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2008 Mercy Health Foundation
Invitational
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Mark June 2, 2008 on your calendar for the annual *Mercy Health Foundation Invitational*. Participants will have their choice of spending the afternoon on the golf course at the Oshkosh Country Club, at the luxurious

Evensong Spa in Green Lake, and/or an elegant evening of fine dining, raffles, and auctions; all for a great cause.

2008 marks the 25th anniversary of this event formerly known as the Morgan Mercy Charity Open and the Seven-Up Classic. In the first 24 years, over \$1.2 million was raised for local health care services. Last year's proceeds raised a record \$82,906 for cancer diagnostic and treatment equipment at Mercy Medical Center. The funds raised at this year's Invitational will again be directed to cancer care.

Call to make your reservation today 920•223•0522.

Beta Sigma Phi Makes Gift to Breast Center

Preceptor Alpha Lambda Chapter President Kristen Henke, PhD, a rehabilitation psychologist with Affinity Health System, presented a gift to Mercy Health Foundation Executive Director Vicki Schorse and Radiology Manager Mike Binder for the Phyllis Leach Breast Center on March 4.



Beta Sigma Phi is an international non-academic sorority that was founded to provide cultural and social programs for its members and opportunities for community service. The Preceptor Alpha Lambda Chapter collaborated with the Winnebago Land Barbershop Chorus on the annual Community of Christmas Charity Concert last December to raise funds for community giving.

All proceeds from the concert are distributed to organizations selected by the participating choirs and sponsors. Dr. Henke said Preceptor Alpha Lambda Chapter chose to support women's health with a contribution to the Phyllis Leach Breast Center.

*To laugh a bit
and joke a bit
And grasp a
friendly hand;
To love a bit
and scold a bit
And know
they'll understand;
To tell one's secrets,
hopes and fears
And share a
friendly smile;
To have a friend
and be a friend
Is what makes
life worthwhile.
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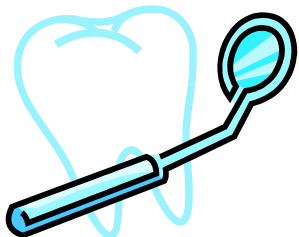
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Dental Clinic Addresses Critical Need

The Tri County Community Dental Clinic's (TCCDC) mission is to provide quality dental health services to the estimated 60,000 people in Winnebago, Outagamie and Calumet counties who have low incomes and few resources for care, even if they have Medicaid coverage. Over 200 volunteers, including dentists, dental hygienists and dental students, and a limited paid staff, treat an average of 29 patients per day, many of them in pain and in need of emergency treatment. In fact, during 2007, the TCCDC changed its scheduling method to accommodate more emergencies by reducing the number of general care appointments scheduled each day.



Mercy Health Foundation provides a subsidy of \$25,000 per year to the TCCDC to help cover the cost of care for Southern Winnebago County residents. A total of 617 patients from this area were treated in 2007, making up 17.3 percent of the total caseload. About one-third of them were children under age 18. Approximately two-thirds had Medicaid coverage and the rest were at 200 percent or less of the poverty level.

Endowment Keeps On Giving

In *The Soul of Money*, Lynne Twist wrote, "In philanthropic interaction we can return to the heart and soul of money: money as energy and money as currency for love, commitment and service, money as an opportunity to give back." This is especially true of endowment giving which leaves a permanent legacy to a donor's special area of interest.

- When colleagues and former students of Dolores Wassmann wanted to honor her memory, they created an endowment fund that will, year after year, honor an outstanding nurse mentor at Mercy in her name.
- To have a lasting impact on patient care at Mercy Medical Center, the Leach family made a gift to Mercy Health Foundation to establish the David C. Leach Endowment for Continuing Education of Nurses.
- Harold and Sally Eichstadt have a strong interest in seeing that everyone receives the health care they need, even if they cannot pay. As a result, they created the Harold and Sally Eichstadt Endowment for Charity Care which will always be available as a safety net for low income patients at Mercy.

These are just a few examples of how endowment funds are tailored to fulfill the philanthropic interests of donors to the long-term benefit of the community. Mercy Health Foundation currently has 18 endowed funds that now and forever will support programs for child health, end-of-life care, excellence in medical specialties and much more. An endowment fund is a personal commitment that sustains valuable programs when times are difficult and/or provides resources for innovation in areas donors are passionate about.

Tribute Gifts Feb. & Mar. 2008

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The Isabelle
Matsche Family
Irene Schroeder
Jack Wilkinson

In Honor of:

Dr. and Mrs.
William
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