

MERCY Perspectives

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Healing through Love

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Thanks to an outpouring of generous support from foundations in Maryland and Pennsylvania, including the Kahlert Foundation, George L. Shields Foundation, Stabler Foundation, Ausherman Family Foundation, Knott Foundation and the Laughlin Fund, Mission of Mercy is getting closer to reaching the \$1 million needed to purchase, equip and operate a dedicated mobile dental unit.

With 85 percent of the funding in-hand or committed, the Mission of Mercy board of directors approved the purchase of a 40-foot mobile unit, from ADI Mobile Health, and the equipment from Henry Schein. This



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A Well-deserved Honor

Congratulations to Dan Campbell who received the Wertheimer Fellow Award given by the Community Foundation of Frederick County in honor of the late Janis Miller Wertheimer, a well-known Frederick County businesswoman and prolific volunteer. Dan is retired from the United States Air Force and works tirelessly at several volunteer jobs, including advocating for veterans and leading a group of volunteers to set up and break down Mission of Mercy's Frederick clinic. He has been a God-send to Mission of Mercy. In accepting the award, Dan exhibited his trademark humility by saying,

*"Nobody can do everything,
but everybody
can do something."*

A Note from the Executive Director

Throughout the history of our nation, healthcare has been a challenging issue. In 1994, Dr. Gianna Sullivan answered a spiritual call to restore dignity and healing through Love by focusing on those who are sick and suffering and without healthcare. Her "call to action" became Mission of Mercy!

Utilizing a simple medical model of mobile healthcare, Medical Director Dr. Michael Sullivan and more than 220 licensed and non-licensed medical and non-medical volunteers have provided more than 193,000 medical patient visits and over 17,000 dental patient visits, dispensing over 390,000 free medications. In addition to our volunteers and staff, we sincerely appreciate our hospital partners that provide free lab tests and x-rays for our patients as well as our local churches that provide host sites for our clinics.

After five years of planning and ongoing fundraising, Mission of Mercy is embarking on a new venture – a mobile dental unit. This three-chair, state-of-the-art vehicle will operate with a Dental Director, a coordinator/dental assistant and a driver. They will be assisted by other volunteer dentists and assistants. When fully operational our goal is to serve up to 2,400 patients per year!

For many years, our volunteer dentists and assistants have worked arduously to alleviate the pain and suffering of our dental patients. They have done this via a mobile MASH-type dental unit, just like the Army uses in the field, which is set up inside our churches. They are especially anxious to be serving our patients in our new mobile dental unit.

A sincere thank you is extended to our foundations and individuals who, through

their generous contributions, are making the dream of our new mobile dental unit a reality!



We appreciate all of you and sincerely thank you for answering the call and becoming a partner with Mission of Mercy to restore dignity and healing through Love for those among us suffering with medical and dental issues.

It is an honor and a privilege to be serving with you!

God's blessings,

Linda M. Ryan

Linda M. Ryan, Executive Director

THANK YOU *Sponsors*

Mission of Mercy is tremendously grateful for the support we receive from our generous donors and sponsors who enable us to continue to provide our medical, dental and prescription services free of charge to those who are uninsured and underinsured and who fall through the cracks of the healthcare system. We would like to recognize these generous donors who have supported us through operating grants and sponsorships for our Gala.

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*I have come to realize that the worst suffering
any human being can ever experience is being unloved,
unwanted and treated without the respect and dignity due to him/her.*

-Dr. Gianna Sullivan,
FOUNDERESS OF MISSION OF MERCY

In their own words...

What our patients and donors say about Mission of Mercy



"Many of our neighbors have basic medical and dental needs they simply cannot afford. Mission of Mercy provides important medical and dental services to those in need—and offers these services in a caring and compassionate environment, without judgment. We believe our support of Mission of Mercy contributes to the betterment of the lives of all our friends and neighbors and is an investment in the well-being of this community which comes back to us in joy 100-fold."



