Tipping our Hats to Colleagues

On Thursday, November 5, in the Saint Mary Home Auditorium, The Mercy Community feted colleagues celebrating milestones of service at the annual Colleague Appreciation Reception. Guests were welcomed by Director of Human Resources Karen Landsberg; Senior Vice President and Chief Mission/Compliance Officer Maureen Reardon, RSM, Ph.D. delivered the invocation. The Human Resources team individually recognized colleagues celebrating landmark anniversaries of service and thanked them for their commitment to caring for our residents and clients with compassion and reverence.

In the spirit of the event’s theme – “Tipping our Hats to Colleagues” – President and CEO William J. Fiocchetta donned a fedora while expressing his thanks to those being honored. “No matter how you serve – whichever department, whether here at Saint Mary Home, at The McAuley, or in the Mercy Community Health offices – you are transforming the lives of our residents, clients, and colleagues by sharing your talents and expertise. By being present, attentive, courteous, conscientious – being yourself – you ensure that we are the high quality, people-centered ministry the Sisters of Mercy envisioned.”

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On October 13, 2015, The Mercy Community’s President and CEO, William J. Fiocchetta, was elected Chair of the Board of Directors for LeadingAge Connecticut. A membership organization, LeadingAge Connecticut promotes and advocates for a vision of the world in which every community offers an integrated and coordinated continuum of high quality, affordable health care, housing, and community-based services.

Founded in 1961, LeadingAge Connecticut’s more than 130 provider members and business affiliate members serve more than 16,000 older adults every day in settings across the continuum of aging services, support, and housing. LeadingAge Connecticut members are diverse but share a common focus on person-directed living, missions of service to their communities, and choice in older adult services.

Committed to excellence and to innovation, LeadingAge Connecticut is recognized for expertise in aging services issues related to long term care, senior housing, and supportive services. Through effective grassroots advocacy, cutting edge information, progressive providers, and public information aimed at increased consumer awareness, LeadingAge Connecticut is dedicated to creating the future of aging services. Its national partner is LeadingAge: an association of 6,000 not-for-profit organizations dedicated to expanding the world of possibilities for aging. LeadingAge advances policies, promotes practices, and conducts research that supports, enables, and empowers people to live fully as they age.

Saint Mary Home Welcomes Patricia J. Russell

In September, Patricia J. Russell, RN, B.S.N. of Waterbury, CT was welcomed to The Mercy Community’s team as director of nursing at Saint Mary Home. Patti oversees all colleagues and clinical services within Saint Mary Home’s Nursing Department, applying her knowledge of and skill in the improvement and maintenance of quality ratings and State and Federal compliance regulations. Eric Dana, RN, administrator at Saint Mary Home, said: “Patti brings to our team more than 25 years of experience in leadership roles in a number of skilled nursing facilities in Connecticut. She has a proven track record of designing and implementing quality improvement measures, and we’re excited that she has come on board.”
I extend to you, on behalf of The Mercy Community, warm wishes that you and those you love might have joyous Easter and Passover celebrations. New projects and programs are taking shape here on our campus, and you will read about many of them in this issue of Circle of Mercy. As Charles Lanman wrote in his essay “The Dying Year,” “In spring, everything is full of promise.”

Many of you have been reading in this publication as well as in my annual appeal letters for the past few years about our vision for establishing a palliative care unit at The Mercy Community. In April, we will take large strides toward realizing that goal; we will begin construction to transform our East Two Unit at Saint Mary Home into a post-acute unit for the treatment of chronic, debilitating pain with a focus on reducing the severity of disease symptoms and improving quality of life. Thanks to each of you who have made a gift to The Mercy Community in support of this endeavor; in particular, we thank Murphy Family Giving for its leadership gift pledge of $150,000.

At The McAuley, we have launched a new partnership with Prime HealthCare. Not only will Prime HealthCare have office space in the “A” Building, but a dedicated team consisting of a physician and several Advanced Practice Registered Nurses will also provide home-based primary care services to our residents in their apartments. Prime HealthCare specializes in geriatric care, heart failure, hospice, dementia care, COPD, and diabetes. They will be able to provide preventative care, sick care, prescriptions, home lab draws and home X-rays, creating a new level of convenience and comfort for our residents. If they need to make an appointment, residents will usually be scheduled for a visit within 48-72 hours of their call. An on-call nurse will also be available to respond to questions and concerns. As a supplement to the 24-hour/seven-day-per-week on-call nursing that we already provide, these services will only enhance the experience of living at The McAuley and help avoid unnecessary hospitalizations. For more information on primary care services at The McAuley, please contact Susan LeMay, RN, director of health and wellness, at slemay@mchct.org.

