

# Bulletin

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*The Bulletin is a monthly publication for employees and friends of Mercy Medical Center*

## Mercy's Central Campus Code Number to change

Effective Tuesday, June 19, at 8 a.m., the Emergency Code number for Mercy's Central Campus will change from "51" to "799." The change comes as a result of disaster preparedness drills that showed the current number – which prioritizes access to the Mercy Operator to page a Code in the Main Building, East Tower, West Tower and Mercy Medical Plaza – is resulting in false alarms when individuals dial the "515" area code without fist dialing "9" to get an outside line.

This change will affect all Emergency Codes (i.e., Code Blue, Red and Pink) on the Central Campus only. Please watch for further communication surrounding this change – including reminder stickers for telephones, AEDs and crash carts – over the course of the next two weeks. In addition, stickers with the new Code Number for all employees' name badges will be distributed with the June 15 paychecks. Please speak to your supervisor or unit director for more information.

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## Mercy's Cath Lab honored for Excellence in RFID Implementation

The implementation of a radio-frequency identification (RFID) inventory tracking system in the Iowa Heart Hospital's Cardiac Catheterization Lab garnered Mercy an RFID Excellence in Business Award at the RFID World 2007 Conference on March 27 in Dallas, Texas. The award honors achievement, innovation and unique applications that illustrate the functionality of RFID.

RFID is an automatic identification tracking method that uses radio waves to retrieve data stored on tags equipped with silicon microchips and antennas. The tags can be attached to products, animals or people and programmed to automatically transmit information to internet-based applications at set periods of time.

In December 2005, the Cath Lab implemented a pilot project using RFID technology to monitor its inventory of costly consumer supplies, such as cardiovascular stents. Special tags were attached to these supplies and "checked-in" to the inventory database before becoming available for use in the Cath Lab. The system then read the tags every 12 minutes and created supply and usage reports that Mercy employees could access via the Internet. In addition, point-of-service readers were placed in the six procedure rooms to capture real-time product usage.

As a result of using the RFID technology, Mercy was able to eliminate the tedious hand-counting and subsequent data entry of more than 1,600 items each

day and effectively created a real-time product management system that also monitors expired or recalled items.

Pam Behnke-Schaad, director of the Cath Lab, said, "Implementing this new process has changed our inventory process dramatically. A typical cardiovascular stent costs about \$2,300, so Cath Lab employees are responsible for keeping track of very high-dollar items every day. With the RFID system, our inventory staff knows within minutes if a product is taken off the storeroom shelf to use on a patient and can track that product until it is scanned in the procedure room."

The benefits to Mercy of implementing the RFID technology are substantial and measurable. "We can now manage supplies more effectively and efficiently, and have seen an annual labor savings of approximately 400 hours," said Pam. "This technology allows us to have the right product, at the right place at the right time."



Nancy Turner, RT, Cath Lab inventory manager, stands next to a storage cabinet that is enabled with RFID technology. The technology scans the tagged inventory every 12 minutes and sends the information to the Internet, where Nancy can pull reports and other vital inventory information.

# President's Message



Dave Vellinga  
President & CEO

Every June as Mercy approaches the end of another fiscal year, the Leadership Team is charged with evaluating the organization's performance and health. Like our personal wellness, Mercy's health is dependent upon a number of interrelated internal and external factors – including the individual well-being of our 6,600 employees and 800 physicians and allied health professionals. That is one of the reasons why Mercy places such a strong emphasis on employee wellness programs; we understand the only way to ensure a healthy bottom line is to have a healthy workforce.

“Wellness” is a buzzword that has recently received a lot of attention in the business sector. Study after study has shown that companies that implement employee health promotion programs have reduced absenteeism rates and health care costs and increased employee satisfaction and retention. But what does “wellness” really mean – what does it encompass?

According to the National Wellness Institute (a non-profit group whose mission is to serve professionals and organizations that promote optimal health and wellness in individuals and communities), there are six dimensions of wellness. In addition to the physical component – which emphasizes good nutrition, healthy habits and physical fitness – we must also recognize and work toward improving every individual's social, occupational, intellectual, emotional and spiritual wellness. These categories are all connected to and impact one another. For example, smoking diminishes your physical health, which may affect your social or occupational health and could lead to emotional distress. The Leadership Team and I feel we need to help Mercy employees address each of the six categories.

