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Merced Foundation**  
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# WELCOME

Dear Friends,

IT HAS BEEN AN INCREDIBLE YEAR.

Another fiscal year has passed, and while we note each day that has come and gone with records of progress, statistics and events, the most important remembrances are of the moments we have shared with our patients, and the opportunities to touch the lives of so many who put their faith in our organization.



Our team is committed to building trusted, lifelong relationships with donors like you. We connect your

hopes, priorities and passions to Mercy Medical Center Merced's work of health and healing.

Driven by your passion, you have made a profound difference in the lives of countless patients and families. It is our deep honor to thank you and show you philanthropy at work at Mercy.

Because of you, we are able to launch robotic surgery in Merced with the da Vinci Robotic Surgery System. Our cardiac service line is advancing with increased access to our Percutaneous Coronary Intervention (PCI) services along with the relocation of our newly branded Cardiac Pulmonary Wellness Center to the first floor of the Mercy Outpatient Center. Additionally, our Foundation continues to support our Cancer Center patients through our patient transportation assistance program.

Our quality of care to the community is stronger because of your spirit of generosity. We are profoundly grateful for your ongoing support of the Mercy Foundation as we continue to ensure access to high-quality and affordable health care for all. You are one-of-a-kind and we thank you!

## Jacob McDougal

Vice President & Chief Development Officer  
Mercy Medical Center Merced Foundation

Spotlight - TBD

## 2017-2018 FOUNDATION BOARD MEMBERS

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|--|--------------------------|
| - Steve Koenig - Board Chair                 | - Cyril Lawrence         |
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|----------------------------|-----------------------|
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| - Doug Fluetsch            | - Marilyn Reese       |
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## HONORARY BOARD MEMBERS

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|---------------|-----------------------|
| - Bert Crane* | - Rose Eager-Sabo*    |
|               | - E.J. "Almo" Lorenzi |

## FOUNDATION STAFF

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| - Jacob McDougal, Vice President of Philanthropy | - Shelby Davidson, Annual Giving Coordinator |
| - Marcee Cervantes, Operations Manager           | - Sally Strasser, Administrative Assistant   |

\*deceased



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**Above:** Mercy Chapel's cross was generously funded by Foundation Board member Ric Kirby and Heritage Club members.

## CELEBRATE A LIFE

Holiday spirit was in the air this past December as the Foundation held its annual Celebrate a Life event.

Guests enjoyed the opportunity to pause, remember, and honor friends and family with a beautiful reflection ceremony delivered by Chaplain Rico Monton.

After a candle lit walk from the Cancer Center to the koi pond, the crowd witnessed Father John Fluetsch bless Mercy Chapel's newly erected cross, which was then lit for the very first time. Hot cocoa, treats and a caroling performance by Merced's Classic Christmas Carolers was enjoyed by all following the ceremony.

## SPIRIT BOOSTER CAMPAIGN BY THE NUMERS

- 430 total employee members
- 54 new members
- 60 members increased giving amount
- \$145,000 raised in 2017

*Thank you Spirit Boosters for your continued support of our healing mission!*



## FOUNDATION HAPPENINGS

A look at recent events in support of Mercy Medical Center Merced

### CARDIAC REHAB GRAND OPENING

Hearts were full this past March as Mercy officially opened the doors of the brand new Cardiac Pulmonary Wellness Center located at the Mercy Outpatient Center. Patients, hospital staff, and community members had the opportunity to tour the new space and enjoy fellowship at a special grand opening ceremony.

Supervisor Henry Moreno opened the ceremony with a beautiful message that cardiac rehab is "more than a program, it's a family." His words were truly evident from the outpouring of positive comments from guests in attendance.

Cardiac rehab patient Bill Beverage shared his thoughts during the ceremony, "Cardiac rehab has been such a blessing. It has helped me get stronger, enjoy social interaction, and has given me a better outlook on life. Thank God for it! We are so fortunate to have a place like cardiac rehab. The staff is super and it is a wonderful facility to use. We appreciate it."

