



MERCY PERSPECTIVES

Celebrating 21 Years

**EACH YEAR MISSION
OF MERCY PROVIDES:**

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dental patient visits

➤ **2,500**
dental procedures

➤ **6,200**
medical patient visits

➤ **8,000**
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spent, your
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community
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Cecelia's Story IN HER OWN WORDS...

For most of us, being sick is an inconvenience. But for some of us—people like me with diabetes—it can be life-threatening...and terrifying.

For years, I relied on home remedies to treat my diabetes. I lived in constant fear that my symptoms would spiral out of control at any minute—or worse, I would become blind or die of kidney disease. Treating my illness at home wasn't enough to keep me healthy, but I didn't have many options.

I watch my three grandchildren so my daughter can work. **Without a full-time job, I didn't have medical insurance, or access to the healthcare I needed.** I had to rely on what little resources I had...

Until I discovered Mission of Mercy. For many patients like me, who are uninsured or underinsured, M.O.M. is their only source of health and dental care, or prescription medications.

M.O.M. provided me clinic visits, a monitor and test strips for my diabetes, lab tests, and eye screenings—all free of charge, thanks to the support of people like you.

I don't know what I would do without M.O.M. and the care they give me. I feel so relieved to have such kind and professional doctors monitoring my diabetes and helping me lead a healthier life for my family and myself.

That's why I'm writing, to ask that you **give a tax-deductible gift**—as much as you can afford—to **support M.O.M.**, so they can continue serving the uninsured and underinsured in your community.

When you donate to M.O.M., **you're helping to provide free healthcare, dental care and prescription medications to people in need within your community.**

Last year, **M.O.M. provided 6,700 medical and dental patient visits.** This kind of care isn't possible without your support.

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OUR MISSION

The Maryland/Pennsylvania Program of Mission of Mercy seeks to restore dignity and provide "healing through Love" by offering free primary healthcare, dental care and prescription medications to the uninsured and underinsured working poor through our mobile medical clinic.

Mission of Mercy is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization that began serving patients in 1994. With the support of more than 260 volunteer medical and administrative professionals, Mission of Mercy has served more than 40,000 patients through 194,000 patient visits in the past 21 years. In addition, the Maryland/Pennsylvania program has dispensed more than 374,000 free prescription medications.

Mission of Mercy **is not a recipient of government funding and relies solely on donations from individuals, civic and faith-based organizations, corporations, foundations and several major fundraisers** for its charitable services. For more information, call 301-682-5683.

M.O.M. ONLINE

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S CORNER

DEAR VALUED FRIENDS,

Mission of Mercy Inc.'s CEO, Henry Konerko, PhD, recently announced that Jennifer Charlton will be transitioning out of her role as Executive Director of the Maryland/Pennsylvania program. She is continuing with us for a short time to assist with a smooth transition to new leadership.

"It has been an honor to serve as Executive Director of Mission of Mercy for these past three and a half years," said Jennifer. "Working in the safety net every day, making sure people have their basic needs met, has been one of the most fulfilling things I've done in my life.

"However, this is a time for me to seek other opportunities to serve in the community," she added.

Jennifer's expertise in marketing and promotions has significantly increased our visibility, and our Annual Gala, 'the Bubble Ball,' along with the Golf Classic, have become signature fund-raising events in the community.

She was also responsible for creating and implementing our Capital Campaign, "Mercy on the Move," which raised nearly \$500,000 for medical programs and the purchase of a new mobile medical unit through the Kahlert Foundation.

Along with Dr. Michael Sullivan, our Chief Medical Director, and Tom Kleinhanzl, CEO of Frederick Memorial Hospital, Jennifer helped to develop and implement the Shared Patient program, which ensures that patients released from the hospital receive proper follow-up care through Mission of Mercy.

Additionally, she oversaw the successful launch of the Community Connections program, which connects patients with community resources, including the Maryland Food Bank, Workforce Services and the YMCA. Thank you for all you've done and God bless you in your future endeavors.