As a result, Mercy has implemented a variety of programs that – when taken together – can significantly improve your overall well being. To begin with, we have several initiatives to promote physical wellness, including the WOW 4U employee wellness program, Wellness Center and onsite health screenings for employees and spouses. Mercy also offers a number of programs to improve occupational and intellectual wellness – such as ongoing computer, clinical and management training, tuition reimbursement programs and professional conferences – and provides many opportunities to improve social wellness, including volunteering for Mission on the Move projects or serving on committees and teams at work. We encourage emotional wellness by offering the Employee Assistance Program, and we consistently nurture employees' spiritual wellness by connecting the work we do at Mercy with the mission and healing ministry of the Sisters of Mercy.

As we move forward, I hope you will set aside some time each day to reflect upon these various aspects of wellness, to make a commitment to a healthy lifestyle for yourself and to support other members of the Mercy Family as they attempt to do the same. I also encourage you to share your thoughts and ideas with me about how Mercy can better meet your needs in this journey. Mercy is committed to each employee's personal well-being – not just because it matters to our organizational performance, but because we are members of the Mercy Family, and families strive to take care of one another. I appreciate your continued support of my personal wellness journey, and am privileged to offer you my support in return.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dave".

# Mercy to assume sole sponsorship of family medicine residency program

On July 1 – after a decade of successfully preparing dozens of family practice physicians to provide comprehensive, community-oriented health care – the Mercy/Mayo Family Medicine Residency Program will fall under the sole sponsorship of Mercy Medical Center – Des Moines and become known as the Mercy Family Medicine Residency Program.

In 1997, Mercy partnered with the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., to create a family practice residency program at Mercy. Today, after graduating 59 family practice residents and four geriatric fellows, the Mercy/Mayo Family Medicine Residency Program is recognized as one of the nation's most comprehensive and enriching medical education models. The decision to transition the program to sole sponsorship by Mercy came as the Mayo Clinic's School of Graduate Medical Education decided to reorganize and focus more heavily on residency programs at Mayo.

“Our residents will still have the opportunity to do clinical rotations and take courses at the Mayo Clinic, and the transition will not affect the care of patients,” said Dr. Charles Korte, medical director of the Mercy Family Medicine Residency Program. “This change is more of a confirmation of how our program has grown over the past 10 years. It speaks to the quality of education our residents receive by providing inpatient and outpatient services at Mercy. Not only is Mercy a well-respected institution on a regional and national basis, but our residents also have the opportunity to work side-by-side with world class physicians and learn to provide quality care for patients at all stages of life.”

According to Dr. David Kapaska, vice president of Medical Affairs, the three-

year, nationally-accredited program is a vital education resource. “The program has been especially helpful in providing health care services for many rural communities in Iowa,” he said. “Graduates from the family medicine program are filling roles in communities not only in our state, but across the country, as well. The Mercy Family Medicine Residency Program will continue to play an important role in helping assure primary care physicians are available as others retire.”

The program's curriculum will not change following the transition to Mercy sponsorship; residents will continue to do clinical rotations on an inpatient and outpatient basis as well as see patients at the Mercy Family Medicine Clinic. In addition, Dr. Kapaska said the program will play an expanded role in the community. “The Mercy Family Medicine Residency Program will be called on to provide specialty services for the underserved,” he said. “We recognize there are a significant number of people in central Iowa who have no health care or are not served adequately, and we will continue to explore opportunities to be of assistance in these areas and educate our residents on the need for service.”



Effective July 1, the Mercy/Mayo Family Medicine Residency Program – which has successfully graduated more than 60 family practice physicians and geriatric fellows since 1997 – will operate under the sole sponsorship of Mercy Medical Center – Des Moines and become known as the Mercy Family Medicine Residency Program. The program is nationally-accredited and recognized across the country as a model of family practice medical education.

## MERCY MEDICAL CENTER MISSION

The Mission of Mercy Medical Center – Des Moines and Catholic Health Initiatives is to nurture the healing ministry of the Church by bringing it new life, energy and viability in the 21st century. Fidelity to the Gospel urges us to emphasize human dignity and social justice as we move toward the creation of healthier communities.

### REVERENCE

Profound spirit of awe and respect for all of creation, shaping relationships to self, to one another and to God, and acknowledging that we hold in trust all that has been given to us.

