

Healing, connection and *humankindness*



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The heart of what we do at Mercy Health Foundation is simple: caring for our neighbors. We are committed to building a healthy Four Corners region, so that every individual, family and community has the chance to thrive.

This year, we are eager to lean even further into that work, particularly as we embrace the mission, vision and values of our managing health system, CommonSpirit Health. CommonSpirit has always been our partner in care, as Sponsor of our hospitals. The foundation's purpose remains the same – we are the same people, the same hearts, dedicated to supporting health care for all.

You might hear us talking more about collaboration, excellence, inclusion and **humankindness**. These are some of the values that motivate us as we serve our community. When we lead with these values, we can **connect** with local partners and support **healing** initiatives, like building a new cardiac catheterization lab, investing in our new Level II Neonatal Intermediate Care Unit (NICU) and much more.

This work is only possible because of generosity from community members like you. Your contributions ensure that Mercy Hospital can deliver more inclusive, accessible and affordable care – more *humankindness*. Together, we can help everyone in our Four Corners community have a healthier future!

With gratitude,



Lexie Stetson-Lee
Senior Philanthropy Officer
Mercy Health Foundation



100% of all gifts to Mercy Health Foundation stay local, fulfilling the needs of the patients and communities we serve.

Make a gift at [Tinyurl.com/MHDdonate](https://tinyurl.com/MHDdonate) or scan the QR code.

To learn more, please contact Lexie Stetson-Lee at (970) 764-2804 or AlexandraStetson-Lee@Centura.org. Thank you!

Gifts to Mercy Health Foundation have already made a remarkable impact since our fiscal year* began. Together, we can help our Four Corners community have a healthier future!

\$66,370

raised through special appeals, including Colorado Gives Day and Doctors' Day

\$55,357

donated to Hospice of Mercy, serving community members on their end-of-life journeys

\$581,781

disbursed to fund hospital programs, services and equipment

\$340,593

awarded in food security grants

300+

donors supporting Mercy Health Foundation

\$100

For every \$7 spent running the foundation, we raise and share

for equipment, programs and neighbors in need

*Data reflects funds raised or distributed between 07/01/2023 and 01/31/2024

Thank you to our board members!

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1 Mercy Hospital prepares to open second cardiac catheterization lab

We have successfully met our fundraising goal for the 2023 Leading With Heart campaign! Thank you to all our generous supporters who helped make this second cardiac catheterization lab possible. This enhancement for Mercy Hospital will help our caregivers save hundreds of lives each year.

Construction is now underway, thanks in part to Durango High Noon Rotary, which made an incredible gift of \$108,350 toward the project on February 1 – their largest capital gift to date.



You can watch a special video celebrating their momentous gift at [Vimeo.com/907880816](https://vimeo.com/907880816) or by scanning the QR code.

We are so grateful to physician champion, Jad Raffoul, MD, who hosted a special Valentine's Day happy hour at Ska Brewing Company to close the campaign in February. It was an encouraging and joyful evening for all, raising an additional \$3,600 toward our campaign efforts!

Finally, we organized a ribbon-cutting ceremony on May 2 to celebrate this achievement with our Cardiology department, community partners and hospital leaders. Thank you to all of our supporters! Every gift has been pivotal in helping us reach this milestone, beginning an exciting new chapter of *humankindness* and healing.

Mercy Hospital's Family Birth Center – the only facility with a Level II NICU in the Four Corners area – supports the birth of more than 840 babies each year, 17% of whom require specialized treatment.

Thank you to our community for supporting us on our mission to improve the health of the people we serve, especially those who are vulnerable, while we advance social justice for all!

Enterprise Zone renewal rewards your generosity!

We are thrilled to announce that the Colorado Economic Development Commission has renewed the Enterprise Zone Contribution Project certification for Mercy Hospital once again!

This prestigious designation grants us the ability to offer you a special tax credit when you make a gift of \$250 or more to select programs at Mercy Health Foundation.

