
*Inspirational wishes.*
The Mercyhealth Development Foundation is pleased to share with you our Wishbook, highlighting the many important programs and services we support through your philanthropy.

Throughout the years, it has been the generosity of our donors that has spurred growth and medical advances, and brought the latest technology to the people of this region. Donor gifts have also fulfilled smaller, but equally important wishes for items that can make a patient’s stay more comfortable. It is this same spirit of philanthropy that will propel us into the future as we bring new, state-of-the-art medical facilities and services to this area.

We are grateful to you, our donors, for sharing our passion for making lives better. Your charitable contributions will continue to play an integral role in making good things happen for those we serve. On behalf of the many patients and families who will benefit, thank you for your generosity.
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Inspire ...

to give our tiniest patients
the best start at life.
Neonatal Intensive Care Unit

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The Level III (highest level) Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) at Mercyhealth’s Javon Bea Hospital–Riverside is a special place, recognized for the quality of care provided to premature, critically ill or injured newborns. Our highly specialized team of experienced neonatologists and nursing staff provide immediate care 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The time when a baby is in the NICU can be stressful. The Mercyhealth Development Foundation supports the excellent care delivered in the NICU by providing care and comfort items such as knit caps, stuffed animals and funding for special events such as the annual Kangaroo-A-Thon, which encourages parents to hold their babies in the Kangaroo method. Our NICU hosts a yearly graduate reunion celebrating accomplishments.

Your contribution provides care and comfort items such as knit caps and stuffed animals, and funding for special events for babies and their families.

Children’s services

Inspire … to make a child feel comfortable and secure during a hospital stay.

Having a child with serious health issues or facing a stay in the hospital can be an anxious time. Mercyhealth offers the region’s most advanced care for infants, children and adolescents in the only state-designated Children’s Hospital in northern Illinois. Our young patients are cared for by pediatric physicians with advanced training and experience in more than 25 pediatric subspecialties. In addition, our child development and behavior and pediatric therapy departments provide a wide range of ongoing support and treatment. The Mercyhealth Development Foundation enhances pediatric care by providing iPads, meal passes for families, educational toys and books, therapy tools for children with special needs, and helps support the Ronald McDonald Care Mobile, which provides free medical and dental care for area children in need.

Your contribution provides educational books, toys and games, iPads, meal passes for families, therapy tools for children with special needs and more.
Autism Support Fund

Give ... so all children reach their full potential.

Children with an autism spectrum disorder (ASD) can benefit from in-home treatment and therapies that are often covered by insurance and/or government programs. However, many of these children require additional resources, classes and equipment for which there is very limited outside funding. For a family caring for a child with an ASD, the cost of these additional resources, classes and equipment can be staggering—even overwhelming.

Recognizing the fact that many of these children do not receive the comprehensive services they need, the Mercyhealth Development Foundation’s Autism Support Fund makes financial resources available to families in Rock and Walworth counties in Wisconsin. Families can use these funds for social skills classes, sensory equipment, respite care, safety equipment and therapeutic materials.

Your contribution provides sensory and safety equipment, social skills classes, respite care and more.

House of Mercy Homeless Center

Give ... to provide a place to live and resources to help those in need get back on their feet.

The House of Mercy Homeless Center in Janesville has provided shelter and support to over 6,600 individuals, half of whom are children. No matter the circumstance that leads individuals to become homeless, they all have one thing in common—they need a helping hand to get back on their feet.

At the House of Mercy, residents are not only given a comfortable bed, warm meals and a safe place to call home, they also receive resources and counseling to make a fresh start for themselves and their family. The Mercyhealth Development Foundation provides assistance with rent deposits, educational expenses, and transportation and child care expenses.

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Heal ...

women at every stage of their lives.
Women’s services

Heal … women at every stage of their lives.

Mercyhealth is committed to women’s health at every stage of life. Moms and babies enjoy the best in care from outpatient prenatal care to our comprehensive maternity services, including labor and delivery, women’s and infant services, and care for high-risk moms through our Maternal-Fetal Medicine program. The Mercyhealth Women’s Centers offer women the latest technology, including 3D and digital mammography, breast ultrasound, stereotactic biopsy, genetic testing, urogynecological services, and osteoporosis testing in a relaxed and beautiful setting. By providing funding for free mammograms for women in need along with specialized medical equipment, the Mercyhealth Development Foundation adds to the comfort and care of women throughout the Wisconsin and Illinois region.

Your contribution provides free mammograms for women in need, plus specialized medical equipment.

Mercyhealth Cancer Centers

Heal … to provide comfort and hope to those battling cancer.

Cancer treatment at Mercyhealth focuses on meeting the special needs of each person facing cancer with compassion and expertise. The Mercyhealth Cancer Centers in Wisconsin and Illinois help hundreds of cancer patients and their families meet the challenges of cancer head on. We know our patients and families require not only state-of-the-art technology to heal, but also the human touch. The Mercyhealth Development Foundation provides resources and support services that enhance care for cancer patients and their families. Foundation funds have provided massage therapy, support groups, iPads for patient use during chemotherapy, transportation assistance, and other needs. We partner with our cancer patients and their support teams at every step of their cancer journey.

Your contribution provides materials for support groups, massage therapy, iPads during chemotherapy, transportation assistance and more.
Emergency services

**Inspire** ... to offer the highest level of trauma and emergency care to those who are critically ill or injured for the best possible outcome.

As the region’s leader in providing trauma and emergency care, Mercyhealth has designated trauma centers in both Wisconsin and Illinois. Mercyhealth Prehospital and Emergency Services Center is one of the region’s largest Emergency Medical Services (EMS) system and resource training centers in northern Illinois and southern Wisconsin. Mercyhealth coordinates multiple ambulances, agencies, aircraft responses, trauma teams, and cath labs. Its innovative MD-1 emergency field vehicles take physicians to the scene of a trauma or medical emergency to provide immediate stabilization of patients prior to their transport to a hospital. The Mercyhealth Development Foundation has provided life-saving chest compression systems to area EMS agencies, and funds scholarships for Mercyhealth paramedic students through the Dr. Michael Kellum EMS Scholarship.

*Your contribution provides funding for scholarships for paramedic students and specialized, life-saving equipment for area EMS agencies.*
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Mercyhealth at Home

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Mercyhealth at Home provides skilled Home Health services to homebound patients in the comfort of their own homes, Hospice services wherever the patient calls home, Older Adult Services, Adult Protective Services (Illinois only), and Home Medical Equipment. Home Health provides skilled nursing and rehabilitative therapy services specializing in the care of the adult population. Hospice, focusing on comfort and end-of-life care, offers a variety of services including Making Memories, Pet Peace of Mind®, Music for the Heart, We Honor Veterans®, and aromatherapy.

*Your contribution provides pet care needs for hospice patients, We Honor Veterans® services, supplies for Making Memories events and other end-of-life celebrations.*
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☐ Please use my gift where it is most needed.

☐ Please use my gift toward the following Mercyhealth department/program:
  ☐ Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU)
  ☐ Children’s services
  ☐ Autism Support Fund
  ☐ House of Mercy Homeless Center

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