teams competed to donate the most food in our annual Summer Food Drive, raising nearly 3,000 pounds of donated food for hungry children in our communities and providing free meals through the Come & Dine Program.

The kindness and generosity of our co-workers, volunteers and residents of our local communities is inspiring. The future is bright at our Mercy Hospitals, thanks to you. We are grateful for your continued support. Thank you!



Cody Qualls
Executive Director

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Mercy Health Foundation Aurora/Cassville is grateful for the support of the following individuals, organizations and corporations for their generous gifts of \$100 or more received July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016.

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Mercy Hospital Aurora/Cassville

Source of Gifts

Area	%	Value
Organizations	56%	\$30,381
Individuals	44%	\$23,439
	100%	\$53,820

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Area	%	Value
Area of Greatest Need	51%	\$27,449
Capital	49%	\$26,371
	100%	\$53,820

Tech Upgrades Benefit Patients

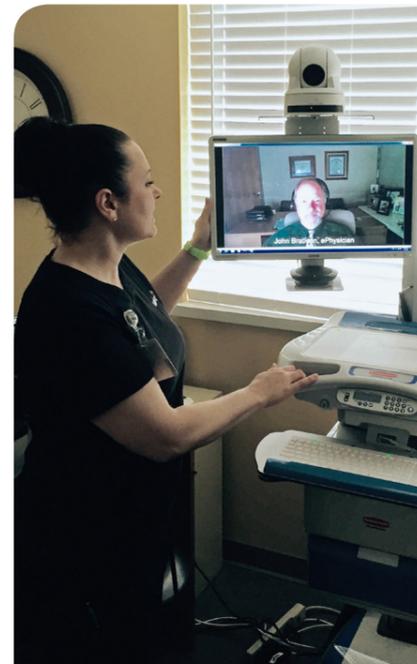
Patients of all ages are seeing the benefits of technology upgrades at Mercy Hospital Aurora, and it's all thanks to volunteers. A donation of \$26,200 by the Mercy Auxiliary - Aurora has boosted three key projects at the hospital.

"From our tiniest patients to those who are undergoing surgery, our auxiliaries have made a major impact yet again," said Doug Stroemel, Mercy Hospital Aurora administrator. "They've worked year-round to raise funds to help update our equipment, and we couldn't be more grateful."

Mercy Virtual

A majority of the funds were earmarked for Mercy Sleep Center - Aurora to enhance sleep lab patients' experience - virtually. About \$12,000 of the donation paid for a new Rubbermaid video cart that allows Mercy sleep technicians to

sync patients with Dr. John Brabson, a board-certified sleep medicine specialist.



Mercy Auxiliary - Aurora donated \$26,200 to improve patient care through virtual care at the sleep center, and state-of-the-art anesthesia and jaundice monitors

"This is a huge enhancement of what we already offer," said Curt Kester, manager of Mercy Sleep Center - Aurora, located at 500 Porter Avenue. "Time is valuable and it allows the patient to come in, connect with the doctor, have a visual teleconference for 15 minutes, and they are out the door getting on with their lives."

The upgrade brings a clearer, one-on-one video interaction with Dr. Brabson to discuss issues like sleep apnea and Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD). He's able to see more patients in real time.

"Patients have really been impressed," said sleep lab technician Christi Burchett. "They're so happy they don't have to travel several miles away to talk with a specialist. It's a great service to Aurora and our surrounding communities."

Anesthesia Monitors

An additional \$9,000 of the auxiliary donation was earmarked for two new BIS™ brain monitors. The equipment helps certified registered nurse anesthetists (CRNAs) determine and administer the precise amount of anesthesia a patient needs during a major surgery.

"These were much-needed upgrades," said Ashley Wallace, surgery manager at Mercy Hospital Aurora. "We're now providing the most current and up-to-date care for our patients - and that means surgeries are even safer."

The monitors replace other equipment that was becoming outdated.

"They're also wonderful tools to help CRNA students learn about the effects of the medications they're giving patients and how it impacts sedation in the operating room," Wallace said.

Jaundice Meter

A new jaundice meter, purchased for \$5,000, will ensure babies born at Mercy Hospital Aurora are healthier, through a painless testing technique. The new device is also expected to save the baby's parents time and money.



The new jaundice meter, purchased through a donation by the Mercy Auxiliary - Aurora, helps prevent potentially serious complications for newborns.

"Before, if we were testing a baby with jaundice, we'd have to stick him or her with a needle more than once," said Natalie Hill, manager of obstetrics at Mercy Hospital Aurora. "Instead, this new device can prevent that. It's placed on the baby's skin and uses light to detect bilirubin (BR) levels."

BR is a yellow substance that's made when the body breaks down old red blood cells. A healthy baby will remove BR naturally, but a buildup in the liver will cause a baby to be discolored and indicate a more serious illness, requiring additional testing.

"We screen all newborns before they go home, to see if they might need further blood sampling," said Dr. Bradford Garner. "This new jaundice meter is very accurate and helps us prevent some potentially serious complications early in life."

If parents are asked to return to the hospital for regular BR level checks, "The device will also speed up their visits considerably," Hill said. "It's a win-win for babies and their parents."

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