

News Release

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Over \$590,000 in medications donated to Mission of Mercy

Mission of Mercy provides free medical care, including prescription medications, to patients at mobile clinic sites in Maryland and Pennsylvania. The pharmacist on the mobile clinic dispenses generic medicines from a formulary of over 225 types of medications. At times, more intensive drugs are required, especially for people with chronic illnesses, including hypertension, diabetes, heart disease, etc. "During the first six months of 2006, companies participating in the Pharmacy Assistance Program for low income patients have given close to 2,650 bottles of pills to Mission of Mercy's clinics," said Linda Ryan, Executive Director. "These prescription medications have a value in excess of \$590,000."

Specially trained volunteers at the Mission of Mercy mobile clinics assist patients with prescriptions in filling out and submitting forms provided by the pharmaceutical companies. This results in better treatment for people with chronic illnesses, with a number of special drugs from various companies. "Mission of Mercy is on track to equal the value of drugs donated in 2005, which was more than \$1.3 million dollars," said Ms. Ryan. "We make every effort to maximize the contributions we receive."

Mission of Mercy is a medical nonprofit organization that operates a free mobile clinic at seven sites in Maryland: Brunswick, Frederick, Mt. Airy, Reisterstown, Taneytown, Thurmont and Westminster; and at two sites in Pennsylvania: Gettysburg and Harrisburg. The mobile clinic operates with the support of more than 250 volunteers and relies entirely on private financial donations from individual, foundations and corporations to provide these services. All gifts are deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law.

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