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Mission of Mercy Gala Raises \$65,000 to Support Mobile Health Clinics

Frederick, MD... Mission of Mercy's annual gala, "Bubble Ball, An Evening of Elegance and Giving," raised more than \$66,000 for patient care.

"This was a sold out event with 180 attendees, and we sincerely thank the greater Frederick community for coming together to support the life-saving work we do at our six clinics in Maryland and southern Pennsylvania," said Jennifer Charlton, Mission of Mercy's Executive Director.

The event was held on Friday, November 1, 2013 at the Frederick Holiday Inn and Conference Center, and featured silent and live auctions, a cocktail reception and seated dinner, and dancing to The Junkyard Saints. Lynne Zink of Lynne Zink Productions conducted the live auction, which featured a Bethany Beach house, trips to Ecuador, Africa, Colorado and Napa Valley, along with dinner at Bryan Voltaggio's Range.

Frederick Memorial Hospital and Mount St. Mary's University were the Premier Gold Sponsors; additional sponsors included Cardiovascular Specialists of Frederick, The Maryland Society for Disabled Children & Adults Foundation, Inc., Wegman's and Frederick County Bank.

The mission of the Maryland/Pennsylvania Program of Mission of Mercy is to restore dignity and to heal through Love (God's love), by offering free primary healthcare, dental care and prescription medications to the uninsured and underinsured working poor.

Seventy percent of Mission of Mercy's patients suffer at least one chronic illness; visiting Mission of Mercy's mobile clinic gives these patients access to much needed healthcare on a regular basis, which improves their overall health. Additionally, seven to nine percent of their patients are seniors on fixed incomes with Medicare, who often find themselves unable to afford their medical insurance co-pays and deductibles, which leaves them without access to critical health care and medications. Mission of Mercy serves seniors so they do not have to cut corners - or medications - in order to survive.

For additional information on the life-giving services of Mission of Mercy, visit www.amiissionofmercy.org.

About Mission of Mercy

Founded in 1994, Mission of Mercy is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization. With the support of approximately 300 volunteer medical and administrative professionals, Mission of Mercy has served more than 28,000 patients through more than 166,000 visits to their clinics. In addition, the Maryland/Pennsylvania program has dispensed more than 358,000 free prescription medications. Mission of Mercy is not a recipient of government funding and relies solely on donations from churches, private sector civic organizations, corporations, foundations and individuals for its charitable services. For more information, visit www.aMissionofMercy.org or call 301-682-5683.