

2020

Annual Report

Thank you for supporting our frontline caregivers.

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Mercy Health Foundation
Ascension Mercy Hospital



Message from our director

It goes without saying that 2020 was a year filled with many challenges. In the blink of the eye, our lives changed drastically. As a community, state and country, we quickly learned that life, as we knew it, was leading us down a path filled with many unknowns.



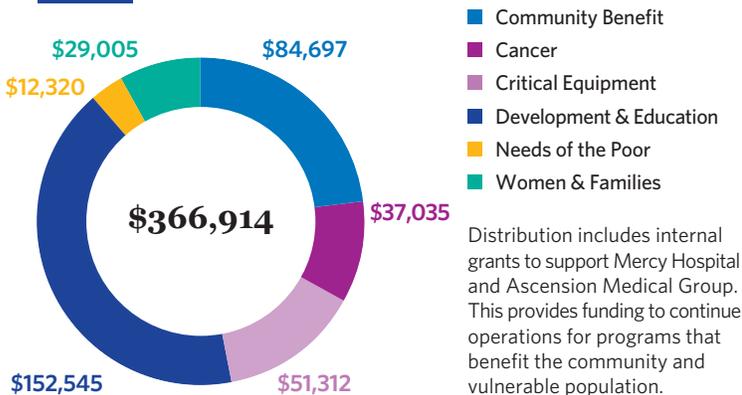
Despite the unknown throughout this past year, Ascension Mercy Hospital and Mercy Health Foundation have been surrounded by wonderful acts of goodness. Individuals and organizations who simply wanted to “do good.” We’re extremely grateful for your incredible generosity – our friends, donors and champions. You are the reason behind the stories our patients and their families have shared about the quality and compassionate care our team consistently provides, and the impact it has made in their lives. Thank you for choosing to “do good.”

As we reflect on the past year, we want to share some of those stories with you. The support from our community has touched the lives of countless patients and family members. To every donor who invested in our mission, we extend heartfelt gratitude and pledge to continue earning your support. Thank you for your continued support of Mercy Health Foundation.

Liz Rice Janzen

LIZ RICE JANZEN

Grant distribution



Community benefit partnerships

As a non-profit health system, Ascension Wisconsin is committed to improving the health of residents in our communities. Ascension is proud to collaborate with organizations that are committed to making a difference. We believe that partnering with mission-driven organizations positively impacts change. To this end, we offer community benefit opportunities, which extend financial support to non-profit, community-based organizations that provide services and programs for vulnerable and underserved populations that align with our current Community Health Needs Assessment.

In collaboration with Ascension Community Health, Mercy Health Foundation and St. Elizabeth Hospital Foundation, we partnered with local organizations to improve our communities in Winnebago, Outagamie and Calumet Counties. In Fiscal Year 2020, we invested \$237,550 back into our local communities supporting programs in the areas of healthy living, mental & behavioral health, domestic violence prevention and diversity & inclusion.

A program specific to the Oshkosh area is RISE UP. Catalpa Health provides therapy services as part of the RISE UP program directly in the schools. Programs and services are designed to create a culture of mental wellness led through the Oshkosh Area School District. The focus is on education, engagement and awareness that break down barriers and stigma associated with mental health issues. Students and families are encouraged to participate in preventive screenings, and proactively seek out information and services.

Even with the challenges of not being able to provide in-person services due to COVID and school closures, we saw progress in program goals.

- The average number of disciplinary actions for students after 3 months in treatment decreased by 55%.
- The number of missed school days decreased by 49% for students after 3 months of treatment.



Financials (as of June 30, 2020)

Assets

Current Assets:	\$684,833
Outstanding Pledges:	\$35,821
Investments:	\$11,494,435

Total Assets: \$12,215,089

Liabilities and Fund Balance

Total Current Liabilities:	\$43,864
Total Fund Balance:	\$12,171,225
Unrestricted:	\$1,987,425
Temporarily Restricted:	\$6,006,383
Permanently Restricted:	\$4,177,417

Total Liabilities & Fund Balance: \$12,215,089

Challenges build character

"I am blessed to be working in healthcare. When I think about the challenges we faced together last year and how we got through them, it was a character building experience for which I am thankful." This is how Colleen Loper describes her work on the COVID unit at Ascension Mercy Hospital over the past year.