This certification reaffirms our commitment to enhancing health care services through community support and innovation. To learn more about which gifts and programs are eligible for this tax credit opportunity, contact Lexie Stetson-Lee at AlexandraStetson-Lee@Centura.org.



The long-awaited enhancements to our Level II Neonatal Intermediate Care Unit (NICU) and Family Birth Center are now complete!



2 NICU priority project completed thanks to community gifts

We are proud to share that the long-awaited enhancements to our Level II Neonatal Intermediate Care Unit (NICU) and Family Birth Center are now complete!

With \$342,259 donated by a community of 70 supporters, the project helped purchase essential, state-of-the-art equipment for the NICU. This purchase marks a significant advancement in our ability to care for infants born at 32 weeks or older, those as young as 30 weeks who meet specific criteria, and newborns up to 30 days old needing readmission.

Much of the project also focused on preparing a comfortable space for families with infants in our NICU, as well as creating a dedicated wellness space for our hardworking nurses.

3 Community members explore robotic surgery options at Mercy

More than 50 community members took a journey “behind the red line” at Mercy Hospital this past February!

All attendees put on “bunny suit” attire for an immersive operating room experience, where they could learn about comprehensive minimally invasive surgical options offered at Mercy. These exclusive tours examined surgical areas dedicated to total joint replacement and spine surgery, featuring technology powered by state-of-the-art robotic assistance.

Thank you to everyone who participated in this spectacular evening, and to our donors who help ensure that our hospital can continue to provide excellent care!

4 Mercy Hospice shines bright with your support

Every year, our Mercy Hospice Tree of Lights tradition pays tribute to lost loved ones with special gifts and ornaments in their memory. This year, Tree of Lights donors helped raise an impressive \$9,440, significantly surpassing last year's contributions! We extend our heartfelt thanks to every donor for their kindness and support.

This outpouring of generosity supports vital hospice programs like bereavement and chaplain services, providing essential comfort and guidance for patients on their end-of-life journeys.

Gifts to Mercy Hospice also help maintain the healing gardens and prayer labyrinth. Accessible from each hospice room's patio, these gardens provide a dedicated space for reflection and meditation.

Every spring, we are reminded how special it is to have the Hospice of Mercy gardens, which have been maintained thanks to an extraordinary partnership with the Colorado Master Gardener Program through La Plata County Extension. **The dedication and talent brought by local Master Gardener volunteers is deeply appreciated.**

Thank you to all who help make Mercy a place of comfort and beauty for those on their end-of-life journey.

5 Pink Night nets big win for Mercy Hospital Breast Care Center

Our Pink Night on February 17 was a resounding success, once again! This semiannual event brings together Fort Lewis College Athletics, Alpine Bank and our Mercy Health Foundation to support the Mercy Hospital Breast Care Center.

All who came had a blast at the halftime free throw contest, the pink paper airplane contest and the pink bucket challenge. Both Skyhawks teams clinched victories – the night was not only a win on the court, but a triumph in community spirit and support.

Contributions included \$1 from each ticket and proceeds from halftime shots, all of which benefitted the center that conducts more than 7,000 mammograms annually for our community members. Thank you to everyone who came out to celebrate survivors, raise awareness and build support!

6 Phillie Award recognizes outstanding generosity

CommonSpirit Health Philanthropy recognized one of our most faithful donors, **Roy Cook**, with the Philanthropist of the Year award at their annual Phillie Awards this spring.

Roy is known in our community for the impact of his remarkable contributions to the Mercy Hospice House, which helped establish a music therapy program. The program benefits patients, their families and staff through the transformative and healing power of music.

We are so grateful to Roy for his dedication to our foundation and to enhancing lives through his time and resources – he exemplifies the spirit of philanthropy that the Phillie Awards celebrate. We extend our heartfelt thanks and congratulations to Roy for his enduring impact and generosity!



You can watch a special video recognizing Roy and his generosity by visiting [Youtu.be/ujiBhVXhQU4](https://youtu.be/ujiBhVXhQU4) or by scanning the QR code.

