



## **THE CASE FOR MERCY HEALTH SERVICES**

**MISSION STATEMENT: "To Reflect the Love and Compassion of Jesus Christ by Providing Healthcare Services to ALL children and support to their families."**

Compelled by the grace of God and the biblical mandate to serve our neighbors in "word and deed", Mercy Health Services is distinct as a pediatric health clinic. MHS was opened in 1999 through the efforts of many in the faith community of Franklin.

Today, Mercy has a staff of more than forty full and part –time staff. Each of our physicians is Board Certified in Pediatric Medicine. Our patients come from more than twenty five counties in Tennessee. Why do they come from so far? In the for-profit medical communities, it is unprofitable to care for the underserved and uninsured. Consequently, 70% of Mercy's patients are uninsured or on TnCare (Medicaid).

Currently –

- 8,200 children call Mercy their healthcare home
- There were more than 14,000 patient visits last year
- Upwards of 50% of our children are struggling with chronic (constant) diseases like asthma,, diabetes, and heart disease
- Missionaries at heart, our physicians are compensated well below those in the for-profit arena
- MHS must raise approximately \$1 million annually

Mercy Children's Clinic is known for its accessible, compassionate, wholistic care as we desire to serve our neighbors in body, mind, and spirit. No one is turned away because of their inability to pay. MCC removes many barriers by working constantly to provide more bilingual services to the Hispanic community.

Complimenting primary healthcare, MHS provides comprehensive social services to our clients. *Mercy Family Services*, begun in 2006, currently has two full-time counselors and a part time Psychiatrist providing mental health care for our patients and their families. Additionally, our staff works in collaboration with other agencies in our area to provide food, clothing, and shelter.

One of our patient-parents recently commented,

*“ . . . you represent Jesus to me and my family. When my family and I come to Mercy, I know we will be cared for like no where else. I don't know where I would go if you weren't here.”*

Essentially, MHS has two revenues streams; reimbursement for services from TNCare/insurance companies resulting in approximately \$1.1 million and the generosity of individuals, corporations, and foundations for about \$1.1 million. **Supporting Mercy Health Services will go towards off-setting the \$1.1 million needed to provide services to so many who otherwise might go without. Specifically,**

- \$42,000 will fund a week of care to approximately 260 children
- \$25,000 will provide mental health services for a week
- \$10,000 will provide needed medications for nearly a month
- \$7,500 will provide care for a full day for approximately 48 children
- \$3,000 will provide Spanish language immersion for a physician

Additional opportunities include:

Become an “Angel of Mercy” with support of \$1,000 annually – that’s just \$85 a month. Through our *Mercy Miracle Makers* electronic funds transfer program we’ll automatically debit you checking account or charge your credit card for any amount weekly, monthly, quarterly or annually.

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