-Tom Lynch and Karlys Kline,
MISSION OF MERCY DONORS

"When you have no options, no money, no job, no health insurance/benefits and no one to turn to, Mission of Mercy becomes your very personal lifesaver. When life throws you that hurtful and devastating, hard curve ball, it's organizations like Mission of Mercy that are the only blessing between survival and death. As a woman with Type I Diabetes, Mission of Mercy saved my life and enabled me to obtain my insulin and address other health issues. Almost more importantly for me, Mission of Mercy workers represented 'care' in my life, which was in very short supply during that difficult time. The power and impact of Mission of Mercy should never be underestimated. I know God placed them here, right now, in this moment. Mission of Mercy is the good in this world, moving forward even though it is not always easy. Mission of Mercy needs not only to remain and thrive, but to spread and grow so that others may be helped."

-Beverly,
A MISSION OF MERCY PATIENT

Match Point



Help us turn \$15,000 into \$30,000.

Mission of Mercy has received a matching grant of \$15,000 from the Ausherman Family Foundation. If you reside in Frederick County, every \$1 you donate to Mission of Mercy, the Ausherman Family Foundation will match. That's right, double the difference you make! For your convenience, donate online at www.amissionofmercy.org/donate.

Mission of Mercy Congratulates Gettysburg Foursquare Church on its Renovations

Gettysburg Foursquare Church has been a valued partner to Mission of Mercy since 2005 by allowing us to host our mobile medical clinic at their site. This vibrant, thriving community recently celebrated the grand opening of its new building which vastly increases its worship and education spaces, as well as its community spaces that enable groups like Mission of Mercy to minister to the needs of its community.

It is an honor for us to be associated with this faith community and we look forward to many more years of our partnership with them.

We also extend our gratitude to Pastor Jay Zimmerman and members of Gettysburg United Methodist Church for providing a home for us during this time of renovation.



The Mission of Mercy clinic pulls into Gettysburg Foursquare Church (330 W. Middle St., Gettysburg, PA 17325) on the third Wednesday of every month. For appointments, please call 717-339-6914.

People often tell us that they'd like to volunteer with Mission of Mercy but they don't believe they have any specialized skills to offer. Our answer is always simple: If you can offer a comforting smile, a word of compassion and a willingness to learn, you CAN help! Whether you can help for an entire clinic day, or just an hour or two, we welcome the gift of your time and talents. Give us a call and we can talk about how we can work together to find a place for you with our Mission of Mercy. We are especially in need of:

- Physical Therapists
- Diabetic or Nutritional Educators
- Interpreters
- Referral Specialists (oral surgeons, dermatologists, podiatrists, neurologists, cardiologists) who will see two to three patients per year in their offices.
- Registration Coordinator, Reisterstown

YES YOU CAN!

If you can help, please call Rachel in our Mission of Mercy office at 301-682-5683 x211.

MARK YOUR *Calendar*

Upcoming Mission of Mercy events

Highmark Walk for a Healthy Community

Saturday, May 19, 2018

Harrisburg Area Community College

Walk for MOM on Saturday, May 19, 2018 at the Highmark Walk for a Healthy Community at HACC. Mission of Mercy will be organizing walkers to raise funds to support our mobile medical and dental clinics in the greater Harrisburg area.

The event is free. Our goal is to sign up 100 walkers (even virtual walkers!) and raise \$10,000. Highmark underwrites this event so your donations go directly to Mission of Mercy! Sign up at www.aMissionofMercy.org/maryland-pennsylvania/events.

Brewer's Alley Charity Day

Tuesday, June 5, 2018

Historic Downtown Frederick, MD

Brewer's Alley will donate 20 percent of the day's proceeds to Mission of Mercy.

Come out and enjoy lunch, happy hour and dinner with your family and friends on Brewer's beautiful outside patio or upper deck. Enjoy great food, great people-watching and the satisfaction of knowing a portion of your check will benefit Mission of Mercy.



