

# New Chairs, More Comfort

The mission of the Mercy Foundation is to further Mercy Medical Center's commitment to provide excellence in health care support and community collaboration. When the Foundation Board was approached in October of 2015 by the Mercy UC/Davis Cancer Center with plans of upgrading their Infusion Room, the Foundation quickly jumped into action. The Board approved a motion to fund the purchase of 7 brand-new infusion chairs, which have since been installed and enjoyed by patients receiving treatment at the Cancer Center.

These new chairs provide patients a more comfortable experience when undergoing treatment with features and abilities such as power reclining, massage, and a heated seat option. "Chemo



is horrible, and to see our patients who are already sick and in pain be a little more comfortable and more at ease is satisfying to us," states Lindsay Williams, RN.

Sasha Ramirez, a patient that has been receiving treatment at the Mercy/UC Davis Cancer Center for 8 years describes what using these new chairs has meant to her. "The old chairs were really hard to recline, I had to have a lot of help from the staff to recline them. You're here for a long time, and you don't want to be in an uncomfortable chair. The staff here is trained to the hilt and are very nice and considerate to what you are going through. They have a lot of empathy for you and they take care of you, it's like you're family. Having the center here and having these new chairs really means a lot to me."

Other philanthropic projects the Mercy Foundation has recently helped the Cancer Center set in motion include monthly support groups and a patient

transportation assistance program. Minerva Silveira, RN, expresses her feelings on what philanthropy means to the Cancer Center, "Our patients here have unique needs, needs that regular patients to our medical center don't have, and seeing them get help like that is really nice."