The Foundation was able to transfer \$20,000 in support of new equipment for the space, but more help is needed! Give the office a call today at 209.564.4200 to learn more about our naming opportunities and how you can aid in this campaign to elevate the health and recovery of our cardiac rehab patients.



**Above:** Henry Moreno presents Vice President of Philanthropy, Jacob McDougal, with a card signed by cardiac patients of the past and present.

# NEWS AND NOTES

## THE RACE IS ON

### Record Number of Racers at the 2018 5K Stroke Awareness Run

817 participants laced up their sneakers on Saturday, May 5, for the Mercy 5K Stroke Awareness Run. Beautiful weather and a fun-filled day were enjoyed by race-goers and their families at Mercy's Family Festival following the race. Proceeds of \$21,061 raised at this year's event benefit the Mercy Stroke Program.

This year was especially memorable as the run was dedicated in memory of longtime hospital supporter David Zacharias. In the pre-race ceremony, bib #1 was presented to his son Daniel and the rest of the DZ Runs team, 55 runners strong.

Congratulations to all the individual medalists in this year's race (visit [supportmercymerced.org](http://supportmercymerced.org) for a complete list) and the overall fastest runner, Raymond Rodriguez with a time of 18:44.6. Pearl Family Dentistry took home the award for the Largest Team for the second year in a row with 83 team members, while team Here for Dennis took home the prize for Craziest Team Hats with their Under the Sea themed headwear. Smooth Operators received honors for the Best Team Selfie.

Thank you again to all those who donated and came out to support this great cause. We can hardly wait until next year's race!



### Upcoming Campaign

It's time to reboot "Dr. Bot", a five-foot tall robot that rolls from room to room allowing physicians to "beam" themselves into Mercy's hospital rooms 24 hours a day to diagnose patients and offer medical advice.

**Initial Campaign Goal: \$250,000**







## BE A PART OF OUR BRIGHT FUTURE

### Make a difference with planned giving

You may not realize it, but you have the ability to leave your mark on the causes closest to your heart regardless of your occupation, estate size or income level.

While day-to-day expenses may eat up much of your family budget, you can still touch the lives of the people in our greater community without making major financial sacrifices. Giving an estate gift allows you to do more than you may have thought possible, and the satisfaction you get in return is priceless.

Consider these affordable giving options that allow you to continue your current lifestyle and support the causes you care about most:

- ❖ Give a percentage of your estate. Leave the Mercy Foundation a percentage of the assets in your will or trust – from 1 to 100 percent – to support the health of greater Merced County in the future. This allows your gift to remain proportionate to your estate size.
- ❖ Donate your home and continue living there. With a retained life estate, you can obtain an immediate income tax deduction when you deed your home or farm.
- ❖ Use your bank or brokerage account. Designate the Mercy Foundation to benefit from all or a percentage of your remaining bank or brokerage account assets. \*In the meantime, you remain in control of the account.

If our Foundation is in your estate, or it is your desire to include us in your estate, a quick phone call to your CPA or estate attorney is all you'll need to declare your intention to support Mercy.

We would love to welcome you to our Mercy Heritage Club Legacy Society.

### Heritage Club Legacy Circle Members

- Aurelia and Alfred Pia
- John Minetti Trust
- Elmo Giampaoli Estate
- Trudy Holck

For more information about the Heritage Club Legacy Circle or Planned Giving, contact the Mercy Foundation at 209.564.4200.