DAVID LIDDLE, CFO

Acting Executive Director

Share M.O.M. WITH A FRIEND!

Join our “Tell a Friend” program
by sharing the enclosed postcard
with several family members,
co-workers or friends!

Help us double our number
of supporters!

Thank You!

PLEASE
USE THE
ENCLOSED
POSTCARD
TO HELP US
SPREAD THE
WORD!

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Because M.O.M. provides free medical care and does not receive government funding, they rely on contributions from generous donors like you. For these patients, **the healthcare they receive—and the care you help them receive**—allows them to remain healthy, self-sufficient, and able to live, work, and contribute to our community.

Every dollar helps, but I hope you will consider giving at least \$18 a month, which would provide two dental fillings; or \$50 a month provides care and medications for a diabetic patient for one year.

I think of the volunteers at M.O.M. all the time, and the kind people like you who made their healing possible. Even though I didn't have insurance, M.O.M. treated me with dignity and offered the compassionate care and treatment I needed, no questions asked!

Won't you please help?

If you believe in improving the healthcare of your community, please follow your heart and give with as much generosity as you can manage.

Thank you!

Sincerely,

CECELIA BRYCE

A Mission of Mercy Patient

P.S. Thanks to your gifts, I have the medication I need, and hundreds of others are able to lead healthier, more meaningful lives. Please give today.

GIVE THE GIFT OF A HEALTHY LIFE

\$18 *a month*

HELPS US PROVIDE TWO DENTAL FILLINGS

\$50 *a month*

HELPS PROVIDE DIABETIC CARE FOR A DIABETIC PATIENT FOR 1 YEAR

\$83 *a month*

HELPS US COVER THE CARE OF A PATIENT WITH MULTIPLE CHRONIC ILLNESSES FOR 1 YEAR



GIVE TODAY! Please use the enclosed envelope or go online to <http://bitly.com/GivetoMOM>

clinic updates

IN THIS ISSUE we are recognizing some of the volunteers and community leaders who are vital in helping us fulfill on our mission. Thanks to their gifts of time and talent, we are able to provide high quality services, plus surgical, laboratory and radiology services, through our innovative partnerships with our many hospital and medical specialty partners.

For our clinic locations and schedule, please visit <http://bit.ly/MissionofMercy>.

FREDERICK COUNTY, MD

Frederick City Clinic – Mary Neglia Frederick R.N. Meets Patients “Where They’re at”

“The environment at Mission of Mercy is spiritual and Godly. We get to treat our whole patients by meeting them right where they’re at - physically, mentally and spiritually,” says Mary Neglia R.N., a nurse who has volunteered with Mission of Mercy for 19 years.

“I chose to help people in need by using my nursing skills. And, starting at M.O.M. clinics in Thurmont, Taneytown and Gettysburg, Dr. Michael Sullivan, (M.O.M.’s Medical Director) gave me on-the-job classes in dispensing medications from our formulary.

Since the mobile medical clinic moved to the Frederick Church of the Brethren in 1997, Mary has been working in the pharmacy onboard the van, gathering medicines, dispensing medications and distributing them to patients.



Mary Neglia, R.N.

“It’s such a plus that we can give patients generic drugs right at the clinic to take home with them, or give them a \$4 prescription to fill at places like Wal-Mart. Patients are so appreciative,” she added.

“The Frederick clinic site is very busy, but everything runs smoothly and we see a lot of patients in one day. “I feel I receive so much more than I give. Knowing I’m doing something good is very satisfying to me,” adds Mary.

Last year we provided more than 3,200 medical and dental patient visits in Frederick County.

BRUNSWICK CLINIC

Dentist Pulls Patients from Terrible Pain

“I remember one patient who left his home at midnight to arrive at our Brunswick clinic at 2 a.m. to be first in line. He sat in his car to wait to be my first patient that morning,” explains Dr. Robert Vandre, a former Army dentist and now a volunteer dentist at M.O.M.’s Brunswick and Reisterstown clinics.