Annual Golf Classic

Monday, June 18, 2018

Holly Hills Country Club 10:30 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Spend the day on a gorgeous golf course enjoying delicious food, beverages, terrific golf and supporting a GREAT cause! There will be prizes and awards, open beer and wine beverage cart, breakfast pastries, relaxed lunch and a delectable dinner—plus a silent auction raffle!

Foursomes and Sponsorship Opportunities are available! Visit www.amiissionofmercy.org/maryland-pennsylvania/events/ for all the details.



Coffee with MOM Tours

May 7 & May 21

June 4

July 16, 30

Experience for yourself the compassionate care offered to our patients by our outstanding volunteers and medical professionals

Tours occur at the Frederick Mission of Mercy clinic at Church of the Brethren (201 Fairview Ave.) If you cannot make one of these tours but would like to learn more, please give us a call at 301-682-LOVE (5683) so we may answer your questions and arrange for a tour at another time or location.

18th Annual Gala

Friday, Sept. 14, 2018

Ceresville Mansion in Frederick

Enjoy an early fall evening of fine dining and entertainment while supporting Mission of Mercy.

Bryan Clark will perform timeless classics while you enjoy a delectable surf and turf dinner and a fun and fantastic live and silent auction.

Visit www.amiissionofmercy.org for more information.

DID YOU KNOW?

More than 70 percent of our patients suffer from one or more chronic illness such as diabetes, hypertension, heart disease and others. Mission of Mercy is their medical home and provider of their vital maintenance medications.

(Smile!, cont. from cover)

state-of-the art mobile dental van will include three chairs and will be operational by the end of September or early October of 2018.

When the van is operational, Mission of Mercy's dentists will no longer have to operate with their MASH dental unit, setting up and breaking down their procedure equipment at each clinic site they visit. This will free up valuable time and enable us to increase the number of dental patients we can see during each clinic day, with a goal of being able to serve 2,400 patients per year.

In order to facilitate that goal, Roslyn Robinson Kellum, RN, DDS, has been hired to serve as Mission of Mercy's new dental director. Initially, Dr. Roz (as she calls herself) is working with our existing unit, performing extractions and fillings until the mobile dental unit is completed and operational. Plans also call for a dental assistant/coordinator and driver to be hired when the mobile unit is launched.

The mobile dental unit will initially work in tandem with our mobile medical unit at our existing sites. The goal is to provide maximum patient convenience by providing all our services and amenities in one location, in one visit, if possible.



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Meet Mission of Mercy's New Dental Director



Roslyn Robinson Kellum, RN, DDS, has been a general dentist for more than 25 years with a focus on pediatric, geriatric, removable prosthodontics and oral surgery. She earned her Doctor of Dental Surgery from the Howard University College of Dentistry in Washington, DC, where she also completed her BS in nursing. Dr. Kellum is a member of Sigma Theta Tau, the International Honor Society of Nursing.

She invites her patients to call her Dr. Roz and has a special interest in community dentistry that addresses public health dental needs. She has extensive knowledge of best practices in providing mobile dental services, having provided on-site dental services to geriatric patients in a variety of settings for more than 10 years.

"We are absolutely thrilled to have Dr. Roz join our Mission of Mercy team," said Linda Ryan, Mission of Mercy's executive director. "Her background fits perfectly with the work we do and patients we serve."



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Visit www.amissionofmercy.org for all the details.
Please contact Jennifer White, Development Manager,
with questions or if you'd like to volunteer.

Please make plans to join us again this year for Mission of Mercy's Annual Golf Classic to be held Monday, June 18, 2018 at Holly Hills Country Club in Ijamsville, MD.

In addition to a great day of golf you will enjoy breakfast pastries, a relaxed lunch and open bar and wine cart, delectable dinner and silent auction raffle—all benefiting Mission of Mercy.

We would like to thank our generous sponsors (as of 4/1/18):



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