### INTEGRITY

Moral wholeness, soundness, uprightness, honesty, sincerity, as basis of trustworthiness.

### COMPASSION

Feeling with others, being one with others in their sorrows and joy, rooted in the sense of solidarity as members of the human community.

### EXCELLENCE

Outstanding achievement, merit virtue; continually surpassing standards to achieve/maintain quality.

# Announcements • News Briefs

## Mercy Home Care nurses earn OASIS certification

Mercy Home Care, like other home health agencies, is required by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services to collect, encode and transmit Outcome Assessment Information Set (OASIS) data on clients. In 2004, the OASIS Certificate and Competency Board began offering a voluntary certificate examination which home care providers may take in order to demonstrate and establish their expertise, and three Mercy Home Care nurses successfully passed the exam in April.

Marilyn Burch, RN, who has been with Mercy for more than 30 years and has served in Home Care for the last three; Tammy Hardy, RN, who has worked in Mercy Home Care for 14 years; and Becky Oliva, PT, Home Care rehab supervisor, who has been with Mercy Home Care for five years, all received the three-year certification.



Pictured (L-R): Tammy Hardy, RN; Becky Oliva, PT; and Marilyn Burch, RN.

## Mercy Centerville nurse named to list of 100 Great Iowa Nurses

Sherri Doggett, RN, vice president of Patient Care Services at Mercy Medical Center – Centerville, has been recognized as one of the 2007 “100 Great Iowa Nurses.” This program recognizes outstanding nurses whose exceptional contributions to patients, colleagues and the profession are truly remarkable. Sherri has been with Mercy Medical Center – Centerville for 26 years.

## First Mercy School At Work class graduates

On Tuesday, May 8, six Mercy employees graduated from Mercy’s School At Work (SAW) program – a 32-week, hands-on learning opportunity for entry-level employees who desire to learn more about the health care field. The class included Cheryl Boyd, CPPR & Rehab Services; Erica Mull, Mercy East Pediatric Clinic; Laurie Wells, IDEC; Dee Ann Pickell, IDEC; Jenna White, Medical Records; and Eugene Headspeath, SPD.

“The program helped built my confidence about going back to school, and I have made four new friends who will support and help me through my journey,” said SAW graduate Erica Mull who works at Mercy East Pediatric Clinic.

A 2007-08 SAW class is scheduled to begin in late August. For more information, please contact Jenni Grandgeorge at x-35246 or e-mail [jgrandgeorge@mercydesmoines.org](mailto:jgrandgeorge@mercydesmoines.org).

## Mercy College honors two nursing alumni

The Mercy College Nursing Alumni Association will present the Catherine McAuley Award for Nursing Excellence to two former Mercy employees on Saturday, June 2, at its 108th Annual Banquet.

Kathy Comito (Class of 1964) and Sister Mary Rocca (Class of 1975) will be recognized as distinguished alumni of the Mercy School of Nursing for their superior professional service in central Iowa and throughout the world. Tickets for the banquet are available by contacting Sherylea Downes, MCHS director of development, at x-36638.

## East Tower wins health care facility interior design award

The Colorado Chapter of the American Society for Interior Design recently granted its First Place Interior Design Award for 2007 to Mercy’s East Tower. The award recognized excellence in the interior architecture and finishes of health care facilities with more than 50,000 square feet, and was given by the Colorado Chapter because the East Tower’s primary architect, Davis Partnership, is headquartered in Denver and Vail, Colo.

## Mercy celebrates Des Moines International Airport’s 75th anniversary

This year marks the 75th anniversary of the Des Moines International Airport, and Mercy is joining other businesses and organizations in the community to celebrate this special milestone. On Saturday, June 30, the public is invited to an open house and aircraft display from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the cargo ramp on the airport’s south side. There will be antique and modern aircraft on display, fly-bys and educational activities for youngsters. The Air National Guard will also be involved. Airport officials anticipate 10,000 people will attend.

## Free valet service to be offered at East Tower entrance

Beginning Monday, June 4, free valet parking for patients will be offered at the East Tower’s Third Street entrance between 7:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. Cars will be parked in the Mercy Park Apartment lots that face University and Second Avenues, and attendants will staff the entrance until 5 p.m. to retrieve vehicles. Visitors will still be asked to park in the North Visitor Lot and access the East Tower via Mercy’s Main Entrance.