“I really don’t like pulling teeth; I didn’t do that in the Army. But after hearing his story I had to do it – it was **killing** him. I was praying ‘Heavenly father, please help me get this tooth out.’ When the tooth came out there was an awful smell – it was deeply infected,” adds Dr. Vandre.

“In almost every case we get, our patients have terrible teeth because they can’t afford regular dental care; they wait until they’re in pain to come see us. I’d rather



Dr. Robert Vandre

do fillings so people can keep their teeth, but fillings take longer, so sometimes I can only see six patients a day. That’s why dental patients arrive so early – it’s first-come, first-served,” he explains.

“It’s stressful – treating people with huge cavities with portable dental equipment – but just the chance to help people and be around good people makes it worthwhile,” adds Dr. Vandre.

“I really love the people we help, and they are so thankful and appreciative. I have strong religious beliefs and want to help my fellow man. I also love the people that volunteer for MOM – they are so giving of their free time,” he adds.

TANEYTOWN, MD

M.O.M. Fills Community's Needs

"Economic development is all about a healthy community and developing partnerships. When you pull everyone together, who knows what can happen!" says Nancy McCormick, the Economic Director of Taneytown and a long-time enthusiastic supporter of Mission of Mercy.

"We're hearing that Taneytown, which has a population of 7 – 8,000 people - is one of the highest needs areas in the state," she explains.

One obvious need was for additional access to healthcare on weekends. Carroll Hospital Emergency Department is seeing a spike in visits on Friday nights and Saturdays from people living in the Taneytown area.

So Nancy pulled together Jennifer Charlton and David Liddle, from Mission of Mercy, Leslie Simmons, the new president of Carroll Hospital, and Tammy Black, from Access Carroll. As a result of the discussions, Mission

Last year M.O.M. provided more than 800 medical and dental patient visits in the Taneytown area.

of Mercy will offer a Saturday clinic once a month beginning October 3, 2015.

"Carroll Hospital is fortunate to work with community partners like Mission of Mercy in Taneytown," says Ms. Leslie Simmons. "Taneytown residents who are uninsured and underinsured benefit from having access to free health care services that are close to home," she adds.

"If we don't take care of those less fortunate, we'll have more and more people in need. People can't go to work if they don't feel good or are missing teeth," notes Nancy.

"Mission of Mercy makes us a healthier community. We're a community that pays it back – we have many giving individuals and organizations," she adds.

REISTERSTOWN, MD

Patients' Smiles Mean the World

"Seeing patients smiling ...maybe because they had a lot of joint pain and Dr. Sullivan gave them a cortisone shot...or because the pain of a tooth is gone... that's the most rewarding part of volunteering at Mission of Mercy," says Ruth Edder.

A M.O.M. volunteer for nine years, Ruth is registration coordinator at M.O.M.'s Reisterstown Clinic, and a patient advocate at the Taneytown Clinic.

The retired librarian also keeps the appointment books for the two clinic sites and redesigned the work space at the Reisterstown clinic.

One memorable patient for Ruth is a gentleman of around 60 who is taking care of his wife, who has terminal cancer. "For a while he was living in a homeless shelter and people stole his medicines.

"He can't work; he's very ill himself. It's the delight of many of us to help him. For example, he wasn't going to see the M.O.M. dentist because



Ruth Edder

he said 'I just take from you.' We got him to go to the dentist and also got shoes and coats for him. That alone has been a blessing. He's so sweet, he doesn't want to keep taking. I tell him that 'it's our job to give and down the road you can give back.'"

Last year M.O.M. provided more than 900 medical and dental patient visits in the Reisterstown area.

**GIVE
TODAY!**

Your gift will be doubled thanks to a \$40,000 matching grant!