## Summer Social Save the Date

Friday, June 15, 2018 at the home of Dana & Ric Kirby



**Left:** David Dunham and E.J. "Almo" Lorenzi.

**Right:** Associate Board member Betty Stewart along with her daughters, Jana and ?





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# Barry and Jeanne McAuley: Making Opportunities for Merced

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Written by Kaaren Morgner

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**M**cAuley Motors' auto showroom presence on 17th Street spans eighty years. What began in 1937 as a Studebaker franchise, now showcases an award-winning Lincoln dealership. As Main Street grew, so did the medical needs of the community. Community members and business owners gathered to support, raise funds,

and stay informed about the delivery of health care in Merced. That has not changed. As third generation Mercedians, Barry and Jeanne McAuley continue that service. As family, good neighbors, and friends they advocate for the best our community can be.

The McAuleys target their philanthropic efforts based on impact. "The hospital is first and

foremost; it touches everyone from the newborn to the elderly!" Jeanne declares. "In addition, we support things that benefit children: The First Tee, CASA, Our Lady of Mercy School, and the arts: The Merced Multicultural Arts Center."

Not long ago, after noticing their building marked by graffiti, Barry phoned a Boys and Girls Club board member and proposed,



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“The Montgomery family (Barry’s extended family) will arrange to paint the building if you will accept our offer.” They accepted. The McAuleys pay attention; they see a need, inquire, and offer their resources.

Barry and Jeanne know the struggle and the reward of sustaining a vibrant downtown atmosphere. Three and a half years ago the Multicultural Arts Center was struggling financially, unable to pay salaries and overhead bills. Barry offered to help. Construction of the UC Merced administration building was underway with the new El Capitan Hotel soon to follow. He knew both businesses would bring new energy to the downtown area. This motivated the couple to organize “Luau at the Lake” which raised \$90,000 for the Arts Center over its three-year run. With the financial pressure off, they stepped back and new people with new ideas stepped forward. “Today it’s a vibrant group with new programs for kids and adults!” Barry concludes.

Passion for Mercy Medical Center’s role in our community requires engagement, continued engagement. It requires remembering the story, recounting the story and inviting others into the story.

One of Barry’s fondest memories is reflected in a photo he keeps. It’s that of the first patient being transferred to the new hospital on May 2, 2010. He smiles as he thinks of it. There are some days you just keep going back to – days that mark well remembered moments because they matter.

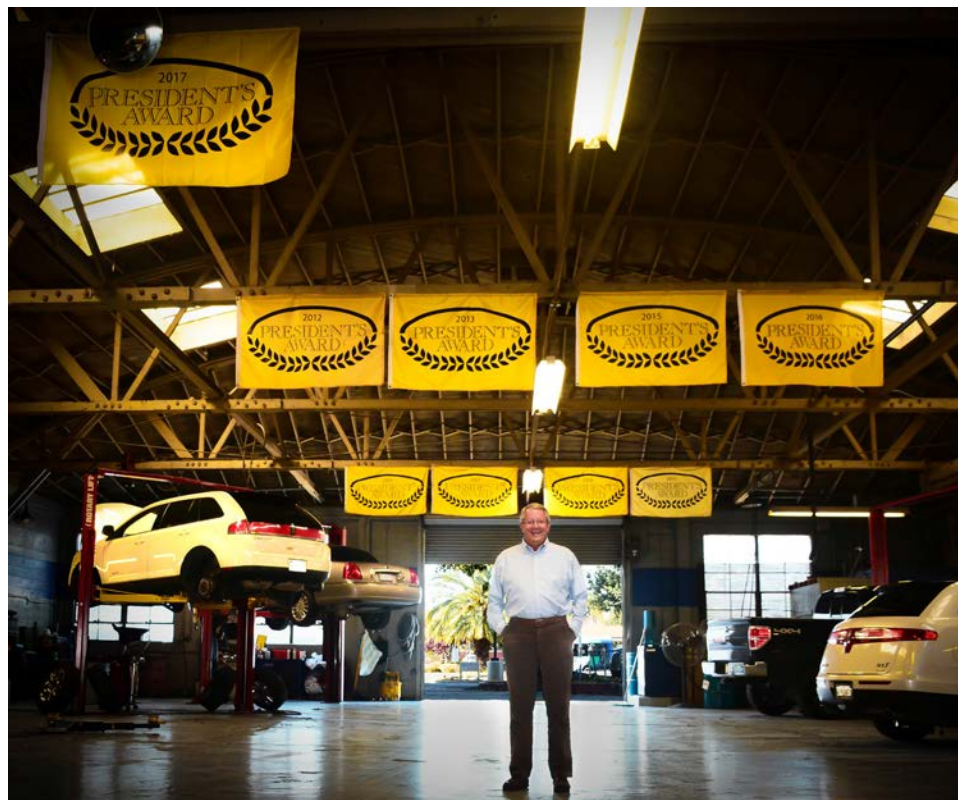
Barry’s relationship with the hospital began in the late 1980’s

