

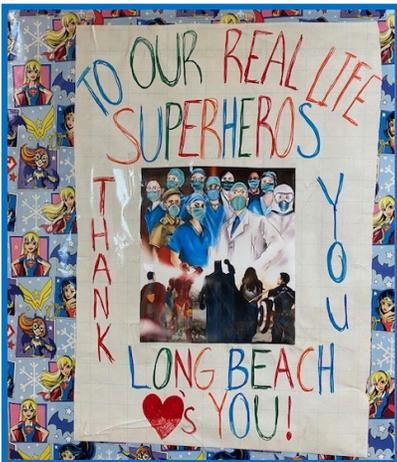
Friends of Mercy Medical Center



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COVID-19 PANDEMIC



One of the many signs made showing support to Mercy's front line workers.

Together, we have faced a truly unprecedented time in history. The global coronavirus pandemic has affected all of our families, businesses, communities, and most sobering -our way of life. During this time, the Friends of Mercy have taken a very active role in supporting Mercy Medical Center during the COVID-19 crisis.

The Friends of Mercy recognized that there was an immediate need to assist and support Mercy's health care workers during this pandemic with supplies and

services. It was in response to this need for additional resources that the Friends of Mercy launched the Friends of Mercy COVID-19 Fund. The Friends raised over \$123,000 from the Friends Covid Fund. A significant portion of the funds were raised within a month and illustrate an overwhelming sense of community during this crisis. Mercy will take lessons from this first wave of the virus and apply them to the possibility of a second wave and continues to look to the Friends for support.

The Friends of Mercy are

humbled and grateful by the outpouring of support from the individuals and organizations in the community that have supported the Friends and Mercy Medical Center. If you have not done so already, we ask that you consider supporting the Friends of Mercy Covid Fund by going to www.FriendsCovidFund.com.

MERCY HEALTH CARE STAFF STAY AT MOLLOY DORMS

The Friends of Mercy helped orchestrate accommodations for health care staff that needed a temporary place to stay in the Molloy College dorms. In an effort to combat the coronavirus, Molloy College agreed to host as many as 40 health care workers, who were unable to go home due to the coronavirus. Staff stayed in the beautiful Maria Regina Hall.

Upon arrival, the FOM treated each guest with a sheet set, pillow, blanket,

towels and wash detergent. Additionally, the FOM paid for one meal a day to each guest that stayed at Molloy. "We wanted each guest to feel comfortable while not being able to be home with their loved ones," said Jeff Mulhall, President of the Friends of Mercy.

"Molloy is proud to be able to help both Mercy Medical Center and the health care workers who are on the front lines in the fight against this deadly virus," said Janine Biscari, Molloy's Vice

President of Student Affairs. "As one of the leading providers of health care education in the country, we want to do whatever we can to help health care workers."

"We are thankful that Mercy and Molloy could come together to assist the Mercy staff and the community in battling this horrific pandemic," said Peter Scaminaci, Catholic Health Services' Mercy Medical Center President. "We believe this housing availability will be a valuable

asset not just for the visiting nurses but also for Mercy staff members who may want to keep their families separated from their daily challenges."

"When I called Molloy's Vice President Ed Thompson to ask for help in housing Mercy staff," said Mulhall, "the answer was an immediate yes. We believe this is a model interaction between two great neighbors who are an asset to the community."

COVID DONATIONS TO GOOD USE

Donations to the Friends of Mercy Covid Relief Fund were put to life saving good use! Each donation helped protect our front line doctors, nurses, and staff with vital supplies for treating our patients. The Friends of Mercy have purchased the following items to date:

- ◆ N95 Masks
- ◆ Face Shields
- ◆ Head Covers
- ◆ Surgical Gloves
- ◆ Infrared thermometers, and required batteries
- ◆ Meals for health care workers
- ◆ Bedding for Mercy's health care workers staying at Molloy College
- ◆ Charging accessories for donated iPads allowing patients to Facetime family members
- ◆ Surgical Masks
- ◆ Isolation Gowns
- ◆ Shoe Covers



MERCY'S MORALE BOOSTER DAY

Mercy Medical Center's Morale Booster Day, organized by the Friends of Mercy, was a huge success on April 14th. Over 300 cars participated in the car caravan filled with people of every age. The car caravan was led onto campus by six local fire departments that participated with over 28 fire trucks/rescue cars that roared through the front entrance giving workers chills as they viewed the show of support.

