

To our Commitment to Excellence Members ~ 2004

Annual Giving Program

◆ **COMMITMENT** - *an agreement or pledge to do something in the future: an act of committing to a charge or trust.*

◆ **EXCELLENCE** - *an excellent or valuable quality: virtue.*

Taken to heart, the definitions above place a very real responsibility on the Mercy Foundation. We are committed to the mission of the Sisters of Mercy started 150 years ago right here in Arkansas. This

ministry, rooted in the mission of Jesus and the healing ministry of the Church, commands that we are true to our mission, using monies raised as they are promised.

Your gifts do so much. Much more than we can ever express to you with words alone. What can we say about the Materially Poor Fund other than families are fed, utilities are turned on, prescriptions are purchased and the blessings go on and on.

Have you ever experienced living with and loving someone that you are going to lose within a few months or even weeks? St. Edward Mercy Hospice gives a tender touch, a kind word and relief to many who are suffering.

Yes, your Commitment to Excellence gifts do all this and more. Thank you and may God bless you.

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Charity Care, Community Benefits Top \$144 Million in FY'04

The mission of the Sisters of Mercy Health System (Mercy) is to implement and advocate for innovative health and social services to improve the health and quality of life in the communities served with particular concern for people who are economically poor. In keeping with mission, Mercy's total contributions in charity care, unpaid Medicaid services and community benefit activities across the System reached \$144.1 million in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2004. The total represents the unpaid costs of services provided by Mercy Strategic Service Units (SSUs) in Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma and Texas, as well as outreach ministries.

"Mercy's charity care and community benefits are reflective of the Sister of Mercy's tradition of service," said Ron Ashworth, president and chief executive officer. "This heritage of caregiving and commitment is further exemplified by our service theme, 'Make a difference by touching lives.'"

A breakdown of Mercy's charity care and community benefit contribution follows:

- \$29.5 million in traditional charity care (cost of services provided free to patients who are unable to pay for their care)
- \$92.4 million in unpaid Medicaid services (unpaid cost of services provided to patients covered by Medicaid)
- \$22.2 million in community benefit activities (subsidized healthcare services, outreach programs, medical education and research, the Catherine's Fund and Mercy Caritas grant programs, and Mercy's community outreach ministries.