In celebration of the Mercy Family’s generosity in raising funds with the annual Spirit of Mercy campaign for 2014-15, Bob Ritz, president, agreed to rappel down the side of the Mercy Children’s Hospital building. So, on May 1, the Mercy Foundation hosted an event at the Main Entrance of Mercy central campus to mark the event. A good crowd gathered, along with some special guests – Cinderella, Batman, Robin, Thor, and Superman. Children and their families were able to meet Cinderella and the superheroes before the excitement of the rappel began.

Joining Bob in rappelling from the roof were Dr. Tom Becker, Dr. David Hockmuth, Jolene Vos and a special surprise guest, Spiderman! The crowd cheered the rappellers on as they descended down the building – waving to the crowd and stopping at the second floor windows to wave at the pediatric patients watching in the waiting room.

“This event was a way to celebrate the generosity of our Mercy Family as well as our community,” said Shannon Duval, president of the Mercy Foundation. “The support of these people will make a very large impact on the care we are able to provide at Mercy in support of our Mission initiatives.”
TODAY IS THE LAST DAY TO COMPLETE THE ANNUAL STAFF SURVEY (PCA)

Check your Outlook inbox for an email from “HealthStream Insights” with the subject line “Catholic Health Initiatives – Annual PCA Survey Login.” This email contains a link with your opportunity to complete the annual staff survey TODAY.

When accessing the survey, please be sure to use the password: CHI2015.

This is the time to make your voice heard and to share your thoughts about your workplace experience so we can better understand what is going well and where there are opportunities for improvement. As always, your answers to the questions are guaranteed confidential.

SPRING FLING AT THE HOUSE OF MERCY

More than 70 volunteers helped with the Mission on the Move Spring Fling at House of Mercy on Earth Day, April 22. Shown here (l-r) are: Jen Palmer, lead stylist, Mercy Salon; Shellie Traenor, Mercy Auxiliary; and Jonathan Lukes, Mercy Gift Shop. Thanks to everyone who helped make it a fun and meaningful day!

Now THAT’S Living Up!

WHAT’S UP?

WALK MS on MAY 16

The Mercy Ruan Neurology “Walking for our Patients Team” is participating in Walk MS on May 16. Thank you to Mercy Ruan Neurology for advocating for patients and raising funds in support of MS research. Their goal is to raise $500 before the walk. If you’d like to help with a donation, visit http://main.nationalmssociety.org/site/TR?team_id=440868&fr_id=25809&pg=team. Way to LiveUp!

FREEDOM FROM SMOKING PROGRAM NOW AVAILABLE FOR PATIENTS

Freedom From Smoking, an eight-week stop-smoking program, is now available to all Mercy patients – and staff – who are interested in quitting smoking. The next session begins Tuesday, June 2, and is free to everyone who participates. For more information, or to sign-up, call 643-7457 or email employeehealthcoach@mercydesmoines.org. Prescription smoking cessation medications may be available, depending on insurance coverage. Other over-the-counter medications are also available at a reduced cost through Quitline Iowa.

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