

# MERCY

## Perspectives

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## *Celebrating 30 Years of Miracles:* A Journey of Courage and Dedication



DR. MICHAEL & GIANNA T. SULLIVAN

married Dr. Michael Sullivan, an internist and cardiologist. In August 1994, they abandoned their lucrative medical careers and set off in an old 40-foot RV to begin offering medical care to the sick and suffering in rural areas of Pennsylvania and Maryland.

"Restoring human dignity to the sick, the poor, and the homeless in an atmosphere of unconditional love is the major function of Mission of Mercy," said Dr. Michael Sullivan. "We want to reach out to the people who have been falling through the cracks."

And that's exactly what they've done for the last 30 years.

In 1991, pharmacist Gianna Sullivan courageously answered a spiritual call to restore dignity and healing through Love by creating a non-profit called Mission of Mercy. At the time, she wasn't quite sure how this new ministry would emerge but things became clear when she met and

For three decades, Mission of Mercy has been at the vanguard of charitable healthcare, providing medications and integrated medical and dental care through a full-service mobile format. Using a cost-effective, volunteer-driven program model, Mission of Mercy provides free care with no administrative barriers or restrictions. As a result, Mission of Mercy has become a community healthcare safety net, especially with sweeping changes in the healthcare system and a shifting population of those in need.

During the past 30 years, Mission of Mercy has expanded into a national program with chapters in Arizona, Maryland/Pennsylvania and Texas. Collectively, these chapters have served more than 118,200 patients at 13 clinic sites thanks to more than 375 active volunteers. They have dispensed over a million prescription medications to treat both acute and chronic conditions. This is truly a miracle in itself!

"Our Lord asked me to begin small to sow the seed of love and plant it firmly by loving and restoring dignity to those in my community," Dr. Gianna Sullivan said. "Through our supporters' prayers, financial generosity and selfless giving of time, they can be certain that they have given many others the opportunity to live a life filled with a little more Love, respect and dignity."

# And Now a Word from our Patients, Sponsors and Volunteers

Over the last 30 years, Mission of Mercy has been richly blessed by gifts of time, talents and treasure that have enabled us to heal thousands of lives through the free healthcare, dental care and prescription medications our compassionate volunteers and staff provide to patients.

*"Mission of Mercy has been a blessing in my time of need. I probably would not be alive today if not for Mission of Mercy."*

PATIENT

*"The doctors listen to you about your health and what is needed to improve it. Without Dr. Sullivan and the other doctors, I would not be getting what I need to manage my health."*

PATIENT

*"For many patients like me, who are uninsured or underinsured, Mission of Mercy is the only resource of health and dental care, or prescription medications."*

PATIENT



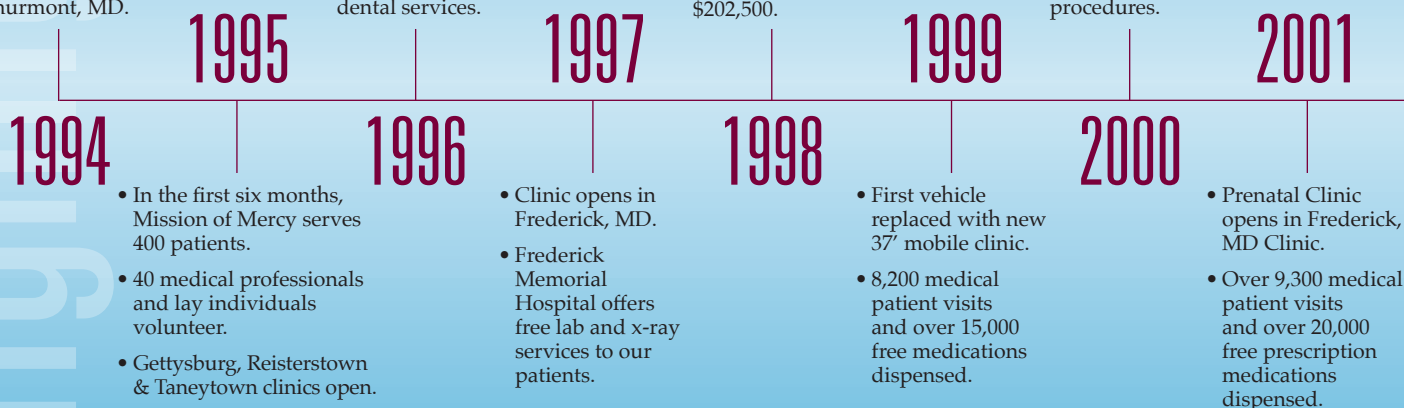
## 30 Years of Miracles

- First clinics open in Westminster, Brunswick and Thurmont, MD.