# Employee FAQs: Changes to Mercy website and other IT projects

***“I heard that the Mercy website was being redesigned. When can we expect to see changes and what other IT projects are underway?”***

***Cristina Thomas, senior vice president and Chief Information Officer, said:***



Last winter, a committee charged with the redesign of Mercy’s website selected Applied Art & Technology of West Des Moines to

create a new site architecture plan that will make it easier for patients, visitors, physicians, staff and potential employees and volunteers to navigate. Since then, teams from Information Systems and Public Relations and Marketing have been meeting with representatives from Applied Art to determine functionality and content. The site is scheduled to go live in late summer.

In addition to the website, a number of other IT projects to improve employee satisfaction and optimize workflow have recently been completed or are currently underway. These include an upgrade of MercyNet, in which we implemented new hardware to expand the capacity of our intranet site and upgraded the software supporting the site. We will also soon kick off

planning for the implementation of CHI Connect to standardize and centralize business functions in Human Resources, Accounting, Accounts Payable, Payroll, Time and Attendance and Supply Chain Management, and are working on implementing a Pharmacy Order Management System (POMS) software product so nursing staff can scan inpatient drug orders.

IT is also providing support and planning assistance to all of the current construction projects happening in Surgery, Lab, East Tower Medical Imaging, ED, Mercy Clinics and Mercy West Lakes.

To enhance patient care and safety, Mercy recently implemented a barcode patient identification technology solution in an effort to reduce point-of-care errors with tests and medications. We are also implementing new infection control software to improve the detection and control of hospital-acquired infections, optimize antibiotic therapy and curb antibiotic resistance. Mercy will also soon be providing leading-edge technology to central Iowans with eICU®, a solution that will standardize ICU care across multiple entities via a centralized telemedicine network.

These are just a few examples of what the IT team has been doing. Many other exciting IT projects on the horizon – some visible and some that will occur behind the scenes – will improve and optimize the health care Mercy provides.

## Kudos from Patients

*Mercy is committed to providing the highest quality patient care available. One way to determine whether or not we are meeting patient needs is to ask our patients about their experience with Mercy. We do this through our patient satisfaction survey.*

*Printed below are excerpts from surveys returned through May 2007. They are intended to remind you that you and your co-workers are truly touching the lives of many people every day, and that the care you provide does not go unnoticed.*

### **Willis Adult Day Center**

Having my mother at Willis gives me complete confidence and peace knowing that she is being well cared for. Thanks for all the awesome care you give. You are very much appreciated.

### **Congestive Heart Failure**

I have no complaints with regard to my stay at Mercy. I commend all of the personnel I was in contact with. The medical and support people on floors 3 and 9 were great. The medical staff was excellent! I was especially impressed with the quality of the food served through Room Service.

### **Joint Camp**

Mary Ann was especially great! Joint camp is a must – it was very helpful! Hip therapy was the best. I received great overall care and would not change anything. The follow-up call from Joe was also very nice.

### **Mother/Baby Unit**

I loved my nurse, Anna Marie! She was so supportive, kind and helpful. She made my stay wonderful.

### **Mammography**

I was very pleased with the treatment I received while in the mammography department. Mary, my technologist, and Debbie, who checked me in, were both very pleasant. The use of the mammography pad increased my comfort. I appreciate the kindness and consideration shown to me on the day of my appointment.

## Mercy Cancer Center's library named in physician's honor

### New program year starts July 1

As we prepare to kick off a new WOW 4U program year on July 1, we want to remind current members that they will have to renew their membership to continue to participate, and we'd like to encourage employees who are not yet members to join. New registration forms will be coming out soon and will be available on MercyNet. If you have any questions, please call the WOW 4U hotline at x-38800 or send an e-mail to [WOW4U@mercydesmoines.org](mailto:WOW4U@mercydesmoines.org).

### WOW Bucks expire June 30

Don't forget to spend your WOW Bucks! All WOW Bucks issued during the 2006-07 program year expire on Saturday, June 30, and will need to be redeemed by that date. As a reminder, WOW Bucks can be used in the Mercy cafeterias, Wellness Center, gift shops, hair salons, Mercy Starbucks, Mercy Home Medical Supply and the Mercy outpatient pharmacies. Look for new orange WOW Bucks for the 2007-08 program year beginning July 1.