when he received a call from Walt Adams, then on the Mercy Hospital Foundation Board, asking him to help decorate for the gala. After climbing ladders and hanging things all day, he found himself involved. Walt’s invitation exposed Barry to the mission and message of the Foundation. That invitation set him on course to engage and lead. Barry went on to serve as president of the Foundation Board in 1992, currently chairs the Mercy Medical Center Community Board, and remains active in the Foundation as an Associate member.

Jeanne’s exposure to hospital service came from her aunt, Beverly Favier, and later, Barry’s mother, Marge McAuley. Her Aunt Bev, an avid gardener and

long-time hospital volunteer, looked out for family members in the hospital. She was known for bringing bouquets of flowers from her garden to share with patients. “There were five brothers and five sisters in Dad’s family. All married and stayed in the Merced area. I have 21 cousins! They’re all still here with their families!” Jeanne laughs. The odds were that any given week someone was likely to be in the hospital – either sick or having a baby. Jeanne was moved by the attention and concern her aunt showed people during illness and loss.

Marge McAuley offered Jeanne another window into serving the hospital. As president of the volunteers, she visited other hospitals seeking ideas and new



**Above:** The McAuley Lincoln team earned its 15th President's Award signifying its top ten percent ranking among dealerships in the nation for excellent customer service.

# POWER OF PHILANTHROPY

ways volunteers could be helpful to the patient. One of her innovations was a travelling cart stocked with newspapers, magazines, and little personal care items the patient might want or need that the hospital did not provide. Her ability to see needs and devise creative solutions impressed Jeanne.

"We've been brought up by both our families to be involved, by donating financially, offering a talent, and volunteering time. However you are gifted—use it!" Jeanne concludes.

Barry chimes in, "Yes, family set the example, but I go back to this - invite and expose. It's exposure! Give people the opportunity to be in a room with doers. It's easy to be around people that don't do, but my gosh we've got a wonderful base of doers. Give folks an opportunity!"

For Barry, that opportunity came when the Foundation Board raised \$5.4 million in capital for the

new hospital. He was part of the Capital Campaign team tasked with taking the vision for the new hospital into the community. His excitement surfaces as he recalls, "This was a once in a lifetime deal. This would be the single most important privately funded project to benefit this community during our lifetimes. That's a pretty good thing to help out and invest in!"

Barry found that the vision resonated with community members. "I explained what we wanted to accomplish and what we needed. I took people on tours, showed them what was coming, showed the value," he recalls. "I'll never forget Helen Evans' words: 'We always thought of ourselves as community supporters. Nobody's ever asked us for more than a \$100.00 ticket.'" Barry responded, "Would you consider a \$50,000 gift?" Helen called Barry a few days later to contribute in honor of her late husband, Stratford Evans.

"We both had tears," he recalls softly. Just give an opportunity.

When the recession of 2008 hit and the market fell in January and February of 2009, the Capital Campaign team stopped, took a breath, let everyone find their bearings, and then moved forward. The community response continued to build and every donation mattered. "I'm so proud of us!" Barry smiles.