- Mission of Mercy is the first organization to be featured in CBS Evening News segment with Dan Rather called "The Best of Us."
- Mission of Mercy begins offering dental services.

- St. Agnes Hospital begins free specialty consults.
- Volunteers donate 7,574 hours valued at \$202,500.

- First Annual Gala.
- Exceeded 12,500 patients.
- Over 1,000 dental patient visits including 3,600 separate dental procedures.





“Since 2013, Frederick Health has invited the physicians of Mission of Mercy to send patients to us for x-rays, MRIs and other forms of specialty testing and in turn, our designated nurses work with Dr. Michael Sullivan to identify patients who could utilize Mission of Mercy. This is part of our commitment to serving our friends and neighbors who are sick and in pain. This partnership is the embodiment of our mission to contribute to the health and well-being of the community we serve.”

THOMAS A. KLEINHANZL, FREDERICK HEALTH PRESIDENT & CEO

“I don’t know what I would do without Mission of Mercy 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.”

PATIENT

“Mission of Mercy provides important medical and dental services to those in need in a caring and compassionate environment, and without judgment. Their mission statement makes clear a simple but inspiring goal: ‘to restore dignity and healing through God’s love.’”

KARLYS KLINE

“Did you ever notice how the genuinely happiest people in the world are generally the most giving people? It isn’t necessarily about the size of the gift as much as it is the caring behind it, because for certain, we all rise when we lift others up.”

MARLENE YOUNG

“With the right people in the community, with a good heart and understanding the value of love and dignity, you can do this...it goes far, far more than any health plan you can purchase.”

VICE ADMIRAL DR. RICHARD CARMONA,  
FORMER SURGEON GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES



- Harrisburg clinic opens.
- Nearly 9,000 medical patient visits and dispensed over 21,400 free prescription medications.
- Free lab and x-ray donated by 5 participating healthcare providers, valued at over \$185,000.

2003

- New MD/PA mobile medical clinic donated by Charlotte English Foundation.
- Over 30,400 free prescription medications dispensed.

2005

- Surgeon General of U.S., Vice Admiral Dr. Richard Carmona, visits Frederick, MD Clinic.

2007

- Increase of more than 1,500 patient visits over 2007.
- Served more than 4,600 medical and dental patients.

2002

- Over 100,000 patient visits since our inception in 1994.
- New clinics open in Harrisburg, PA & Mt. Airy, MD.

2004

- 60-120 patients seen each day.
- 169,000 free patient visits provided.

2006

- 200,000th patient visit.
- Physical therapy program launched.

2008

# Our Church, Hospital and Other Program Partners

Mission of Mercy is truly indebted to the churches, hospitals and other program partners that have supported us throughout our 30 years. Thanks to their generosity, our patients enter caring, comfortable environments, where they are triaged and wait to receive their medical and/or dental care.

**Thank you to these congregations and organizations that have helped us restore dignity and healing through Love.**

- Calvary United Methodist Church, Mt. Airy, MD
- Church of the Ascension, Westminster, MD
- Faith Baptist Church, Brunswick, MD
- Frederick Church of the Brethren, Frederick, MD
- Human Services Programs, Westminster, MD
- Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Thurmont, MD
- Reisterstown United Methodist Church, Reisterstown, MD
- St. Joseph Catholic Church, Taneytown, MD
- Taneytown Baptist Church, Taneytown, MD
- The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Frederick, MD
- Trinity Church of God, Brunswick MD
- Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Taneytown, MD
- Christ Lutheran Church, Harrisburg, PA
- Four Square Church, Gettysburg, PA
- Gettysburg College, Gettysburg, PA
- Harrisburg Brethren in Christ Church, Harrisburg, PA
- United Methodist Church, Gettysburg, PA

