“SPIRIT OF MERCY”
CAMPAIGN BEGINS SOON!

Mercy Foundation will kick off its annual “Spirit of Mercy” campaign on Monday, Oct. 2, to raise funds to ensure high quality care remains available for all served by Mercy Medical Center.

Using the theme “Did You Know?” to illustrate how vital donor funding is to Mercy’s various services, campaign co-chairs Kathy Goetz, vice president and administrator, Mercy Medical Center – West Lakes and interin chief nursing officer, and Charles Keller, M.D., Physician Leader, Primary Care & Urgent Care, have set a goal for this year to raise $860,000, with 40 percent employee participation.

All Mercy colleagues will receive an email on Oct. 2, outlining how to contribute to the campaign using the new, secure online giving platform. Colleagues will have the option of designating a financial gift to a single fund or multiple funds – more than 200 options – all of which benefit Mercy’s Mission.

CATHERINE MCAULEY GIVING CIRCLE

Starting at just $5 per week, or $10 per pay period, you can enrich Mercy’s deep heritage of emphasizing human dignity as we create a healthier community by becoming part of the Catherine McAuley Giving Circle. By joining, you can earn great benefits, including a Mercy-branded water bottle, Yeti tumbler, free Starbucks drinks and more. Visit foundation.mercydesmoines.org for additional details.

PLEDGE TO WIN!

Pledge by Friday, Oct. 27, and be entered to win great prizes, including an Apple Watch, an iPad Pro, a Yeti cooler, gift cards and more!

DID YOU KNOW?

Last year, 2,100 employees participated in the Spirit of Mercy campaign.

Last year, the House of Mercy (which is supported by the Spirit of Mercy campaign) served more than 350 women and children in its residential program, more than 1,000 patients in the outpatient substance abuse program and more than 600 people in the outpatient mental health programs.

MERCY CHILDREN’S HOSPITAL & CLINICS RECEIVE HEALTHSTREAM® AWARD

In August, Mercy Children’s Hospital & Clinics’ inpatient pediatric unit was honored by Healthstream® with an Excellence through Insight® Award for Overall Patient Experience. Mercy was recognized as a hospital at the top of its class for patient experience based on patient survey scores. Pictured with the award are some of the staff members from the Pediatric and Pediatric Intensive Care Units.
**MERCY PRESENTS ANNUAL MARCH OF DIMES SIGNATURE CHEFS’ AUCTION**

The Des Moines Signature Chefs’ Auction helps raise funds that support ongoing research to help pregnant women and newborn babies. This year’s event will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 4, starting at 6 p.m., at the Iowa Events Center Grand Ballroom. Mercy is proud to support the mission of the Des Moines chapter of the March of Dimes and once again serve as the presenting sponsor. Mercy’s Food and Nutrition chefs and staff will be among the chefs featured during the event. The Signature Chefs Auction includes a live and big board auction with proceeds supporting the March of Dimes mission to improve the health of all babies.

In an average week in Iowa, 86 babies are born prematurely. Some of these babies will spend their first few days and even months in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU), others will deal with lifelong health issues – including mental retardation, blindness, and cerebral palsy; other babies will not survive. With the help of our community, the March of Dimes is able to fund life-saving research, community services, education and advocacy initiatives that can help give all babies a healthy start.

**CELEBRATE NATIONAL REHAB WEEK!**

Colleagues at Mercy will celebrate National Rehab Week Sept. 18-22 to honor the doctors, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, nurses, therapists, care coordinators and support staff who play a vital role in helping patients recover from a wide variety of injuries and illnesses.

Mercy is proud to offer both inpatient and outpatient rehabilitation services to meet the specific needs of every patient. During FY17, more than 28,000 patients were treated at the central campus and West Lakes inpatient facilities. In addition, the 14-bed Mercy Center for Rehabilitative Medicine, which is accredited by the Joint Commission on the Accreditation for Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF), cared for 274 patients. Outpatient facilities, including Mercy Riverside Rehab and the Mercy Clinics Physical Therapy locations, also kept busy in FY17, providing treatment to more than 60,000 patients.

During National Rehab Week, please take a moment to recognize your colleagues for their work to help our patients get back to living their lives.

**OPEN HOUSE FOR NEW NORWALK CLINIC**

On Thursday, Oct. 5, physicians and staff of Mercy Clinics Family Medicine and Pediatrics in Norwalk will host a public open house to welcome community members to the new facility. The open house will take place from 4-6 p.m., with members of the Norwalk Chamber of Commerce performing a ceremonial ribbon cutting at 5 p.m. The new clinic is located at 9421 MarketPlace Dr. in Norwalk. Everyone is welcome to attend!

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