### Lunch and Learn series

June will feature a special two-part Lunch and Learn series facilitated by Peggy Palmer Johnson and Amy Clark. "Tired of Feeling Tired – Part 1" will be held on Wednesday, June 13, at noon in East Tower Conference Room 1, and "Tired of Feeling Tired – Part 2" will be held the following Wednesday, June 20, at noon in the same location. In addition, Marcia Flattery will be speaking about the Mercy Center for Weight Reduction on Wednesday, June 27, at noon in East Tower Conference Room 1.

### WOW Bucks winner announced

The winner of \$5 in WOW Bucks this week is Mary Ann Zwaschka, Mercy West. Mary Ann, please call x-38800 to claim your prize.

At a special ceremony on Tuesday, May 15, Mercy's President & CEO Dave Vellinga and the staff of Mercy Foundation announced the new name of the Mercy Cancer Center's library and patient resource area. The "Dr. Richard L. Deming Cancer Resource Education Center" is named after the current medical director of Mercy Therapeutic Radiology Associates and honors the many contributions Dr. Deming has made to Mercy's cancer patients and their families.

Located on Level 1 of the East Medical Plaza, the Mercy Cancer Center provides valuable information and resources to thousands of cancer patients and their loved ones each year. Since many of the services the Cancer Center offers are made available to patients for free or at significantly reduced costs, the department depends upon philanthropic support for sustainability.

According to Mercy Foundation President Wayne King, Dr. Deming

has been a very generous supporter. "Dr. Deming contributes to the Mercy Cancer Center in many ways," he said, "not only financially, but also as a dedicated physician and member of the Mercy Foundation Board of Directors. We wanted to show him our appreciation in some tangible way."

After the plaque with the library's new name was unveiled, Dr. Deming shared his thoughts with the crowd of approximately 50 patients and guests in attendance. "It is truly a privilege to work with cancer patients here at Mercy. Each day, I have the honor of meeting wonderful patients whose dignity, strength, courage, wisdom and passion for life serve as an inspiration to me to live life to its fullest and to strive to make a difference in the lives of others," he said. "Through our shared experiences, I hope that we all learn to see the beauty in the world each day, to do something nice for someone else and to let someone do something nice for us."



Mercy President & CEO Dave Vellinga joined Mercy Foundation at a ceremony on May 15 to announce the "Dr. Richard L. Deming Cancer Resource Education Center" at the Mercy Cancer Center. Dr. Deming, medical director of Mercy Therapeutic Radiology Associates, is a dedicated physician and longtime donor to Mercy's cancer programs.

# A Moment of Intention:

## The healing ministry at Mercy Medical Center

by Rev. Tompsie Smith, Chaplain

As a chaplain, I find it a blessing to work in the healing ministry of Jesus Christ at Mercy Medical Center – Des Moines and see that love reflected in the work of those all around me.

I see the healing ministry in the hands and words of nurses, in the efforts of housekeeping staff, in the wisdom and knowledge of doctors and in the caring acts of PCTs. I see healing ministry

in the patience of unit secretaries answering call lights – often repeatedly from one room – and in the gentle touch of transporters. I see healing ministry in the concerned decisions made by Administration, in the preparation and distribution of nourishing food, in the attention to cultural diversity by our social workers and in the hands-on prayers of our chaplains.

I am primarily assigned to the eighth floor with oncology patients, where we

speak of the difference between “healing” and “curing.” With many illnesses, a cure is not possible, but the hope for healing is always present. It is a most beautiful blessing when one area of healing can make all the difference in a patient’s life – whether it is medical, physical, emotional, mental or spiritual.

I pray that each of us can experience the healing ministry of Jesus Christ for ourselves, as we make it possible for others. Amen.

