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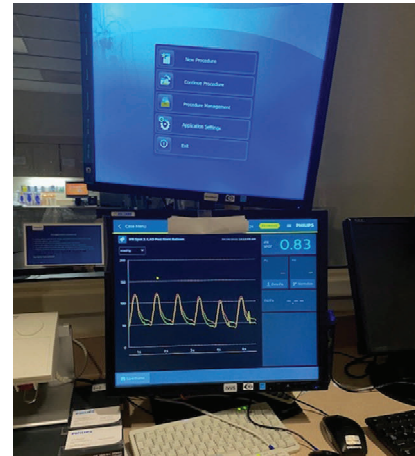
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Advancing Cardiac Care

Last year, Mercy Health Foundation had an anonymous donor who pledged \$250,000 to the Staying Alive Cardiovascular Campaign, inviting others in the community to make a gift to the campaign.

While a significant focus of the campaign was renovating the cardiac rehabilitation facility at Ascension Mercy Hospital, the campaign also supported equipment upgrades to nuclear medicine. These upgrades to nuclear medicine included the purchase of the Volcano CORE Precision Guided Therapy System and a thyroid uptake, scan and well counter.

The Volcano provides the cardiologists and interventional radiologists the ability to look “down” a vessel during the cardiac catheterization procedure. It also assists with the determination of the obstruction, determining the proper stent sizing, proper deployment of the stent and documentation of the need to intervene.



The thyroid uptake machine has multiple functions, along with being used in the treatment of thyroid cancer.

“This very important machine helped identify two patients in the last two weeks before they potentially became critically ill,” says Mark Meyer, Certified Nuclear Medicine Technologist at Ascension Mercy.

You still have the opportunity to support cardiovascular care at Mercy Hospital, knowing that your donation to Mercy’s cardiac care program will help to make the best care available for yourself, your family and your neighbors right here in Oshkosh.

Staying Alive
Cardiovascular Campaign

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Message from Foundation Director



Liz Rice Janzen, Director
Mercy Health Foundation

It was last March when the foundation team “moved” our offices to our homes. We have become accustomed to using Google Meet, being reminded by others that we’re still on mute and laugh over the antics of spouses or children who suddenly find themselves on camera. Our cell phones have become our office phones and I’ve reminded myself more than once to say who I am when answering the phone to avoid the drawn out ‘yes’ as I ask if this is Jane or whomever. Throughout this past year, I have continued to be overwhelmed with the generosity of our community.

More than 40,000 of the 100,000 plus COVID vaccines provided by Ascension COVID clinics have occurred here in the Fox Valley. This couldn’t have happened without so many Mercy associates who were determined to get as many “shots in the arm” as possible. I’ve had the opportunity to help at several clinics. It’s an

atmosphere filled with hope and joy. Each one brings us closer to being able to spend time with loved ones and friends, which all of us have sorely missed this past year.

I wanted to take this opportunity to share with you some of the changes which have taken place over the past few months on the operations side of the Foundation. Nikki Knight recently joined the team as our Foundation Coordinator. Julie Miskoviak and Heather Zoromski, both of whom have been with the foundation for over three years, have taken on new responsibilities. Julie’s focus will be on marketing, events and publications. Heather will work closely with donors to increase engagement. Both did an exceptional job in their previous roles and are looking forward to connecting with our donors in the future.

I invite all of you to join us May 13th for **HouseCall - A Virtual Celebration of Community, Healthcare and New Beginnings**, our version of the time-honored tradition of taking wellness to people where they are at - either at home or work.

As always, please reach out to me with any questions at (920) 410-8301 or elizabeth.janzen@ascension.org. Stay safe and healthy.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Liz".



Meet Sawyer—Mercy’s New Therapy Dog

Sawyer, a 3-year-old Bearded Collie, is an Animal Assisted Therapy Dog at Ascension Mercy Hospital. He was originally trained through Journey Together Service Dogs (JTSD), an organization for which Catherine Principe, Rehabilitation Psychologist at Ascension Mercy Hospital volunteers.

Sawyer is trained to assist individuals with PTSD or other mental health impairments. He assists by "poking" (touching his nose to the patient) when they begin to experience high anxiety or flashbacks of their initial injury, and leans on patients' laps or legs which reduces symptoms. In the future, Sawyer will work with patients participating in the Fitness for the Physically Challenged program at Mercy.

"In his first week, Sawyer snuggled up to and leaned on several patients during their sessions with Catherine -- notably, those who were feeling very stressed or anxious -- and Catherine said she noticed some of them opening up further during their sessions, which was a huge change and milestone for those patients," said Jenna Lemberger, Manager of Rehabilitation Services at Ascension Mercy. Welcome Sawyer!

Introducing Michael Bergmann—Fox Valley Hospital President



We are pleased to announce Michael Bergmann has joined Ascension Wisconsin as Fox Valley Hospital President overseeing Ascension NE Wisconsin which includes Ascension St. Elizabeth Hospital, Ascension Mercy Hospital and Ascension Calumet Hospital.

Jenny Derks will remain the Vice President of Operations at Ascension Calumet Hospital and Mercy Hospital, reporting to Michael.

Mike and his wife, Kris, have four children and are delighted to call the Fox Valley home.

"I have a deep appreciation for the important role that our donors play in supporting our Ascension Northeast Wisconsin hospitals and programs. With their donations, we are able to truly fulfill our mission of providing care in the communities we serve, especially to those who are the most vulnerable and in need. Thank you for believing and investing in our mission."

Your Foundation Team

We are pleased to share with you our Mercy Health Foundation team moving forward. We are happy to assist donors and connect your support with our healthcare mission-based programs and services.



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**A virtual celebration of community,
healthcare and new beginnings**



Raising funds to support new
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Virtual Event • 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

\$50 per person

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Coming this May – HouseCall! The time-honored tradition of taking wellness to people where they are - either at home or work - will deliver "medicine" to help us all through these changing times. The event will raise funds for the vital programs and services provided by your community healthcare pillar, Ascension Mercy Hospital, supporting families, friends and neighbors in Oshkosh.

Come together virtually from the safety and comfort of your home or office to enjoy an engaging and interactive fundraising video event presented by Mercy Health Foundation: HouseCall - A Virtual Celebration of Community Healthcare and New Beginnings. The 'new beginnings' signify 2021 as a new year of opportunity with this new event to support the 'new beginnings' of our precious babies by promoting safe sleep.

Let's LIVE every moment, LAUGH every day, LOVE beyond words!

Program to include:



Master Chef - Jeff Tews

Celebrate eating healthy with some ideas from our special guest and Master Chef, Jeff Tews, Bella Vista-Oshkosh!



Backlot Comedy House

We will laugh together and enjoy some skits about how some of our activities have changed over the past year.



Embody Yoga & Pilates

Let's stretch inside and out with some great tips for taking healthy breaks!

We look forward to celebrating together with you on May 13!
For sponsor opportunities, please contact Julie at
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Register online at MMCgift.org and direct event questions to
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Register online today!
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