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The **MERCY** COMMUNITY

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SAINT MARY HOME
THE McAULEY

“Whether believers or not, we are agreed today that the earth is essentially a shared inheritance, whose fruits are meant to benefit everyone. For believers, this becomes a question of fidelity to the Creator, since God created the world for everyone. Hence every ecological approach needs to incorporate a social perspective which takes into account the fundamental rights of the poor and the underprivileged.”

-- Catholic cardinals', patriarchs', and bishops' appeal to the 2015 United Nations Conference on Climate Change in Paris

November, 2017

Dear Friend:

The Sisters of Mercy of the Americas have long held the sustainability of the Earth as one of their Critical Concerns. At The Mercy Community, we have a commitment not only to protecting our natural resources through conservation efforts, but also to providing our residents with access to the beauty of nature. On the grounds of Saint Mary Home and The McAuley, our residents find raised garden beds, peaceful courtyards, a greenhouse, and the serene Maureen M. Reardon, RSM, Ph.D. Labyrinth. Thanks to the generosity of local foundations, corporations, and individuals like you, our Secret Garden and Callaghan Center courtyard will be enhanced in early 2018 with new patio furniture that will be safe and comfortable for our residents to use after rehabilitative therapy, during art classes, and while visiting with family and friends.

As we provide opportunities for our residents and clients to breathe clean air and bask in lush spaces, so too are we continuously working to make their environment here safe and secure. Our Office of Development regularly prepares and submits grant proposals for the purpose of enhancing infrastructure, and many of you have generously responded to past major gift campaigns for specific areas of need. When it comes to facility and technology upgrades, our priority is to pair our high quality of care with surroundings that provide a sense of well-being and home.

In the coming year, we will be complementing our residents' enjoyment of our buildings and grounds with a full slate of programming that will include dynamic performers, speakers, and programs. In this endeavor, as with so many of the initiatives we undertake, we depend on the beneficence of friends.

Today, it is almost impossible to listen to a news program without hearing about dramatic increases in health care costs. This is certainly true at The Mercy Community, where reimbursements we receive from Medicare, Medicaid, and/or private insurance are outpaced by our expenses. Our focus is clear: we will deliver people-centered care, develop engaged colleagues, demand excellence from our operations, and steward all of our resources – natural, human, and financial – effectively. The challenge we face is to be unrelenting in our focus while undaunted by the high costs associated with providing the best in health and healing for our communities.

Once again, this is where we turn to you. A year-end gift to The Mercy Community's Annual Appeal does so much good for the many dimensions of care and service we offer our residents and clients every day. We are grateful for the gift you can give within your means to support our Mission of serving as a compassionate and transforming healing presence within our community.

May you and those you love be blessed with good health and good cheer during the holiday season and throughout the new year. Thank you for giving to those entrusted to our care and for keeping The Mercy Community in your prayers.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "William J. Fiocchetta".

William J. Fiocchetta
President and CEO