A legacy that endures

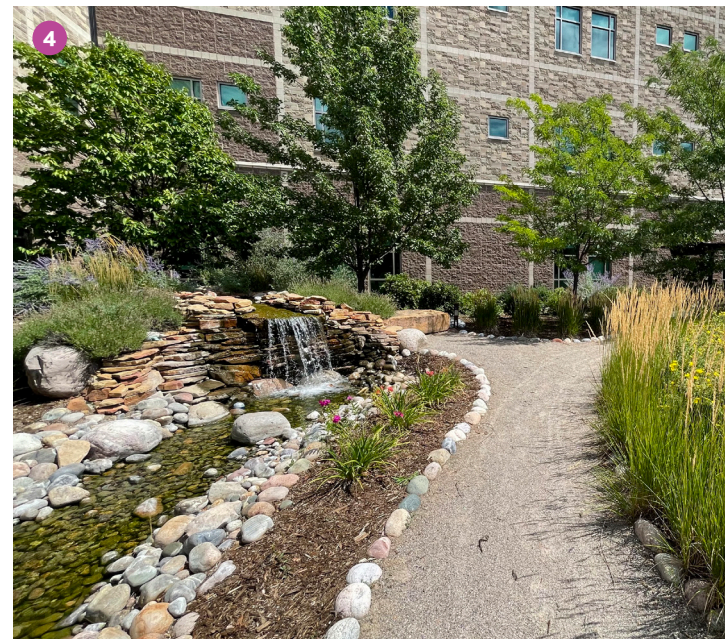
Now that tax season has passed, have you considered how you want to plan your charitable giving for the rest of 2024? There are many ways you can ensure that your support continues to enhance the lives of Mercy Hospital patients, families and providers for generations to come.

We invite you to connect with us to explore these options and more:

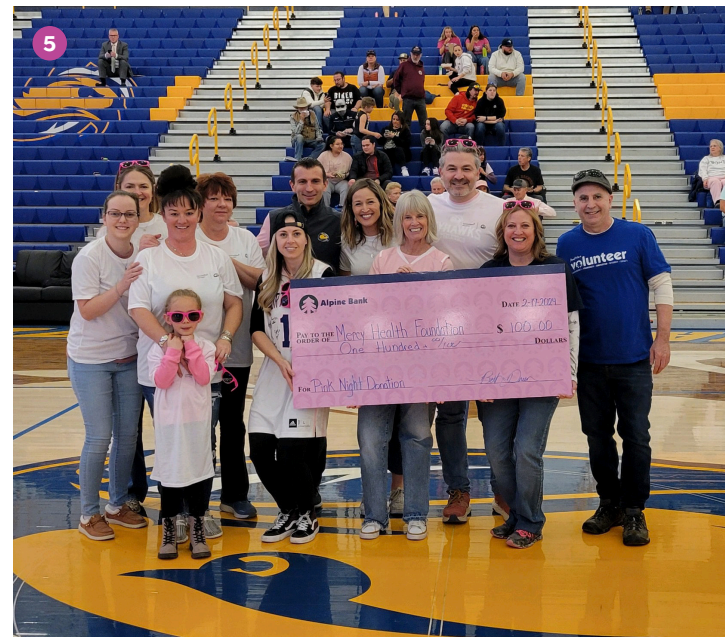
- Bequest
- Beneficiary of Retirement Plan or Insurance Policy
- Charitable Gift Annuity (CGA)
- Charitable Remainder Trust (CRT)
- Property (Home, Farm or Real Estate)
- Named Endowment

Schedule a meeting today with Lexie Stetson-Lee, Senior Philanthropy Officer, to discuss how you can leave a legacy that makes a meaningful difference to the future of the Four Corners region.

You can contact Lexie at (970) 764-2804 or AlexandraStetson-Lee@Centura.org.



Thank you to our Colorado Master Gardener Program volunteers, pictured here with leaders from Mercy Hospice and Mercy Hospital.



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.



To give in support of our mission, visit Tinyurl.com/MHDdonate or scan the QR code to the left.



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