Barry describes his and Jeanne's involvement with the hospital as a team effort. "Jeanne has no title, but she's right there. She's an advocate, and you want her to advocate for you!" he assures. In the beginning for Jeanne, it was decorating for the galas, creating flower arrangements and table decorations. For the last ten years she has served as a lay member of the Community Board's Quality Committee.

According to Walt Adams, Quality Committee chair, "We (lay members) serve as the eyes and ears of the community, sharing compliments as well as concerns regarding patient experience." When someone tells Jeanne about their patient experience, Jeanne asks permission to share that story. The concern or the compliment is shared with the appropriate hospital department head whether it's nursing, emergency room, or ancillary services. The department head follows up and addresses the concern, or shares the compliment. "We want our hospital to be top-notch!" Jeanne states. Great care from a dedicated team takes effort and encouragement from everyone involved.

Not long ago, Jeanne experienced that teamwork. A



**Above:** Both Barry and Jeanne enjoy the garden. That shared interest finds its way into their travels. "We always find nurseries or botanical gardens to visit!" Jeanne smiles.





**Above:** Barry and Jeanne recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

bout with infected kidney stones became a battle for her life. She showed signs of sepsis and needed immediate treatment. “That wonderful nurse got my IV’s going and remained with me to coordinate my care!” Jeanne recalls. Dr. Dennis Cesar, caring for patients in Los Banos, explained the surgical procedure Jeanne needed to Dr. Mark Wagner via a phone conversation. Jeanne awoke the next day in the Intensive Care Unit and Dr. Cesar came in to check on her. “You know Jeanne, Dr. Wagner saved your life,” he remarked. When complaints about the emergency room surface in conversation, Jeanne listens and then shares her experience. It’s an opportunity to voice her thanks once again. “That ER team saved my life! I want people to know how lucky we are to have this team and this brand new hospital!”

At a recent joint meeting of the Medical Staff and Community Board, Barry and Jeanne learned of the ongoing effort being made by Chuck Kassis (CEO) and the administrative team to locate and bring new specialists to Mercy Medical Center. Yolanda Brewer, Director of Business Development and Physician Relations, reported, “We are actively engaged with all the different specialties. A total of six new physicians in the areas of obstetrics and gynecology, general surgery, anesthesiology, interventional cardiology, and family practice/obstetrics have joined our community since March 5, 2018. In addition, we have a letter of intent from a female uro-gynecologist who is trained in robotics. Two general surgeons and one gynecologist already practicing here are in training for certification on the new da Vinci robotic surgery

system.”

Recruiting and retaining new doctors is essential for our community. Jeanne had the opportunity to meet orthopedic spine surgeon Dr. Gabriel Garcia-Diaz. “He and his family are so happy here and want to bring their family from Puerto Rico here too. It’s wonderful to meet new doctors who love being here, who enjoy our community!” Engaging physicians with a passion to serve and enjoy our community benefits us all.

The McAuleys’ gifts of time and service to the Foundation and Community Boards (over thirty years respectively), and generous financial support of the Capital Campaign as well as the Cancer Center and the Endoscopic Ultrasound System, embody the spirit of philanthropy. Barry’s eyes light up as he leans in and says, “Look how far we’ve come! We are positioned for opportunity for additional services here in Merced, and it portends to be even better going forward. My goodness, look at the synergies converging here! A \$262 million hospital facility, UC Merced, and Merced College with its Allied Health teaching programs for nursing and lab technicians.”

Barry and Jeanne invite us to join the doers. Steadfast optimism fuels their passion and they remind us that we are a community that works together for quality health care delivery. Barry pulls out his phone, and scrolling through his contacts he says to Jeanne with a smile, “Let’s see, who should we invite next?”

# GRATITUDE

## ASSOCIATE BOARD SPOTLIGHT

The Associate Board of the Mercy Foundation is comprised of emerging civic and business leaders who are committed to the ongoing success of the Mercy Foundation. The Associate Board members are critical to our mission as they fulfilled a 9 year commitment as Foundation Board Members. Because of this commitment to our mission, they have distinguished themselves as prominent figures in our Foundation's history.

