



Healthcare Access for All

2023 - 2024 Annual Impact Report

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Mercy Medical Center Merced's mission, vision and values inform every aspect of our work each day, and remind us that we serve our patients, their families, our communities – and also each other.

Our mission

As a part of CommonSpirit Health, we make the healing presence of God known in our world by improving the health of the people we serve, especially those who are vulnerable, while we advance social justice for all.

Our vision

A healthier future for all, inspired by faith, driven by innovation and powered by our humanity.

Our values

Compassion:

Care with listening, empathy and love.
Accompany and comfort those in need of healing.

Inclusion:

Celebrate each person's gifts and voice.
Respect the dignity of all.

Integrity:

Inspire trust through honesty.
Demonstrate courage in the face of inequity.

Excellence:

Serve with fullest passion, creativity and stewardship.
Exceed expectations of others and ourselves.

Collaboration:

Commit to the power of working together.
Build and nurture meaningful relationships.

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A message from leadership

Dear Friends,

The annual impact report serves as a chance to pause and reflect. It is our opportunity to express gratitude for your unwavering support, and celebrate the collective achievements we've made over the past year.

At the center of our achievements is access for all, through bringing healthcare directly to our community with new state-of-the-art equipment, a Mobile Care Clinic and remodel of our Rural Health Center.

At Mercy Medical Center Merced, our leadership, medical professionals and staff recognize the pivotal role philanthropy plays in upholding our hospital's standards of excellence today and in pioneering innovative approaches to patient care for tomorrow. Your inspiring and generous contributions have propelled groundbreaking programs, facilitated the development of state-of-the-art facilities and equipped our clinicians with the necessary tools and technologies to provide the highest quality care to our community.

As you peruse the uplifting stories of gratitude in the pages ahead, remember that it's your compassion and generosity that enable Mercy Medical Center Merced to deliver exceptional care. Medicine continues to progress, and our work remains unfinished. Together, we will continue making a meaningful impact and actively transform the lives of every patient we serve.

We extend our heartfelt appreciation for your confidence, collaboration, and steadfast support. We are profoundly grateful for you.

With gratitude,



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Chief Philanthropy Officer
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Giving by the numbers

\$3,297,000



Total dollars raised in 2024

This year, our donors came together to realize the power of generosity and gratitude in our community. The results have been inspiring.

\$3,048,000 | 2023

\$1,753,000 | 2022

\$1,847,000



Transfers to hospital in 2024

Transfers made by the Foundation to Mercy Medical Center Merced show collaboration as monies are transferred only after the obligations of donor intent has been met.

\$1,097,000 | 2023

\$634,000 | 2022



1017

Total donors in 2024

Donors bolster innovation, bring together our community and serve the vulnerable. Together we accomplish what none of us could do alone.

916 | 2023

847 | 2022

**Together
we heal.**

DEXA Scanner

Thanks to the incredible generosity of donors like you, the Mercy Medical Center Merced Foundation has been able to purchase a state-of-the-art DEXA scanner, (dual-energy X-ray absorptiometry). A DEXA scan uses two X-ray beams with different energy levels to pass through the body, usually the spine and hips and is a game-changer in the early detection and prevention of osteoporosis. This remarkable piece of technology is more than just a machine – it's a beacon of hope.

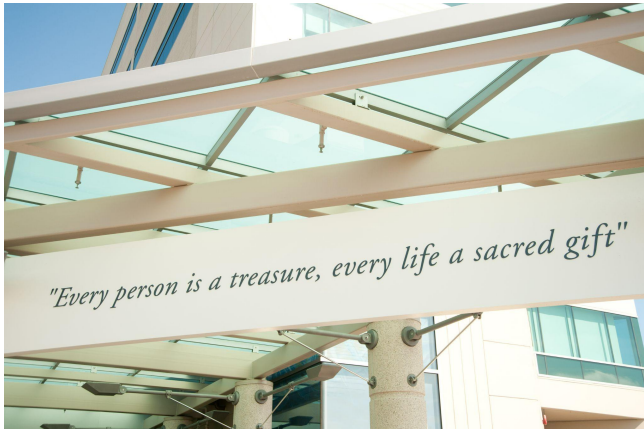
From the young athlete concerned about stress fractures to the aging parent wanting to stay independent, the DEXA scanner touches lives across generations.

The process is quick, painless, and provides doctors with crucial information about bone density. Your generosity has given our patients the gift of early detection and peace of mind.

The DEXA scanner is a powerful tool in our community's fight against fragility fractures, which can be life-altering events, especially for our elderly population.

"Every time I use this scanner, I'm filled with gratitude for the donors who made it possible. We're not just measuring bone density; we're preserving quality of life, preventing painful fractures, and giving our patients the confidence to stay active and engaged in their lives," says Alondra Rocha, RT(R)(ARRT) one of Mercy Medical Center's certified Radiologic Technologists.

Your support has empowered our medical team to provide proactive, personalized care that keeps our community strong and healthy. It's a testament to the profound ripple effect of your generosity – one act of kindness that continues to change lives, day after day.