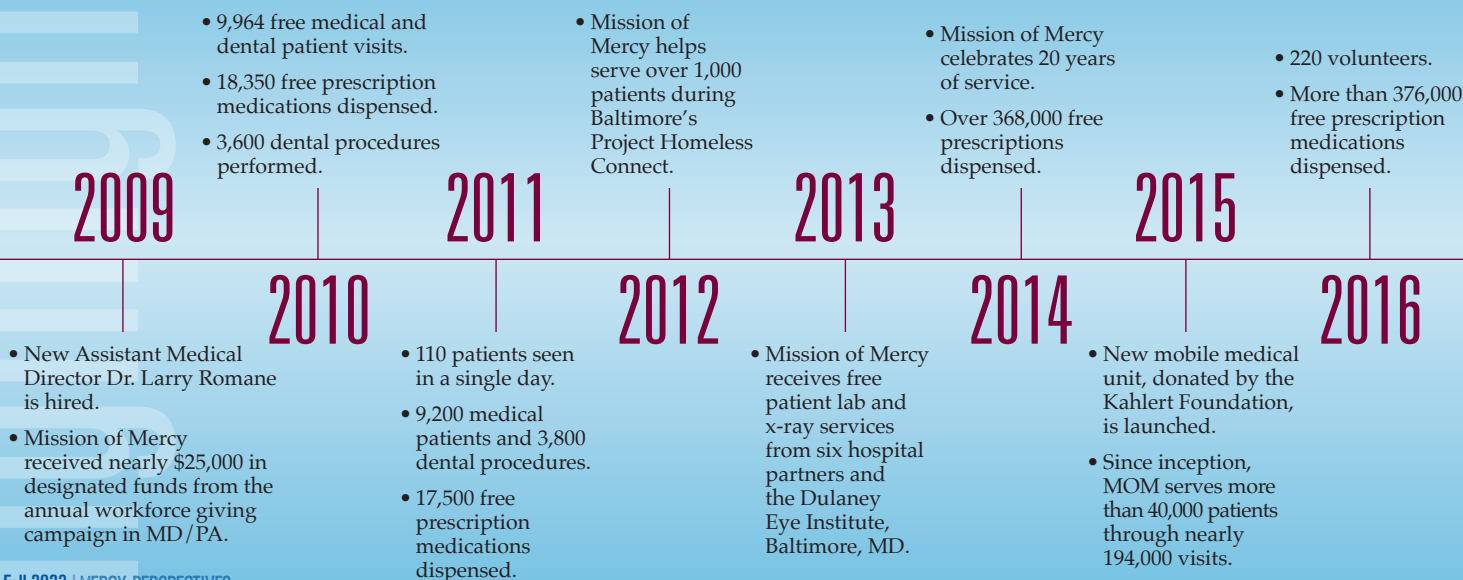
*“We love hosting Mission of Mercy because it is a simple way to meet such a major need in our community. Along with providing for the medical and dental needs of their patients, their mission is to also provide dignity. This is one of my favorite aspects of Mission of Mercy.”*

**MARK CHESTER, LEAD PASTOR GETTYSBURG FOURSQUARE CHURCH**

*“Years ago, we recognized the need for good medical care for many in our community. So many of our people had no access to healthcare for a variety of reasons. Mission of Mercy has been an answer to our prayers, and a gift of grace and love to our community. With each visit, they come and share God’s love, while serving those with many needs. They’re doing God’s work and providing healing for many who had been slipping between the cracks.”*

**HANK JOHNSON, HARRISBURG BRETHERN IN CHRIST CHURCH**

## Highlights of 30 Years of Miracles (cont.)







“WellSpan, a non-profit community health system, has partnered with Mission of Mercy for many years, mainly through WellSpan Gettysburg Hospital. Mission of Mercy has respectfully maintained the dignity of patients, seeing them in the clinic and helping them with access to medications, imaging and labs. The partnership of WellSpan and Mission of Mercy has helped us make sure no one falls through the cracks but are treated with the compassion they deserve.”