Colleen is a float nurse with Mercy Hospital who primarily worked with COVID patients in 2020. While providing this care could be physically and emotionally exhausting, she adds that being able to help with patients' recovery is so rewarding and heartwarming. She describes the respiratory team as amazing and the teamwork within her department as incredible. They worked together consistently to review process improvements to help procedures be as smooth and efficient as possible, while providing the best care for the patient.

Colleen also enjoyed having conversations and getting to know her patients. Putting on the personal protective equipment was an adjustment, but patient safety and quality care is always the focus.

A Rewarding Experience

One patient that Colleen specifically remembers is a gentleman who was on the unit for about a month. She cared for him through the duration of his stay—when he was admitted and placed on a ventilator but also after he was off the ventilator and started his rehab. She was able to join in the celebration when he was discharged and they all cheered. "It was a great day and such a rewarding experience," Colleen said.

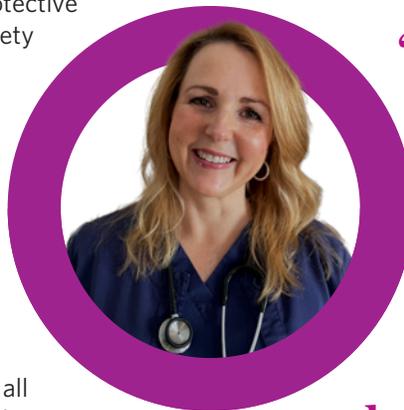
"You never know what your day will bring, and it is important not to take our days for granted or what it will hold. I had patients who were young and healthy, not understanding how they could be sick, so it was about educating patients as well. I now realize the power of leaning on coworkers and having them lean on me. It really helped us get through trying times."

The team worked together coordinating communication with patients' families, navigating the visitor restrictions and limitations. Tablets donated from the Foundation were a great resource. They were used on a daily basis for many patients to communicate with their families.

The Community Gives Back

The Foundation has provided staff with a Zen Room, a respite room to relax and recharge, complete with a massage chair. Colleen says, "It is the best thing ever! After a shift, I have a chance to use it. The staff loves it." Colleen is also grateful to the Mercy Health Foundation team for helping coordinate all the in-kind donations from our community.

"When items are donated, like gift bags from 4imprint, it really lifts the staff's spirits. When a meal is donated, it is huge. There are days when you only have a few minutes to grab food, so all the generous food donations make a big difference and save us time. Some families have donated individually wrapped snacks. We are always amazed they want to give us something when it is their loved one who is ill. It is so touching to see how people give back and support us. Thank you."



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Top 10 gratitude reflections 2020

1. \$14,332 was provided for our associates at Ascension Mercy, St. Elizabeth and Calumet Hospitals to assist with groceries, utilities, mortgage or rent payments.
2. Over 3,800 meals or individually wrapped treats were donated for our frontline caregivers from members and businesses in our community and delivered by Foundation staff.
3. The Cardiac Rehabilitation Center at Ascension Mercy Hospital was completed in June of 2020 with a renovated workout area and new equipment because of our generous donors supporting the Staying Alive campaign.
4. Oasis, A Hair Studio located at Mercy Hospital celebrated its one year anniversary. The hair studio serves individuals with hair loss as the result of cancer treatment or other medical reasons.
5. Donor gifts allowed us to purchase two new halo bassinets for our Women & Families Unit at Mercy Hospital to promote safe sleep for our babies.
6. The Foundation allocated \$25,000 to support associate self care needs during the pandemic.
7. The Foundation granted more than \$288,000 in Fiscal Year 2020 to support the mission-based programs and services at Mercy Hospital and AMG Clinics in the Oshkosh area with 16 internal grants.
8. We provided more than \$3,000,000 in charity care to families in our community at Ascension Mercy Hospital in Fiscal Year 2020.
9. Ascension associates at Mercy Hospital and AMG Clinics donated more than \$30,000 as part of the annual associate giving campaign.
10. We received a challenge grant of \$38,000 to replace the infusion chairs at the Michael D. Wachtel Cancer Center. Donors met this challenge, allowing for the purchase of chairs to enhance comfort for cancer patients.

A special thank you to our donors for supporting Mercy Health Foundation with in-kind donations, financial support of our associates or food donations. Your kindness has lifted the spirits of many who benefit from your generosity.

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Mission statement

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