

YEAR END 2018

A newsletter from

Community Connections

MERCY HOSPITAL FOUNDATION
for friends of Mercy Hospital



In honor of Kay Riley: Donor tribute

In October, a new bench and plaque were installed on the Unity campus to honor Kay Riley, a long-time nurse who passed away last May. The bench donated in her memory by her husband Bob, along with Bob's employer King Solutions, Inc. and their staff. Kay spent 37 years on the Unity campus caring for patients well into her 70s.

Thank you, Kay, for all you did for our hospital patients and our community.

Meet Linda Ortner



You might say that Linda Ortner was destined to be engaged with philanthropy. Since childhood, Ortner, the new Mercy Hospital Foundation president, has been exposed to the world of volunteering, fund raising and giving.

"You could say that my passion for philanthropy came from my family," said Ortner, who grew up on a farm in northeastern Colorado. "My parents were committed to our community and were always involved with our schools, organizations and church, and all eight of their kids were expected to participate and volunteer, too."

Ortner started out as an educator, then took time off to raise a family. When she returned to the workforce, she felt the pull of her philanthropic roots and took a role recruiting, training and placing volunteers as part of a partnership between the school district and the United Way.

Nearly twenty years ago Linda moved to Minnesota where she continued to work in philanthropic endeavors, leading fundraising and community engagement with the Minnesota 4-H Foundation, Catholic Charities of St Paul and Minneapolis and Washburn Center for Children.

"I am privileged as a philanthropic professional to help people experience the joy of giving," said Ortner. "I help them make connections between something they really care about and their financial support."

It's this partnership and relationship building that helped Ortner raise millions of dollars at Washburn Center to create a state-of-art children's mental health center. The center, which is now a model for the region and elsewhere, was designed to provide quality mental health care in a nature-infused, healing environment for both children and their families.

Following this project, Ortner completed a graduate program in organizational leadership, which galvanized her desire to make a broader impact in health care and led her to Mercy Hospital Foundation.

"The opportunity to work with Mercy Hospital and the north metro really speaks to me," said Ortner. "It brings me back to my roots, working with a true community hospital. Our work can help ensure that top quality health care remains accessible for this community."

Mercy's outstanding nurses

Congratulations to Mari Holt and Karine Zakroczymski,



our Mercy nurses honored as 2018 Mpls. St. Paul Magazine's Outstanding Nurses. In fact, 22 Allina Health nurses were recognized as finalists, and a total of five of Allina's nurses won for their category in which they were recognized.

Holt is the vice president for clinical operations on the Unity campus

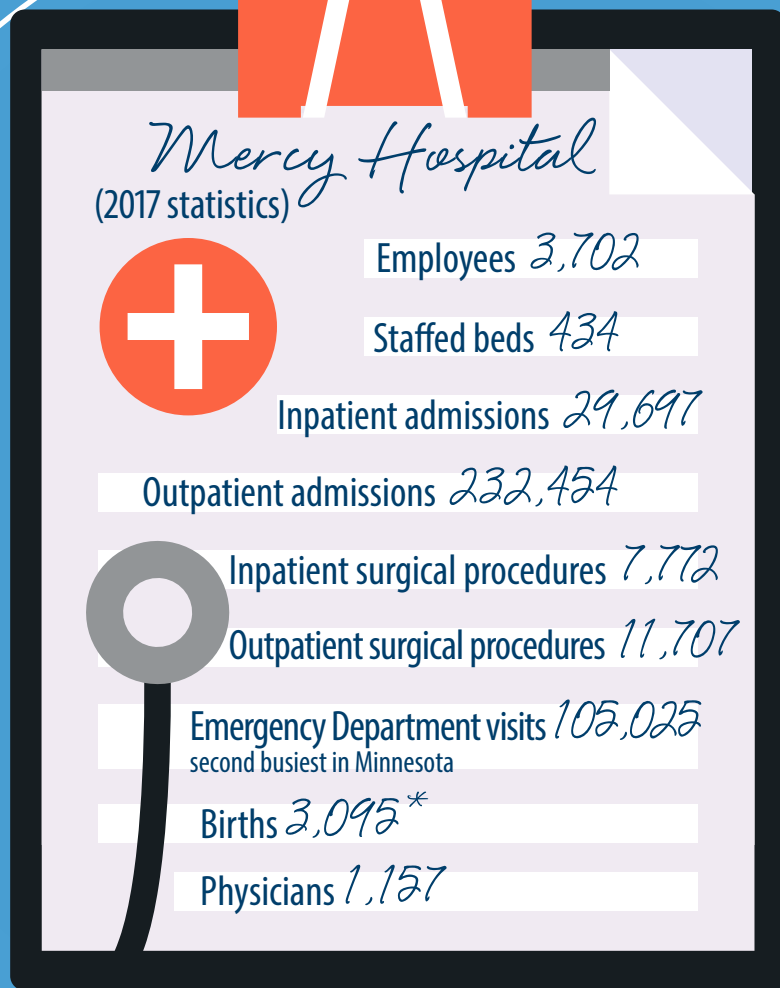
and won the Outstanding Nurse in Administrative Leadership. To ensure that others succeed, Holt regularly makes rounds on all shifts, truly getting to know the staff and making sure their needs are met.