## OUR SYMPATHIES

**Dianna Berry**, Rehab Services, on the death of her brother.

**Greg Betts**, ICU, on the death of his father.

**Cliff Brandon**, Information Systems, on the death of his mother.

**Larry Deskin**, Mercy One, on the death of his father.

**Teresa Doolittle**, Mercy College of Health Sciences, on the death of her grandmother.

**Linda Downing**, Volunteer Services, on the death of her aunt.

**Adryana Henderson-Castillo**, Emergency and O/P, on the death of her brother-in-law.

**Paula Mackey**, Home Care/Hospice Administration, on the death of her grandmother.

**Joan McCleish**, Mercy College of Health Sciences, on the death of her mother-in-law.

**Dee McClugage**, Mercy/Mayo Family Medicine Residency Program, on the death of her mother-in-law.

**Ginny Renslow**, Emergency and O/P, on the death of her mother.

**Scott Wehrle**, Emergency and O/P, on the death of his father-in-law.

**Linda Wellendorf**, Mercy North Family Practice Clinic, on the death of her mother.

**Bobbi White**, ICU, on the death of her father.

**Lisa Williams**, Rehab Services, on the death of her uncle.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO...

**Jennifer Anderson**, Katzmann Breast Health Center, and Johnny, on the birth of their son, Jack Mitchell. Jack was born on May 10 and is the first child for the Andersons.

**Donna Gray**, Mercy Arthritis Clinic, and Phil, on the birth of their son, Alastair Jacob. Alastair was born on May 5 and has one sibling – Dominic, 18.

**Dena Kroska**, Pharmacy, and Brian, on the birth of their daughter, Olivia Valerie. Olivia was born on May 11 and is the first child for the Kroskas.

**Ashley Martinez**, 8 South, and Jose, on the birth of their son, Noah Marcelo. Noah was born on May 16 and has two siblings – Angee, 12, and Christopher, 4.

**Heike Schmolck**, M.D., Ruan Neurology, and Dr. Johann Schmolck, on the birth of their son, Elias Benjamin. Elias was born on April 24 and has one sibling – Sebastian, 2.

**Kelly Shea**, Inpatient Pharmacy, and Steve, on the birth of their daughter, Riley Margaret. Riley was born on May 4 and has two siblings – Logan, 10, and Samantha, 6.

**Tim Vander Wilt**, Mercy North Physical Therapy, and Laura, on the birth of their son, Drew Thomas. Drew was born on May 8 and has two siblings – Samuel, 3, and Meg, 2.

**Elizabeth Waller**, Mercy West Clinic, and Matt, on the birth of their son, Benjamin Wyatt. Benjamin was born on May 20 and has three siblings – Nick, 9, Madeline, 7, and Ellen, 2.

**Lori Welch**, Cardiac/Trauma SICU, and Todd, on the birth of their son, Nicholas Ryan. Nicholas was born on May 14 and has three siblings – Bryce, 10, Austin, 6, and Caleb, 3.

**Holly White**, Radiology and Nuclear Medicine, and Andy, on the birth of their daughter, Addison Paige. Addison was born on May 14 and is the first child for the Whites.

# Mark your calendar

## Health Observances

### June is:

- Aphasia Awareness Month
- Hernia Awareness Month
- Scleroderma Awareness Month

### Week-long observances:

- Headache Awareness Week (June 3-9)
- Vascular Nursing Week (June 10-17)
- Men's Health Week (June 11-17)
- Nursing Assistants Week (June 14-21)
- Healthcare Risk Management Week (June 18-22)

## Excellence Fair

**Thursday, June 7 (10 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.)  
East Tower Auditorium**

All employees are invited to attend the first annual Excellence Fair at Mercy. Discover how Mercy Medical Center demonstrates excellence every day in every way, vote for your favorite exhibit and enter a drawing to win door prizes – including five \$100 Jordan Creek Town Center gift certificates, Adventureland tickets, three-month Wellness Center memberships and much more!

## Penny's Pieathlon

**Saturday, June 23  
City Park, Adel**

All Mercy employees and their family members are encouraged to participate in Penny's Pieathlon, a fun-filled event described as "a mini triathlon with pie instead of swimming." All proceeds benefit local cancer programs, including Mercy Cancer Center. Cost for adults is \$18. For more information, please visit [www.pieathlon.com](http://www.pieathlon.com).

## Des Moines Arts Festival

**Friday, June 29 – Sunday, July 1  
Western Gateway Park, Des Moines**

Mercy is once again proud to be an official sponsor of the Des Moines Arts Festival, which celebrates its tenth anniversary this year. This free family event will feature 155 premier juried artists, 25 Emerging Iowa artists, a K-12 student art exhibition, more than 25 family and adult art activities, a performing arts stage, 20 eclectic food booths, two live music stages, street theater, a sculpture garden and a

fireworks show at 9:45 p.m. on Saturday evening. Be sure to stop by Mercy's tent, located on the corner of 14th and Grand, and register to win some prizes.

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