And one of our most cherished Associate Board members, Betty Stewart, was in attendance this spring at our Annual Associate Board Member Luncheon. Mrs. Stewart was one of the first babies born at Mercy Hospital in 1925; and fifty-nine years later was one of our first Foundation Board members.

In 1984, Mercy Hospital Advisory Board formed a Foundation Board to support the hospital in the community. Bert Crane, then on the board of directors, wondered if Betty might consider being a board member. "Bert, how long do you want me?" she chuckled. "Well let's say two years," he replied. "Ok. I'll do that!" Eleven years later she told Bert that was the longest two years of her life. And now, Betty is going on 34 years of support toward the Mercy Foundation.

If you want to read and learn more about the life of Betty and Don Stewart, visit our website at [supportmercymerced.org](http://supportmercymerced.org) under "Why Giving Matters".



## GRATEFUL PATIENTS

John G. Fernandez II, Commander, United States Navy (Retired), presented Nicholas Paskin, RN, with the Navy Commendation Medal for the excellent care given to John's father, Mr. Frank J. Fernandez, during his end of life journey at Mercy Medical Center. [Read John's touching letter of gratitude here.](#)



## & FAMILIES

## FAREWELL TO A RETIRING BOARD MEMBER

Jim Cunningham is a local rancher who has contributed tirelessly to improving life in Merced County through his involvement in many community organizations, including serving as a Capital Campaign Cabinet Member for our Mercy Foundation. Jim is currently an Associate Board Member who recently rejoined the Foundation Board of Directors. During his tenure, Jim held many hats with the Foundation, most recently serving as interim chair of our Board Development Committee. Although Jim is leaving the board, we know that he will always remain a member of the Mercy Foundation.





## ADVANCING HEALTH CARE

Your Investment in our Community is Changing Lives

Mercy Medical Center Merced is now offering a breakthrough approach to surgery in our community with its new da Vinci® Robotic Surgical System.

This revolutionary and minimally invasive technology enables surgeons to perform even the most complex and delicate procedures through a few tiny incisions with unmatched dexterity, 3D high-definition vision and superior control. Overcoming the limitations of traditional open surgery, the da Vinci robot seamlessly translates a surgeon's hand, wrist and finger movements into precise real-time movements inside the patient.

The significant benefits of this advanced technology include reduced risk of infection, minimal scarring, less pain, a shorter hospital stay and a faster recovery.

Procedures performed with the da Vinci Surgical System include the following specialties: cardiothoracic, oncology, gynecology, urology, and gastroenterology.

Thanks to the spirit of generosity of our community we were able to raise approximately \$700,000, or nearly half of the cost, for the da Vinci Robotic Surgery System. We are culminating the campaign at our biennial Taste of Merced event on Friday, September 28, 2018. Event sponsorships are still available if you would like to support the medical center and the Surgical Services Department.



Dr. Alfred Johnson, General Surgeon

*Campaign Champion - da Vinci Robotic Surgery System*

"All patients are deserving of high quality care and it's my responsibility to be as empathetic as possible and use my breadth of experience to treat their condition successfully. I'm honored to serve in this role as champion of the da Vinci program at Mercy."



**Pictured:** Dr. Alfred Johnson, Nicole Reynolds, Janine Castro, Dr. Ming Lee, Dr. Davuluri, and Amber Sanchez, after successfully completing the first robotic surgery case at Mercy Medical Center Merced on May 4, 2018. Not pictured: Mercy's da Vinci Coordinator Minerva Jurado.

# THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT IN 2017

## \$50,000+

Volunteers of Mercy Medical Center Merced

## \$10,000 - \$24,999

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Merced Faculty Associates Medical Group, Inc.  
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