GETTYSBURG, PA

“Campaign for Care” Embraced by Faith Community

“Mission of Mercy is making a difference for many lives and families within our community,” says Mark Chester, Senior Pastor at Gettysburg Foursquare Church, the site of M.O.M.’s monthly mobile clinic that serves Gettysburg and Adams County.

Gettysburg Foursquare Church, along with Gettysburg United Methodist, St. James Lutheran, Prince of Peace, St. Francis Xavier and Flohr’s Lutheran Church, all hosted presentations this past summer as part of our Gettysburg “Campaign for Care,” to raise much needed funds.

“I know a number of people, many of them neighbors close to our church, who have benefitted from Mission of Mercy’s services,” says Pastor Jay Zimmerman of Gettysburg United Methodist Church.

“Other services are fee-based and people don’t have the money – without M.O.M. they wouldn’t receive any healthcare at all,” he adds.

“We’re really grateful for the support of the faith community,” notes David Liddle, Acting Executive Director of M.O.M. “When a wide array of faiths have come together to support our life-giving services, M.O.M. thrives, patients are served, and we build a healthy, working community,” he adds.

“Mission of Mercy is an important partner to the faith community in helping us reach our goal of bringing the love and mercy of Christ to all those in need,” adds Pastor Mark.



Give today!
Your gift will be
doubled with a
\$25,000
Challenge
Gift.

Additional congregational presentations are scheduled for the future. If you would like us to make a short informational presentation at your church, please call us at 717-642-9062.

HARRISBURG, PA

Volunteer Gets More than he Gives

“At Mission of Mercy, I’m doing what medicine is really all about. I can take the needed time to spend with patients and talk with them about their problems. A lot of times, there are background issues that aggravate their health problems, and we can work on them,” explains Dr. Rick Davis, a volunteer physician at the Harrisburg Clinic.

“Unfortunately medicine today has gotten to where you have to be entering information into the computer, see



Dr. Rick Davis

so many patients per hour, prescribe medications approved by insurance company, get approval for tests, etc. Working at M.O.M. makes me enjoy practicing medicine again,” said the recently retired family practice physician.

“Here I can dispense the medications that work, and

not worry about burdening patients with the bills. We are so fortunate to have Holy Spirit Health System, which provides critical lab work and x-rays, all for free.

“The rewards of giving back and helping patients are many times over what I give. There’s an Egyptian gentleman I see three times a year. He told his daughter about the care he receives from M.O.M., and she drew the bust of Queen Nefertiti on papyrus paper to give me as a gift of appreciation. I was very honored, and I still have it hanging above my desk at home,” adds Dr. Davis.

Would You Like to Help?

Dentists are needed to volunteer once or twice a month so we can resume offering dental services in Harrisburg and Gettysburg. We also need a back-up oral surgeon who would be available to see one to two patients/month in his/her office as referred by our own dentists.

Last year M.O.M. provided more than 1,775 medical and dental patient visits in the Central Pennsylvania area.

GIFT OF HOPE

\$5,000/YEAR OR MORE FOR FIVE YEARS

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Upcoming MD/PA Tour Dates:

Frederick Church of the Brethren

201 Fairview Ave., Frederick, MD
October 12 and 26 (Mondays, 10 – 11 a.m.)

Harrisburg Brethren in Christ Church

2217 Derry St., Harrisburg, PA
By appointment

UPCOMING EVENTS AND SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Gettysburg Golf Tournament

Saturday, September 26, 2015,
Registration 7:30 a.m.; Shot Gun start at 8:30 a.m.
Meadow Brook Golf Course, Gettysburg, PA

To register or be a sponsor,
call Wayne Warthen, 301-447-3913

This year we are blessed to be part of the Unity
Campaign here in Frederick **September 23 -
October 4**. Please plan to support Mission of



Mercy during the campaign
and your donation will
be doubled!!

To contribute, visit
<http://www.unityfrederick.com>.

Mission of Mercy's Annual Gala, "The Bubble Ball"

Saturday, November 7, 2015 6:30 – 11:30 pm
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