



*From the Office of the President*

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Dear Friend,

We are all in the process of aging - it is an inescapable certainty. While many seniors are independent and healthy – as we all hope to be - others are not so fortunate. They are frail, alone or fully dependent on others for their care. And those who are healthy today may not be so lucky tomorrow. What each senior needs is the assurance that someone will be close by to offer them compassionate care and respectful attention as they age.

Mercy Community Health is committed to serving the needs of the elderly in all stages of their lives. For more than 125 years, we have acted as both advocates and social activists, restoring dignity on those whom society often ignores or disregards simply because they are 'old'. In all this time, our mission has never changed: to care for the elderly, the sick and underserved poor, to provide housing in an environment that is tailored to the lifestyles of seniors, and to respond to needs of an ever-changing community so that no one is left without a place to turn.

We have succeeded this long for two reasons: one, we have never faltered from our mission as set forth by the Sisters of Mercy in 1854; and two, citizens like you help sustain our work with your support and generosity. Generation after generation, you have aligned yourself with our mission and have helped improve the quality of life for countless elderly, the less fortunate, and retired seniors.

With your generous support we have recently been able to accomplish the following:

- Expand our post-hospital recovery and rehabilitation unit
- Centralize and expand our specialized Alzheimer's and dementia unit;
- Create a new medical model Adult Day Care Center at Saint Mary Home

Although the addition of these significant programs and services are invaluable, money is needed to further develop programs in hospice, palliative and pastoral care - programs that address personal well being, sustenance and end of life issues for the elderly and their families.

Many challenges stand in front of us: reimbursement for patient care and residency expenses narrows yearly - well beyond our financial means to make up the difference; the cost of providing patient care and medication has skyrocketed, as has the cost of implementing new medical model protocols for patient care.

Your generous support will allow us to focus on developing critical services for the aging members of our society. Our appeal to you is simple – help keep Mercy Community Health a vibrant and integral part of the Connecticut community. Please make a meaningful choice of conscience and send a donation today to support our mission. Every gift we receive makes a difference; please do not underestimate the impact of your donation.

Aging is a process of life and those who are young today will be old tomorrow. Our goal is to be here for generations to come. Together we can meet the challenges that confront us and together we will continue to serve the elderly and the poor with dignity, respect and compassion. Please, send a gift today.

In Peace and Gratitude,

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