CELEBRATE MERCY DAY NEXT WEEK!

Honor the legacy of The Venerable Mother Catherine McAuley, foundress of the Sisters of Mercy, by celebrating Mercy Day next week. Mercy Day commemorates the Feast of our Lady of Mercy, when the first residents came to live at House of Mercy in Dublin, Ireland, in 1827. Opened by Catherine McAuley, House of Mercy provided religious, educational and social services for women and children in need. Mother Catherine and the Religious Sisters of Mercy touched the world. We are empowered to continue her work – through compassionate service to those in need. May our eyes and hearts be open to make every day Mercy Day.

Because Mercy Day falls on a Saturday, the celebration has been extended with activities throughout the week. See the schedule below for more information about special events surrounding our Mercy Day celebration.

Bishop Pates to celebrate Mass and Blessing of the Hands

Mercy is honored to have the Most Reverend Richard Pates join us as we honor the Mission and legacy of the Sisters of Mercy the week of Sept. 18-24. Bishop Pates will celebrate Mass on Thursday, Sept. 22, at 11:30 a.m., in Our Lady of Mercy Chapel at Mercy central campus. The Mercy Choir will add their voices to the liturgy. Father Anthony will offer thanksgiving at a Mass at Mercy West Lakes, also at 11:30 a.m. that day.

Blessing of the Hands offered

A Blessing of the Hands will be offered for all Mercy staff and physicians following the 11:30 a.m. Mass on Sept. 22, at both Mercy central campus and Mercy West Lakes.

Blessing of the Hands for all physicians and staff will also be offered at the following times and locations:

Mercy West Lakes – Thursday, Sept. 22, Our Lady of Mercy Chapel
7 a.m., noon and 3 p.m.

Mercy central campus – Friday, Sept. 23, Our Lady of Mercy Chapel
7 a.m., noon and 3 p.m.

Join us in celebration with Mercy Day meals!

All Mercy staff are invited to enjoy a meal provided by Mercy in celebration of Mercy Day. Please see the times and locations below. Please see “Mercy News Briefs” for more detailed information.

CENTRAL CAMPUS
Friday, Sept. 23
East Tower Auditorium
1-3 a.m.; 10:45 a.m.-1:30 p.m.;
and 5-8 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 24, East Tower Vending Area
5-8 p.m.

MERCY WEST LAKES
Friday, Sept. 23
Atrium
4-5 a.m.; 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.;
and 4:30-5:30 p.m.

MERCY NORTH
Wednesday, Sept. 21,
Conference Room
11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

MERCY WEST
Friday, Sept. 23
Main Level
11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
MEET THE MERCY STAFF ADVISORY COUNCIL

As you’ve read in “Mercy News” and heard in daily huddles, the Staff Advisory Council is committed to being an encouraging and positive advocate for everyone in the Mercy Family. Do you have a challenge in your department? If so, Mercy Staff Advisory Council is here to help! Please share your feedback with the council! Email us at StaffAdvisoryCouncil@mercydesmoines.org. All correspondence is kept confidential and names are not shared.

WHAT’S UP?

Mercy Family Fun Fest coming Oct. 15!

Mercy would like to show appreciation to the Mercy Family and all the great work we do every day with a day of celebration for colleagues and families.

The Mercy Family Fun Fest will take place on Saturday, Oct. 15, from 11 a.m.-3 p.m., at Principal Park in downtown Des Moines. This free day of fun is open to all Mercy staff, volunteers and their family members. There will be entertainment for all ages – festive food, games, inflatables, a Bubble Ball tournament, a 32-foot TV to keep tabs on the days’ football games and much more!

A shuttle will be available beginning at 10:45 a.m. from the Mercy central campus West Entrance to and from Principal Park, as parking will be very limited at Principal Park. The last shuttle will leave Principal Park at 3:15 p.m. The shuttle will pick up from the West Entrance at Mercy central campus approximately every 30 minutes.

Be sure to RSVP with your department director before Sept. 30!

FOR MERCY FOUNDATION, EVERY GIFT MATTERS!

Each year, Mercy Foundation hosts an annual campaign to raise funds to help the organization purchase equipment and support program needs throughout the enterprise. Last year’s campaign raised $1,119,181.53 for Mercy Medical Center, United Way and Variety, all through staff and community members who showed their support by giving to the campaign! Gifts last year helped fund new beds for Hospice, tablets for ventilator patients on the Neuro-Trauma unit, a blanket warmer for Maternity, Triage & Treatment and much more.

Dr. Michael Fraizer, Iowa Heart, and Dawn Schwartz, unit nursing director of Variety Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, are providing leadership as co-chairs for this year’s campaign. Packets will be delivered starting Monday, Sept. 26. Be sure to check out your packet for the many ways to give, exciting incentives and how you can be eligible to win prizes! On behalf of Mercy and our campaign co-chairs, we thank you for your past support and ask that you join us in giving a gift – big or small – to reach our 40 percent participation level this year.

YOUR GIFT – BIG OR SMALL – HELPS PROVIDE IMPORTANT CARE AND SERVICES FOR OUR PATIENTS AND FAMILIES. THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION!