



# Mercy Perspectives

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## Our Mission

Mission of Mercy's mobile medical clinics seek to restore dignity to the sick, poor, and homeless by providing free basic healthcare and "healing through Love." This mission is accomplished primarily through a team of volunteer medical, administrative and hospitality workers.

## Our History

Founded in 1994, Mission of Mercy is an independent, 501(c)(3), nonsectarian, community-based organization. Services provided include medical care for both acute and chronic conditions, oral health care, and pharmaceuticals. All services are provided free, regardless of race, color, creed, national origin or religion. All funding is derived from private donations, including individuals, community groups, churches and foundations.

## MD/PA Clinic Locations & Schedules

Mission of Mercy serves patients at regularly scheduled clinic locations.

### MARYLAND:

- Brunswick • Frederick
- Reisterstown • Taneytown
- Westminster

### PENNSYLVANIA:

- Gettysburg • Harrisburg

To access the clinic calendar and appointment numbers, visit [www.aMissionofMercy.org](http://www.aMissionofMercy.org) and click "Locate a Clinic Near You," or call 301-682-5683 or 717-642-9062.

## Mobile Medical Clinics are Moving Health Care in the Right Direction

**As Americans continue to decipher the impact of health care reform, one fact remains clear: mobile clinics like Mission of Mercy make medical and monetary sense.**

A recent article in Newsweek magazine detailed the health care cost savings provided by the Family Van, a Boston-based non-profit affiliated with Harvard Medical School. Its founders estimate that for every dollar invested in the mobile medical clinic, another \$36 has been saved by preventing emergency room visits and by managing chronic illnesses that, if left untreated, can result in serious – and costly – consequences.

Researchers have now applied the same cost-savings formula that was used to calculate the Family Van's impact to 10 other mobile medical clinics around the country. When accounting for variations in staffing, equipment, etc., the data shows an estimated average savings of \$20 for every dollar spent.

That's not a bad return on investment (ROI) either way, especially since Newsweek reports that the average investment in conventional preventative medicine tends to result in an ROI that is closer to 3 to 1.

"This story confirms what we have been saying since Mission of Mercy was founded 16 years ago: our clinics keep patients healthy and productive," says Executive Director David Liddle. "By providing preventative care, we help our patients manage their chronic diseases and can treat acute illnesses before they become more serious and result in costly hospital visits."



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# Associate Director's Corner

***Before coming on board with Mission of Mercy, I prayed for a fulfilling and community serviced-minded organization in which I could give back to the community in a major way. I found that in Mission of Mercy.***



*Associate Director Denice Brooks-Cutts*

**R**ecently, while attending a Coffee with M.O.M. tour, I spoke with one of our dedicated volunteers. As he recounted his story, I became both inspired and emotional hearing him voice how M.O.M. patients, during every clinic day, have managed to change his life in some way. He's come to realize how totally blessed he is and the importance of reaching out with dignity and respect to the less fortunate. When he goes home after a clinic day, he knows that he has made a difference in someone's life. And in his words, "It does not get any better than that."

I'm inspired by the patients of Mission of Mercy who endure challenging times and persevere through it all. They often walk through our clinic doors in despair, but they leave with a sense of hope and a view of "light at the end of the tunnel."

I'm both blessed and proud to be a part of an organization that focuses on the need for compassionate healthcare in our community.

On the Wings of Love,

Denice Brooks-Cutts  
Associate Director

## *Be our guest at* **Mercy In The Morning!**

Please join us for Mercy in the Morning on Thursday, Dec. 9, 2010. Mercy in the Morning is an inspiring one hour fundraising breakfast filled with stories of health and hope that are made possible through our free mobile medical clinics.

### SAVE THE DATE:

Mercy in the Morning  
Community Awareness Breakfast  
(Complimentary)  
Thursday, Dec. 9, 2010  
7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.  
Dutch's Daughter

For more information please contact Denice Brooks-Cutts at 301-682-5683 or via email [dbrooks.cutts@amissionofmercy.org](mailto:dbrooks.cutts@amissionofmercy.org)

# “On the Wings of Love”



*Join us*

for a night of entertainment and celebration at our “On the Wings of Love” gala! This year’s black-tie optional event will include a live auction as well as dance, soul, jazz and gospel entertainment provided by the world-renowned Jeffrey O’Dock Jasper Orchestra.

#### MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

On the Wings of Love Gala  
Saturday, Nov. 6, 2010  
6:00 p.m. until midnight  
Black-tie optional  
Turf Valley Resort - Ellicott City, Maryland

For more information or to purchase tickets, please contact Gala chair Nicole Robertson at 301-607-4525 or [nmrmoog@aol.com](mailto:nmrmoog@aol.com)

## Coffee with M.O.M. Clinic Tours

We invite you to take just one hour out of your busy schedule to visit us during one of our clinic days in Frederick or Westminster so you can see for yourself the compassionate care provided by Mission of Mercy’s medical and administrative volunteers. Enjoy light refreshments and tour our mobile medical van to see our prescription for bringing good health and hope to those in need of “Healing through Love.”



**What:** Coffee with M.O.M. Tours **When:** 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

### Upcoming Tour Dates:

**Frederick  
Church of the Brethren**  
201 Fairview Ave.  
(off Rosemont Avenue near  
Hood College)  
October 11 & 25  
November 8 & 22  
December 6

**Westminster  
Church of the Ascension**  
23 North Court St.  
(off of route 40)  
October 13  
November 17  
December 15  
January 19

Please email Marcie Handrich: [mhandrich@amissionofmercy.org](mailto:mhandrich@amissionofmercy.org) or call 301-682-5683 for more information.

## Events

# Mission of Mercy's 3rd Annual Golf Classic Scores a Hole-In-One

Despite a few mulligans and some putts that fell short of the hole, the Mission of Mercy Annual Golf Classic at River Creek Golf Club in Leesburg, Va., scored a hole-in-one by raising over \$50,000 to support our work in Maryland and Pennsylvania.



A record 85 golfers participated in this year's event, which included Par 3, Hole-in-One, Closest to the Pin and Longest Drive challenges as well as lunch and a post-tournament sit-down dinner. There were also several team and individual awards, guest gift bags, and raffle items.

**We are especially grateful to the event's generous sponsors for their support:**

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- Frederick Health Care System
- Henry Konerko
- Buffalo Wild Wings
- CUH2A Architects

*Special thanks to Scott Springmann (above), senior vice president of BB&T, who served as the Golf Committee chair for his efforts to make the Golf Classic a resounding success!*

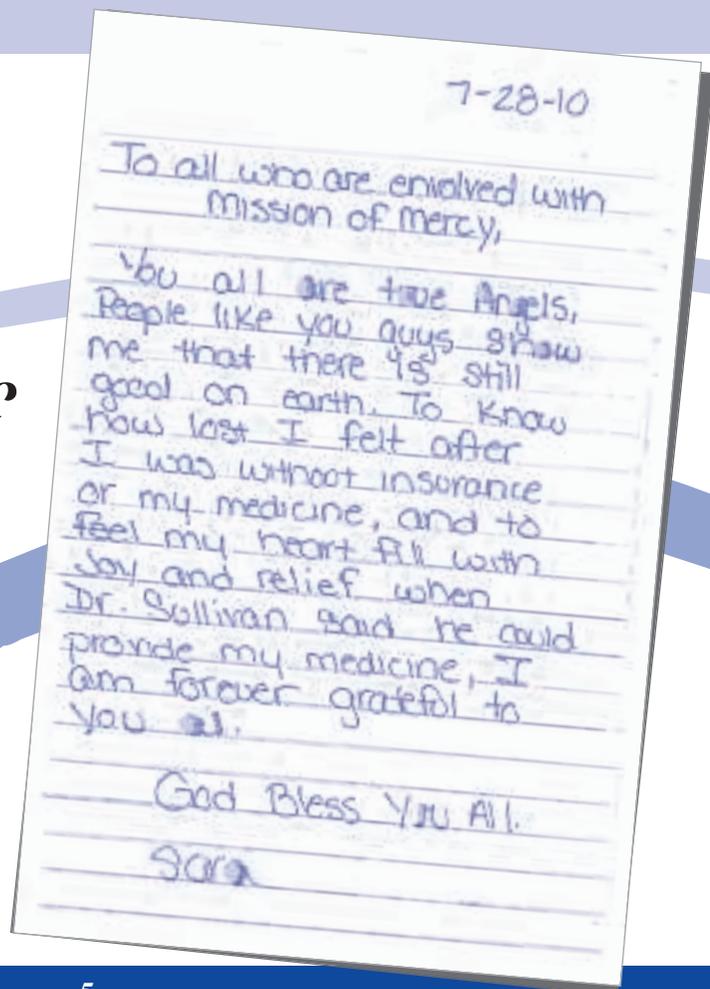
# In Gratitude

Amid these trying economic times, Mission of Mercy is especially grateful for the generosity of those corporations and foundations in Maryland and Pennsylvania that have chosen to share a portion of their resources with us so that we can continue to help those in need of **Healing through Love:**

Alexander R. & Delorose A. Szeles Foundation  
The Ashland Foundation  
Ausherman Family Foundation, Inc.  
The Marian and George Creel Family Fund  
Catholic Community of St. Francis Xavier  
Charles A. & Elizabeth Guy Holmes Foundation  
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Community Foundation of Frederick County  
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Joseph D. Baker Fund, Inc.  
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Quality Health Foundation  
The Safeway Foundation  
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The G. Frank Thomas Foundation, Inc.  
The John J. Leidy Foundation, Inc.  
The Kahlert Foundation  
The Robert C. Hoffman Trust  
Thomas M. Martin Trust  
Virginia G. Piper Charitable Trust  
The Women's Giving Circle of Frederick County

## *A Statement of Gratitude*



# Mission of Mercy at a Glance

*We ourselves feel that what we are doing is just a drop in the ocean. But the ocean would be less because of that missing drop.*

- Mother Teresa

Who are the people of Mission of Mercy? Here is just a brief snapshot of the people we serve in our communities every day:



In the past twelve months, Mission of Mercy provided **3,580 dental procedures** and over **10,250 doctors' visits** to those in need in Maryland and Pennsylvania.

48% are adult females

33% are adult males

13% are children under the age of 18

6% are elderly aged 65 and older

45% are minorities

89% have no insurance

## Be a Designed Giver

It is once again time for annual workplace giving campaigns to begin! Mission of Mercy respectfully asks that you consider designating our organization as the recipient of your payroll deduction.

Mission of Mercy received nearly \$30,000 in designated funds from the workforce giving campaigns in Maryland and Pennsylvania in 2009. During these very challenging times we hope we can count on your support this year as well, especially as we see an increased need for our services.

Agency	#
Combined Charity Cmpg. (Balto. City)	4502
Frederick County Employees	0551
Frederick Co. Board of Education	0551
Frederick City Employees	0551
United Way of Central Maryland	*
United Way of Frederick County	*
Chesapeake Bay Area CFC	15828
Central PA CFC	15828
CFC of Eastern Panhandle	64562
CFC of Eastern Shore	64562
CFC of National Capital Area (DC)	64562
CFC of Western Maryland	15828



## News from Arizona & Texas

### ARIZONA

- Mission of Mercy Arizona recently acquired a new 43-foot RV to bolster its plans for expansion into the Far West Valley by late 2010.

Thanks to the charitable commitment of Tucson-based **Beaudry RV, Inc.** Mission of Mercy Arizona was able to secure a great purchase price for the van. Special thanks to **Thunderbird Charities, The Foster and Lynn Friess Family Foundation and The Virginia G. Piper Charitable Trust**, whose generous financial contributions made the purchase and medical retrofit possible.

The mobile unit should be ready to "hit the road" by the end of September.

- Fry's Food Stores donated \$10,000 to M.O.M.-AZ through its **"Giving Hope a Hand"** campaign. These funds are part of the company's local initiative to support organizations providing services related to breast cancer diagnosis and treatment.
- The Phoenix affiliate of the Susan G. Komen Race for

the Cure generously granted M.O.M.-AZ \$100,000 for its breast cancer partnership program with St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center. This marks the third year that M.O.M.-AZ has received this maximum community grant amount from the Komen Foundation.

- AZ LeaderForce awarded Mission of Mercy Arizona its **2009 Spirit of Collaboration Award** as non-profit of the year for project results achieved during the course of its one-year mentorship program.

AZ LeaderForce is an initiative of the Collaboration for a New Century (founded by community leader Jerry Colangelo) which pairs non-profit human service organizations with business experts and community leaders to improve and expand an agency's programs, services and impact. Through the talented resources of the AZ LeaderForce team, M.O.M.-AZ developed a comprehensive volunteer management program which will be piloted this year.

### TEXAS

Mission of Mercy held its second M.O.M. Invitational Golf Tournament on May 23 at Newport Dunes on Mustang Island. Phil Blackmar, a Champions Tour player from Corpus Christi, helped host the event.

The Charity League of Corpus Christi recognized Mission of Mercy in May as a 2010 grant recipient and presented a check for \$201,000. The grant funds will

be instrumental in efforts to purchase a new mobile medical unit for the Coastal Bend program.

Mission of Mercy will host its annual Mercy in the Morning breakfast on Oct. 28. Last year's one-hour breakfast event attracted 286 people and donations and pledges totaling \$223,000.



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## 2009 Annual Report Now Available

The 2009 Mission of Mercy Annual Report is now available and is filled with stories of hope and compassion that capture the true essence of our work.

In addition to providing important information about our financial stewardship and the accomplishments of our three program areas in Arizona, Maryland/Pennsylvania and Texas, the report is filled with powerful photographs and patient and volunteer testimonials that capture the true impact Mission of Mercy has on those it touches.

If you have not yet received your copy of the 2009 Mission of Mercy Annual Report or would like an extra copy to share with someone you believe would be moved to support our work, please let us know.



## Do you know of someone who needs our prayers?

The Mission of Mercy Family invites you to add the name of someone you know who is in need of prayers and support to Our Lady's Prayer Scroll. Intentions placed on the confidential scroll remain there indefinitely, where our army of 800+ prayer warriors will include them in their daily prayers.

If you would like to add an intention to the Prayer Scroll, please send a note with the individual's name and a brief description of the prayer request to:

*Our Lady's Prayer Scroll*

MOM's Family  
P.O. Box 102  
Fairfield, PA 17320

or email your request to:  
[prayerscroll@AMissionofMercy.org](mailto:prayerscroll@AMissionofMercy.org)