Zakroczymski was named the category winner for Outstanding Nurse in a Hospital Setting. She began her career 45 years ago in emergency nursing. She received additional certification as a sexual assault nurse examiner and started a forensic program on the Unity campus in 2001, which is supported by the foundation and your donor gifts. Through her leadership and dedication, this program has grown to 10 hospitals across the Twin Cities. She is a committed, strong voice for patients and patient's rights.

Nurses were nominated based on professionalism, bedside manner, patient interaction, credentials and experience, impact on an organization, leadership, and an "it" factor exemplifying kindness, compassion and empathy.

*** *The forensic nurse examiner program benefits from your support of the foundation!!!* ***

Mercy Hospital by the numbers



* Since opening in July 2015, more than 10,000 babies have been born at the Mercy Hospital Mother Baby Center, a partnership between Allina Health and Children's Minnesota. Funding for the Mother Baby Center was supported in part through generous donors to the Mercy Hospital Foundation.



Mercy Hospital was rated second (tied) in the Twin Cities and fourth (tied) in Minnesota in the U.S. News & World Report 2018-19 Best Hospitals rankings.

Construction Update



Thanks to your generosity, we are heading into the home stretch of our three-year capital campaign, including renovation at both Mercy Hospital campuses. The projects improve services to ensure access to high-quality care for patients and enhance the practice and work environment for providers and staff.

Both emergency departments were enhanced, and the surgical suites and ICU were expanded increase flexibility and increase access, consolidated mental health and addiction programs, established a new orthopedic patient unit and remodeled key hospital infrastructure, including the laboratory.



In October the newly remodeled cafeteria reopened to once again provide quality meal service to patients, family, visitors and staff.

Projects that remain to be completed by year end and through July 2019 are:

- kitchen
- PACU/ Pre- and Post-op surgery
- registration and waiting.

These final steps will ensure both Mercy hospital campuses continue to meet our communities needs now and in the future. Thank you for your support of these projects and our programs!

MHVI opens new wound care clinic on Mercy campus

Sometimes wounds just don't heal. Patients with poor circulation, diabetes and other conditions may suffer from non-healing wounds in their lower legs, ankles and feet, which leaves them in pain and at risk for infections and worsening conditions. Thankfully, our patients now have access to specialty care at the Lower Limb Wound Clinic right here at Mercy. Physicians from a number of specialties, including vascular surgery, vascular medicine and podiatry, provide customized care to patients with lower limb wounds.

The clinic provides much-needed services and convenience to our community. Before opening, our patients who needed this type of care were to be directed to Minneapolis, Monticello and beyond. We are glad to be able to serve this need close to home.

Sara Criger's leadership



Sara Criger, president of Mercy Hospital has assumed leadership responsibilities for United Hospital and Emergency Medical Services while continuing to lead Mercy Hospital and providing system leadership for Mental Health and Addiction Services. In this role, Criger is partnering with the incoming president of Abbott Northwestern Hospital, Ann Rice. This reorganization and integration of Allina Health hospital leadership significantly advances our efforts to create a consistent experience for patients while driving superior outcomes and financial performance.

Criger was chosen for this role due to her leadership during the complicated integration of Mercy and Unity hospitals. Her record of impact throughout her career is impressive, including shepherding our Northwest Metro Alliance to great success, building the Mother Baby Center at Mercy and much more.



Save the date: 2019 events

Crystal Ball Gala: Saturday, April 27, 2019, at the Minneapolis Marriott NW.

Golf Classic: Monday, July 15, 2019, at the North Oaks Golf Club in North Oaks.

Pheasant Hunt: Thursday, October 3, 2019 at Wild Wings of Oneka in Hugo.



Consider a planned gift

Through a planned gift to Mercy Hospital Foundation you can:

- Significantly increase your annual income
- Provide for your retirement
- Increase the amount of financial support you can provide to your family
- Reduce your income taxes and/or estate taxes
- Provide exceptional health care at the hospitals and impactful programs and services throughout the community.

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- Life insurance policies
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- Charitable lead trust

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