Family Birth Center

The Family Birth Center at Mercy Medical Center Merced has blossomed into a haven of safety, comfort, and cutting-edge care for new families. Newborns rest in bassinets, tiny bracelet on their ankles – part of our new state-of-the-art infant security system, standing guard over our tiniest patients. This invisible shield of safety was made possible by donors who understand that every child deserves the best start in life.

In the delivery room, expectant mothers watch the steady rhythm on the new fetal monitor. Each reassuring beat is a testament to the advanced technology your donations have brought to our center.

From new bilirubin meter to check for jaundice to the newly acquired OR table for crucial C-sections, every possible step of birth has been touched by philanthropy and community support.

And as each new mother leaves our center, she's presented with a newborn kit – a touching reminder that through the generosity of Baby2Baby, donors continue to support the newest families even as they take their first steps into parenthood.

Your donations haven't just purchased equipment; they've created a tapestry of care that wraps warmly around each new life that begins at Mercy Merced.

Improving Cancer Patients' Experiences and Outcomes

At the heart of Mercy Medical Center Foundation's mission is a deep commitment to nurturing hope and comfort for patients facing challenging health journeys. Healing goes beyond medicine.

Through the Radiant Wraps program, breast cancer patients trade stiff hospital gowns with a silky-soft, beautifully patterned Radiant Wrap that makes patients feel comforted and seen.

Thanks to the Foundation, patients who once faced challenges in accessing life-saving treatments due to transportation issues now have the peace of mind that a ride is assured. Providing transportation not only offers hope but also fosters connections and ensures that no one has to face their health battles alone.

The Foundation's segmented art program paints a vivid picture of healing beyond hospital walls. In a sunlit room, cancer patients and their families gather, paintbrushes in hand, laughter filling the air.

For those few hours, patients aren't defined by cancer. They are artists, dreamers, and most importantly, together.

This program doesn't just create art; it crafts moments of joy, weaves bonds between families, and illustrates the power of creativity in the face of adversity. Each brushstroke represents a small victory, a moment of peace in the midst of life's greatest storms, reminding us all of the resilience of the human spirit.

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these, visit our website.



Hope on Wheels

Mobile Healthcare Clinic

The first step in quality healthcare is getting there. In emergency situations, an ambulance often fills this roll. But when it comes to preventive and routine care, it's up to the patients to get there and that can leave serious gaps in community care. For those with limited transportation, living in rural areas, or the unhoused, just getting to healthcare can be a mountain of a task.

Philanthropic Investments purchased the newest service line at Mercy Medical Center Merced – a mobile clinic providing access for marginalized populations in Merced County.

In partnership with Central California Alliance for Health (CACH) a state-of-the-art mobile clinic equipped with exam rooms, diagnostic equipment, and lab space, began September 2024, thanks to philanthropic support.

The Mobile Health Clinic offers bilingual services, routine health screenings, and connect the underprivileged community

members with services they need, such as social services, health insurance, and medical home.

“Our focus is to uplift the underrepresented, support the unhoused and serve the underserved by providing accessible, compassionate care.” said Jessica Escobar, RN, Director of Nursing at Mercy Medical Center Merced, “I am truly humbled by the dedication and support of our community partners.”

With this new mobile clinic, Mercy Medical Center Merced aims to dramatically expand its reach and provide high-quality, compassionate care to those who might otherwise go without.

As many of those serviced by the Mobile Healthcare Clinic are underinsured or uninsured, its creation from concept to launch, would be impossible without generous donors and philanthropy.

The Mobile Healthcare Clinic isn't just a vehicle – it's hope on wheels.



The Mobile Healthcare Clinic will soon be seen across the Merced area, offering medical services to those who need it the most. This could not be possible without philanthropic support.

LUCAS Chest Compression

In emergency care, every second counts.

Through philanthropic efforts Mercy Medical Center Merced foundation purchased two LUCAS chest compression devices. These innovative tools automate high-quality CPR, providing consistent, uninterrupted chest compressions to cardiac arrest patients.

Reliable and safe chest compressions give first responders and patients the one thing that can't be bought - time. Time for physicians to give additional life-saving care, diagnostics and transport patients where they need to go for the next stage of care.

Your support enabled Mercy to purchase these essential devices, which has drastically improved health outcomes for the Merced community in emergency situations.



Rural Health Center Remodel

Mercy Medical Center Merced is just as committed to the best care in the Emergency Room as preventing people from needing it in the first place.

There will always be a need for Emergency Care, but regular preventive care has been proven over and over again to lessen the chances for emergency care.

Mercy Medical Center Merced began an extensive remodel of its Rural Health Clinic in 2024. This remodel has two main purposes: first and foremost to meet the growing demand for primary and specialty care. Second, it invests in the training for future family practice physicians through the UC Davis Family Practice Residency Program.

Residency programs are crucial ways to attract physicians to underserved areas and get them invested in our community. Thanks to a generous capital grant from the Central California Alliance for Health, services and facilities at the Rural Health Center are being upgraded.

This is an ongoing project expected to be completed in late 2025. Ongoing community support is vital to ensure Mercy Medical Center Merced is providing extensive care. It's no exaggeration to say the medical services offered here may be just what the doctor ordered to keep out of the emergency room.



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