Car caravan residents displayed homemade signs with words of encouragement

and appreciation to Mercy's healthcare workers. Staff came outside and watched with awe at the act of support and appreciation from the community.

In addition to the many signs made by residents, the Friends had tee signs and 2 large banners made. Banners were prominently placed at the entrance and exit of Mercy. Homemade signs were collected and hung at Mercy to lift workers spirits as they walked the hallways.

An extra thank you to Friends

of Mercy members- Andy Healey for taking a lead in the planning of this caravan; Mike Boranian, Esq. for helping the RVC police department guide traffic in, Joe Lanzetta for taking photos, and Mayor Fran Murray for thanking residents as they exited campus.

Overall, Morale Booster Day was a huge success. Health care workers were very moved by the kind acts of support and this gave validation as to what they are doing is appreciated; they are the true heroes!



Friends of Mercy Medical Center say...

THANK YOU *to all our* HEALTHCARE WORKERS!

YOU ARE
AMAZING!

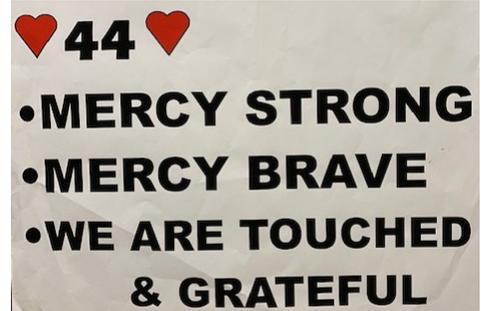


**MERCY
STRONG!**



YOU ARE OUR
HEROES!

DONATIONS: www.FriendsCovidFund.com



39th ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC

GOLF OUTING IS A GO!

Plans are underway for our 39th Annual Golf Classic at Rockaway Hunting Club on September 10th. Two shotguns are being offered – 8am and 1pm.

Golf Classic will honor all **Healthcare Heroes** including donors, fire, police, first responders and all newly discovered essential workers. A day to thank and acknowledge all who contributed to MMC during the pandemic. Come take part in a fun filled day of competition, raffles, friendship, food and cocktails.

If you can't play a round of golf, join us for cocktails & hors d'oeuvres from 6:30-7:30pm.

Invitation to follow in the mail.



HELPING THOSE IN NEED

The Friends of Mercy are engaged in support of MMC's community outreach efforts. We were recently able to assist local food pantries in their fight to combat hunger in our community and the greatly increased need resulting from the impact of COVID-19. Donations have been made to St. Agnes Parish Outreach, Vineyard Church, Hispanic Brotherhood, MLK Community Center, St Agnes CYO Food Drive and Faith Mission Soup Kitchen.



PROCEEDS FOR 2020

Proceeds from the Friends 2020 events and activities were earmarked to support Mercy Medical Center's commitment to expand its Pain Management Services with the development of a 5,000 square-foot, state-of-the-art Pain Management Center of Excellence on Mercy's campus.

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, and the resultant requirement of MMC to focus on addressing the ensuing emergency, the development

of the Pain Management Center of Excellence is currently on hold.

The focus of the Friends fundraising activities for 2020 also had to be redirected. With the need to cancel our first three 2020 scheduled fundraising events, the Friends focused on assisting MMC in addressing their emergency requirements in addressing the Pandemic through the Friends Covid Relief Fund (see separate

article). At this writing, we are planning on holding our two remaining 2020 events as planned: the Golf Classic on September 10th at the Rockaway Hunting Club and the Mercy Ball at the Crest Hollow Country Club on December 5th.

Committee's have been established to actively monitor the status of the Pandemic and the potential need to consider alternative activities and/or dates.

Future mailings are planned in order to keep all members apprised of our plans.

