

Giving News

October/November 2008

Friends for Life Celebrated

Harold and Sally Eichstadt, long-time friends of Mercy Medical Center and Mercy Health Foundation, were the guests of honor at the 2008 Friends for Life annual donor appreciation event held September 30 at the Oshkosh Country Club. Harold and Sally made their first gift to Mercy Medical Center in 1965 and have since helped fund the new hospital, enhance the Michael D. Wachtel Cancer Center, the Living Healthy Community Clinic for the uninsured and, through a new endowment fund, helped cover some of the charity care need at Mercy through the Foundation. They recently completed plans, with the support of their two sons, to provide a significant gift to Mercy through their estate plan. Vicki Schorse, Executive Director of the Foundation, said of the Eichstadt's, "They are humble people who 'walk the talk' of Christian kindness. Both feel they have been blessed in many ways during their lifetimes and want to share what has been given to them with the Oshkosh community where they have lived since 1944."

Friends for Life is also the occasion for presentation of annual Health Care Hero awards to individuals, families, businesses, and organizations who have made a gift of \$10,000 or more to Mercy Health Foundation during the previous year.

The 2008 honorees are:

Sherwood Lorenz Estate
Cadbury Schweppes Bottling Group Inc.
Harold and Sally Eichstadt
Dr. Richard and Marsha Hughes
David and Sue Leach
Mercy Medical Center Auxiliary
Nercon Engineering & Mfg.
Dorothy L. Propp Estate
Herman Schultz
Dr. Eric Wilson
Dr. E.J. and Donna Zmolek



Harold and Sally Eichstadt

Direction of sponsored gifts to the Foundation has also become a tradition at Friends for Life events. This year's sponsors were Associated Bank and usBank. Through a random drawing, two Friends for Life guests were selected to direct the gifts to a specific area of health care supported by Mercy Health Foundation. Lisa Drees won the opportunity to direct the Associated Bank gift, and she chose the Phyllis Leach Breast Center as the recipient. Sue Werblow was selected to direct the usBank gift and requested that it be allocated to the new Marsha and Dick Hughes Endowment for Uninsured Health Care.

*To laugh a bit
and joke a bit
And grasp a
friendly hand;
To love a bit
and scold a bit
And know
they'll understand;
To tell one's secrets,
hopes and fears
And share a
friendly smile;
To have a friend
and be a friend
Is what makes
life worthwhile.
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Employees Set the Pace Through Give One!

Giving to Mercy Health Foundation through the 2008 employee Give One! Campaign increased by 45 percent over 2007 to \$89,692.65. A new record! The number of mission champions, employees who pledged one hour's pay per pay period, increased over 49 percent. The total for the entire campaign, which also included appeals for the St. Elizabeth Hospital Community Foundation, Oshkosh Area United Way, and United Way Fox Cities, was \$267,950.59—another record!

Mercy Health Foundation is very grateful for the great effort of staff members who worked on this year's Give One! Campaign and to all of the employees whose generosity supports health programming and projects that benefit Oshkosh area communities.

Fiscal Year Ends

Donor support made it possible for Mercy Health Foundation to exceed its 2008 fundraising goal of \$593,504 by September 30, the end of the fiscal year. These gifts fund important community health programs for the Oshkosh area including the Living Healthy Community Clinic for the uninsured, the Parent Connection Program, and the Tri County Community Dental Clinic as well as in-house projects such as Passport 55, the Fitness for the Physically Challenged Program, and sleepsacks for newborns in Mercy's BirthPlace.

Fundraising continues; however, for the new digital mammography equipment in the Phyllis Leach Breast Center. Donors have contributed approximately half of the \$442,420 cost of this project so far.

Mercy Health Foundation will continue its commitments to community health and address new commitments in 2009 for enhancements to heart and vascular care, cancer cure and care, and imaging excellence.

New Endowment Assists Uninsured

Marsha and Dr. Dick Hughes have a passion for health care. They also have a strong interest in seeing that everyone receives the health care they need, regardless of their ability to pay. Marsha, current chairperson of the Mercy Health Foundation board, is a retired nurse practitioner who has served on several national boards, lectured throughout the U.S., and authored many published articles. She started the Mercy hospice program and finished her career with Agnesian Hospice in Fond du Lac, part of a team that established a hospice house in that community. Dick is a retired Mercy and Aurora primary care physician who continues his service to the community by volunteering at the Living Healthy Community Clinic and St. Francis Clinic.

The couple recently took their philanthropy and commitment to the community to a new level with the creation of the **Marsha and Dick Hughes Endowment for Uninsured Health Care**--Mercy Health Foundation's newest endowed fund. This gift will grow in the coming years, continually reinvesting in the health of low income area residents who seek care at Mercy and/or in the Oshkosh community through programs like the Living Healthy Community Clinic. Through their endowment, the Hughes will be able to assist those in need today and a long into the future.

Tribute Gifts August/September 2008

In Honor of:

*Alfred Blackman
Lacey Braun
Bill Calhoun
Ruth Doshier
Julie Furman
Faith Krautkramer
Gloria Melhorn
Zachary and Jacob
Muscavitch
Brenda Schaffer
Arnelda Sheldon
Dan Sickel
Eugene and Carol Smith
Susie Sosinske
Debbie Vincent
Rebecca Waldecker*

In Memory of:

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Orville and Bessie Dethlef
Jesse Diener
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Tammy Henrich
Ryan Hirte
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