



50  
YEARS

Looking Back  
Looking Forward

**Our commitment to caring for  
you and your community.**



**Mercy Health Foundation**  
Ascension Mercy Hospital

**2021 Annual Report**



## Message from your Foundation's Chief Philanthropy Officer

Mercy Health Foundation has a long history and commitment to caring for you and our community. The Foundation's distinguished record of funding projects and supporting the mission of Ascension Mercy Hospital makes a difference every day.

This year, the Mercy Health Foundation is celebrating an important milestone - our 50th anniversary! Since 1971, the Foundation has served as the philanthropic arm of Ascension Mercy Hospital and our Ascension Medical Group clinics in Oshkosh.

Thanks to our donors and community for your support. Together, we have been able to enhance the quality of the health system services and programs and directly support exceptional, personalized healthcare right here in our community.

*Chad Heshner*

## Funding life-saving training simulators

With the purchase of a high fidelity family of mannequins to improve clinical practice within Ascension Mercy Hospital, these simulators will be utilized for interdisciplinary teams to provide enhanced educational opportunities in a safe and hands-on setting.

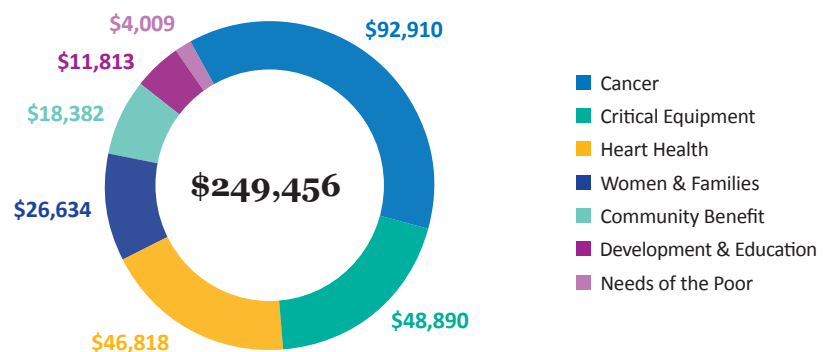
Angela Gauger, Ascension Mercy Hospital Educator for Clinical Professional Development (CPD), said, "Since we have started using our simulator mannequins, we are able to provide a very realistic simulation experience and an improved debriefing. We are now able to teach hands-on skills including obtaining a manual blood pressure, managing NG tubes and chest tubes, and indwelling Foley catheters as well as performing catheter care.



Our participants have found it easier to simulate the care of a patient as well. We couldn't be more pleased with this resource. Our future plans include using our simulator mannequins for mock code/drill scenarios and the theater-less functionality will allow us to move through the hospital with one simulation, for example, from the ED to the inpatient unit."

Mercy Health Foundation was able to approve an internal grant request of \$150,000 to help the hospital purchase the mannequins because of your contributions and donor endowment funds.

## Grant distribution



*Distribution includes internal grants to support Ascension Mercy Hospital and Ascension Medical Group. This provides funding to continue operations for programs that benefit the community and vulnerable population.*

## Paving the way to success

Everybody's path to success looks unique, and Mercy Health Foundation aids in paving the way for adults with special needs through Project SEARCH.

Project SEARCH is a school-to-work program that takes place entirely at the workplace. Ascension Mercy Hospital and Franciscan Courts (the retirement home for the Sisters of the Sorrowful Mother) are the work sites for Project SEARCH in Oshkosh. The focus of Project SEARCH is helping youth with disabilities make successful transitions from school to adult work life. Ascension Mercy Hospital and Franciscan Courts partner with the Oshkosh Area School District, Goodwill Industries, the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation and other agency support services for the benefit of the interns.

While completing their year of training in the program, interns learn a variety of job skills in various hospital departments, including the Birthplace, Environmental Services (EVS) and patient care units. At Franciscan Courts, they assist in the areas of nursing, environmental services, dietary and maintenance.

Sarah LaMarche, supervisor for Inpatient Rehab at Mercy, has been an active mentor for our Project SEARCH program for the past 6 years. Sarah says, "Our intern, Ellie, has definitely been a great help and integrated quickly as part of our team. She saves us so much time and brings joy to our department."

Owen is one of 6 interns that has participated in Project SEARCH and has been hired on as Ascension

associates. "I love my job with Project SEARCH," said Owen "I get to interact with new people everyday, and the program has taught me how to slow down and focus on my job."

Project SEARCH helps interns in their professional development and provides patients and providers with added comfort, assistance and ease of mind. At Ascension Mercy Hospital, interns stock an average of 125 warm blankets for patients every week, transport medications to patients in cancer treatment between 6 to 7 times a day and clean bathrooms an average of 25 times a week.

From helping with patient care to completing office tasks and special projects, interns with Project SEARCH make a difference every day. Mercy Health Foundation supports Project SEARCH with funding for special events, staff development, equipment and other activities. Interns have also worked with the Foundation team in the past to help with office tasks and special projects.

The program is a great community effort that helps pave the way to success for our young adults.

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OWEN, Intern



## Financials (as of June 30, 2021)

### Assets

Current Assets:	\$512,994
Outstanding Pledges:	\$4,275
Restricted Assets:	\$11,941,805
Investments:	\$2,423,400
Long Term Assets:	\$7,001

**Total Assets: \$14,889,475**

### Liabilities and Fund Balance

Total Current Liabilities:	\$230,642
Total Fund Balance:	\$14,658,833
Net Assets Unrestricted:	\$2,705,752
Net Assets Restricted:	\$11,953,081

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## Top 5 gratitude reflections 2021

Because of donors like you, Mercy Health Foundation was able to invest \$622,282\* in fiscal year 2021 to directly support the mission of Ascension Mercy Hospital, Ascension Medical Group Clinics and your community.

1. A 3D Mammography machine was added in Ascension Mercy Hospital Breast Center. Technologists are able to provide uninterrupted breast cancer screenings with greater patient comfort. These high quality images and the improved technologies continue to help diagnose cancers earlier.
2. Four new recliners in the Birthplace at Ascension Mercy Hospital provide extra comfort and convenience for new parents!
3. LiteGait, a new addition to the Rehabilitation Department, improves the rehab process and provides postural control and weight-bearing assistance for fall-free therapeutic activities.
4. New wall mural for parents to pose with their new little one in the Birthplace. "Thanks to the Foundation and its donors, we now have an opportunity to take pictures of families as they are discharged which provides a wonderful keepsake!"  
- Jen Seering, Manager for Women and Families.
5. Our virtual annual event "House Call," along with donor's generosity, helped raise over \$42,000. This allowed the Foundation to purchase a new Panda Warmer for Ascension Mercy Hospital's Birth Place.



*\*This amount includes donations, donor advised funds, investments and our community benefit.*

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*New 3D Mammography machine in  
Ascension Mercy Hospital Breast Center*

## Mission statement

Mercy Health Foundation is the philanthropic arm of Ascension Mercy Hospital and Ascension Medical Group clinics in Oshkosh. Our mission is to live out the healing ministry of Christ with a special emphasis on those in need. By generating, stewarding and distributing funds, we enhance the quality of the health system services, programs and other community health initiatives.

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