MESSAGE FROM PETER SCAMINACI President, Mercy Medical Center



I welcome this opportunity to reflect on these past few months. We have all been faced with unprecedented challenges due to the COVID-19 pandemic — possibly the greatest challenges we will ever experience in our careers, maybe even our lifetimes. However, these difficult times have proven that adversity reveals the strongest character in each of us. Mercy staff are strong, they are resilient and most of all they are caring. Our local business owners are generous, kind and compassionate. And, the

Friends of Mercy have an unwavering commitment to our hospital. Words will never be able to adequately express our appreciation, but all of us at Mercy Medical Center are forever grateful for the outpouring of support during extremely trying times.

The first COVID-19 case was identified at Mercy on March 5th. Maximum capacity was reached in mid-April with 167 COVID-19 cases in-house.

Since then we have treated and discharged over 500 patients to their loved ones.

Thankfully, the number of COVID-19 cases have drastically decreased. Elective surgeries resumed in June and we are now allowing visitors into the building with restrictions in place. There is a light at the end of the tunnel.

As we transition to a new normal and face new challenges, it is vitally important

that we remain unified as the Mercy family. I know we will get through this together and come out on the other side stronger than ever.

Wishing you all the best of health!

For up-to-date information & events at Mercy, please visit: <https://mercymedicalcenter.chsli.org>

NEW TO THE WORLD



**Written by: Dan Zimmer,
Friends of Mercy member**

With no shortage of quality healthcare options in the tri-state area, choosing the right hospital for the birth of one's first child can be a seemingly daunting decision. Like most, my wife Amy and I knew many people who had positive experiences at some of NY's larger hospitals, but, as Rockville Centre residents, we admittedly prioritized the convenience of Mercy

Medical Center over size and perceived brand recognition. But, following the birth of our now 2 year-old son, Edward, we would travel far and wide to replicate what Mercy was able to offer. The professionalism of nurses and doctors in both Labor & Delivery and Maternity, coupled with the extremely personalized patient care of a small hospital, provided the intimate experience we needed to thoroughly enjoy the milestone. In May, we

welcomed our daughter, Brooke, at Mercy and had the same incredible experience.

Brooke Dunn Zimmer born May 22nd weighing in at 7 lbs 14 oz. All are doing great and healthy!

GREATNESS OF A COMMUNITY

Thank you letter from Vineyard Church in Rockville Centre to the Friends of Mercy.

Dear Friends of Mercy,
I wanted to thank you for your generous donation to the pantry. Responding to need when we see it, is the perfect example of love in action.
Thank you for how you've responded.

"The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members"

"WE RISE BY
LIFTING
OTHERS"
~ ROBERT
INGERSOLL ~

THANK YOU MURALS AT MERCY

Three community-curated murals have been installed in the employee cafeteria. They were created to thank the front line staff who have fought, and continue to fight, against COVID-19 and to bring the community together during such challenging times.

The tile murals were curated and donated by a former Mercy employee, Beth Hammerman. Beth collected drawings, messages and

photos from local community members and had them screen printed on individual tiles. Each tile is unique and offers a special message to our front line workers.

The mixed-media canvas rainbow mural was created by Hue Studio in Rockville Centre and sponsored by the “Support for Local Business & Frontline Workers”, which helped raise funds to feed and support Long Island front

line workers during the pandemic. Each community that participated was given a 4x4 canvas square and assigned a color. The squares feature paint, pinecones and leaves, old toys, fabric, lace, ribbon and so much more. When assembled, the large canvas creates a rainbow.



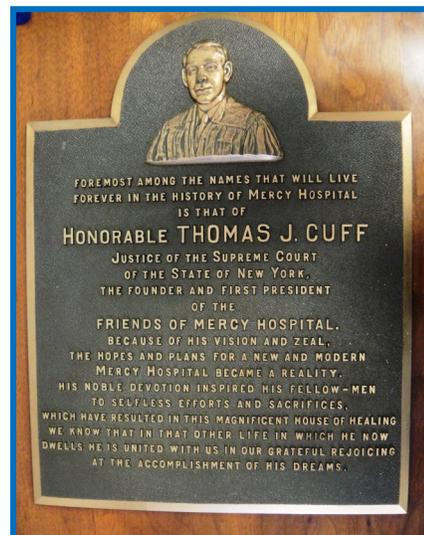
FOM Logo & Message



HOW IT ALL STARTED

In 1935, a new Mercy opened its doors with a capacity for 75 beds. To make this happen, the Nursing Sisters of the Sick Poor reached out to the Honorable Thomas J. Cuff to take the lead in raising funds for its construction. Judge Cuff organized the Friends of Mercy Hospital among a relatively small group of leaders, creating an organization of prominent Nassau County professionals from the fields of Law, Politics, Medicine, Business, Construction and Education,