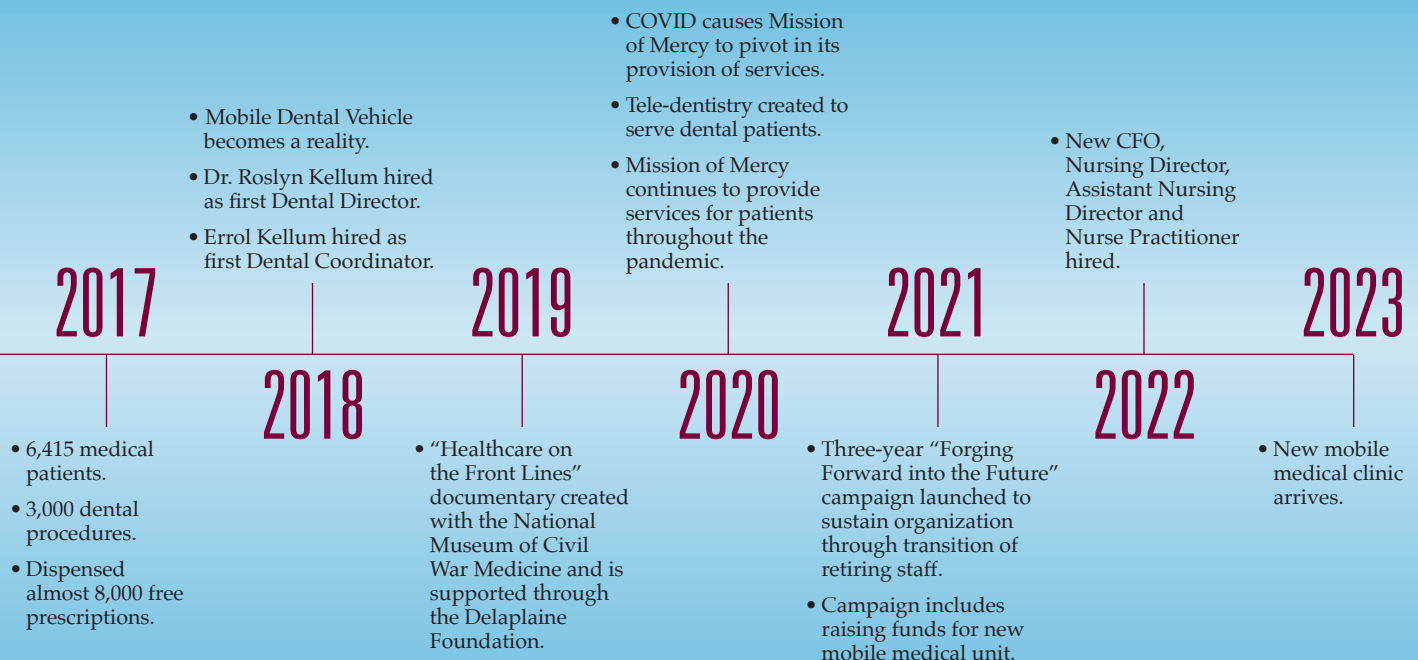
**CHRIS ECHTERLING, M.D.,  
WELLSPAN MEDICAL DIRECTOR OF VULNERABLE POPULATIONS, GETTYSBURG, PA.**

“I would like to recognize the contributions that Mission of Mercy, its small staff and many volunteers make every day to keep its services available to those who don’t have other easily accessible or affordable options in Frederick County. Mission of Mercy has been a major critical safety net for physical health with the addition of a mobile dental unit, it has become a major contributor to the dental safety net in Frederick County as well.”

**DR. BARBARA BROOKMYER, HEALTH OFFICER, FREDERICK, MD**

**Many thanks as well to these hospital partners who allow us to send patients for additional testing and lab work:**

- Carroll Hospital, Westminster, MD
- Frederick Health, Frederick, MD
- Mercy Hospital, Baltimore, MD
- Northwest Hospital, Baltimore, MD
- St. Agnes Hospital, Baltimore, MD
- Gettysburg Hospital, Gettysburg, PA
- Pinnacle Health System, Harrisburg, PA



# Community Impact

## 2023



Impacted

# 48,986

PATIENT LIVES



Provided

# 226,600

FREE DOCTOR VISITS



Offered

# 23,700

FREE DENTAL VISITS



Dispensed

# 449,000

FREE MEDICATIONS

Our ability to provide our patients with the free medical and dental care they need, as well as free medications, is due in great part to the generosity of businesses, churches, community and civic organizations. We thank them—and all of our donors—for their continued support of the life-saving and life-affirming work we do.

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# Thank You

Many thanks to the more than 200 guests who attended our 23rd Annual Gala in September. The event, which featured great music and great food, raised more than \$130,000 to support our mission of bringing life-saving services to the uninsured and underinsured.



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See firsthand how we restore dignity, heal through Love and strengthen communities. Our tours run from 10-11 a.m. and are held at each clinic site. If you are interested, please email Julie Wohlfarth at [jwohlfarth@ameissionofmercy.org](mailto:jwohlfarth@ameissionofmercy.org) to make an appointment or call 301.682.5683 to speak with Julie, Jennifer White or Linda Ryan.

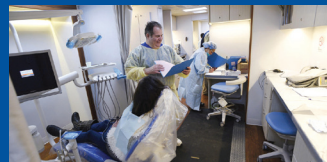
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