as well as many ordinary citizens, all devoted to the expansion and prominence of Mercy Hospital in Rockville Centre. The Friends were highly organized and energized with chairpersons in every community in the county, continuously campaigning for membership and fundraising. The major fundraising event for the Friends of Mercy was the Annual Mercy Ball which was first held at the Garden City Hotel on January 24, 1936 and was attended by 2,000 guests and has been held annually for 83 years.



MESSAGE FROM JEFFREY B. MULHALL

President, Friends of Mercy

I hope our revival of the Friends of Mercy (FOM) newsletter finds you and your family healthy and safe during this pandemic. It indeed has been a challenging and stressful time but I believe we have all found ways to find strength in the positive reactions that have followed.

When the FOM started the year, our goal was to bring the FOM, the Mercy medical team, and the surrounding communities even closer together. As we all know, the rapid onset of COVID-19 changed our year dramatically. We were forced to cancel our Gentlemen's St. Patrick's Dinner and we quickly reorganized our fundraising plans, goals, and intentions. The Friends immediately launched a COVID-19 appeal to assist Mercy with their incredible challenges; and without realizing it, it was right in line with our initial goal to bring us all closer together. The interaction that resulted from responding to these challenges was in itself a strong positive.

With so many challenges and positive reactions prevalent in our community during this challenging pandemic, the FOM recognized the need for our newsletter. The goal is to keep you informed of the Friends activities and interactions with both Mercy and the community.

As a result of the pandemic, our year rapidly changed from hosting social events, health

symposiums, and raising funds for specific capital projects to reacting to the needs of Mercy and finding ways to support the staff in their daily battle. We were able to help Mercy with much-needed supplies. The donations we received as a result of our COVID-19 Appeal were overwhelming and quite humbling. In less than two months, we raised over \$123,000 and greatly exceeded all of our expectations. The generosity was tremendous- thank you!

Your kindness helped us overcome the fundraising challenges that followed the cancellation of our Gentlemen's St. Patrick's Dinner, 9 and Dine Golf Outing at Wheatley Hills, and the Mercy Luau. We have decided to go ahead with our upcoming golf outing at Rockaway Hunting Club - while maintaining safe social distances and keeping our gathering outside on the beautiful grounds overlooking Brosewre Bay. The Friends will proudly recognize all those who got us through the pandemic; including some very special donors.

Plans are underway for our longstanding Mercy Ball with a watchful eye on the possibility of a second pandemic wave that may approach this winter. We have established a committee that will vigorously explore a virtual event as an alternative. We will keep you apprised of their efforts.

We are fortunate to have a dedicated and active Board as we had to make many difficult decisions this year. We essentially met every

two weeks via Zoom to address the challenges that confronted Mercy Medical Center. Their tireless efforts and dedicated support are greatly appreciated.

The Board would like to thank Mercy Medical Center President Peter Scaminaci, who in addition to leading Mercy through these challenges, has kept us regularly informed of progress and what we could do to support their efforts.

Again, thank you for all that you do and we continue to pray for the Mercy staff as they continue to confront this horrific pandemic with bravery and dedication. The Friends will continue to work closely and support our beloved community hospital.

Stay healthy and safe.

IN REMEMBRANCE

The Friends would like to express their sympathies in the passing of the following members:

Francis E. Darcy, Sr.

Thomas P. Dougherty, Esq.

George P. Dunn

Michael K. Jewell

Daniel D. McCarthy

Steven D. McDonald

Dr. Joseph J. Macy

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ST. PATRICK'S DINNER:

MARCH 12TH – CANCELLED DUE
TO COVID

9 & DINE GOLF:

MAY 28TH – CANCELLED DUE
TO COVID

LUAU:

JUNE 18TH – CANCELLED DUE
TO COVID

GOLF CLASSIC:

SEPTEMBER 10TH
ROCKAWAY HUNTING CLUB

MERCY BALL:

DECEMBER 5TH
CREST HOLLOW COUNTRY CLUB



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