This is just a small sampling of what’s full of promise this spring at The Mercy Community. As you leaf through the pages of this issue, I am confident that you will see that our greatest promise continues to be our people. Thank you for being among those who support our Mission, embrace our vision for the future, and pray for each resident and client entrusted to our care.

William J. Fiorechetta, President and Chief Executive Officer
For Mrs. Arlene Harding, a resident of The McAuley, quilting is both a form of self-expression and an act of generosity. She loves the creative outlet, and is gratified to give “forever meaningful treasures that can last for generations.” In July 2015, she presented just such a gift to The Mercy Community, bestowing “Passage” to the Pastoral Care Team for the purpose of reverencing the spirit of those whose life journey has just ended. Already, “Passage” has been a beacon of brilliance and belief in many of the funerals and memorial services that have taken place at The Mercy Community.

When Sister Maureen Reardon, Ph.D., senior vice president and chief Mission/compliance officer for The Mercy Community, first learned of Mrs. Harding’s talents, she approached her with the idea of designing a quilt that would become a part of the Pastoral Care team’s traditions in honoring a resident who has passed away. Sister Maureen explained to Mrs. Harding that she wanted this quilt to be uplifting rather than sorrowful. She immediately focused on the color and texture that comes with a full life, well lived. Her design would capture, in her words, “life’s past expressed in a variety of fabric expressions: dark shadows…the sun rising to a better afterlife…water flowing…” natural symbols imbued with spiritual significance intrigued and inspired her.

Mrs. Harding is the creator and designer of “Passage,” but she is quick to credit those who collaborated with her on realizing her vision. When she consulted with Vivian Lazich, owner of Sew Inspired Quilt Shop in Simsbury, about the formidable task ahead of her, Vivian recommended that Mrs. Harding reach out to quilt artist Susan Vassallo. Over the course of five months, Susan took to a long arm quilt machine, “designing the stitches based on the fabrics I had chosen,” explained Mrs. Harding. “Her stitch design enhanced the fabric, giving texture, creating clouds, waves, swirls, flowers, grasses, rocky slopes, stones, and pebbles. This then gave depth and dimension” to Mrs. Harding’s artistic rendering. The finished piece is nine feet in length and five and one-half feet wide.

The quilt represents a passage of sorts in Mrs. Harding’s journey as a quilter. “I have been quilting since 1974,” she said. “My first experience was working on the Avon Bicentennial Quilt. I worked with a small group of residents – each of us made an individual panel depicting the history of Avon. This quilt hangs for posterity under glass in the Selectman Chambers in Avon Town Hall.” That work of art is a source of great pride to Mrs. Harding, who made her home in Avon with her husband, Bob, (whom she calls “a fortress of support and guidance”) and their children Matthew, Mary Kay, and Elizabeth for more than 50 years. “Passage,” though, brings a pride all its own, and, much to Mrs. Harding’s surprise, a new feeling: “This was the first quilt I found difficult to part with,” she admitted. “So many hours and months went into the planning prior to the actual construction of the quilt. It took much research to sketch out the design, then put to fabric to capture the total effect.” The ongoing, evolving nature of “Passage” made it feel very personal, and when she brought it to the Pastoral Care Office in July, she said: “I felt as if I had truly left something belonging to me behind.” In truth, though, Mrs. Harding is the “forever meaningful treasure” at the heart of this gift that will give comfort, consolation, and confidence to so many families for decades to come.

As Bill Fiocchetta put it in his welcoming remarks at the September 24 Mercy Day Liturgy: “We give thanks this morning for a beautiful work of art crafted by the spirited hand of Mrs. Arlene Harding, a resident of The McAuley. The ‘Passage’ Quilt represents the journey of life, with its hills and valleys, ebbing and flowing waters, and extraordinary colors. Today, we will bless ‘Passage’ before it begins a ministry of its own, bringing comfort to those in our care as they have completed their life journey and to their loved ones for whom memories of love will last forever. Arlene, you have blessed us with this priceless gift, and we thank you for sharing your gifts and talents in such a meaningful way. How perfect it is that we recognize your selflessness and care for others on a day honoring the Sisters of Mercy!”

During the Liturgy, Father Terry Kristofak, C.P., prayed over the quilt, saying: “Loving God, mindful of your goodness to us, we bless this quilt. Grant Your peace to those who worked on it and to those who will have it placed upon them.” Mr. and Mrs. Harding were joined by their daughters Mary Kay and Elizabeth at the Mercy Day Mass and luncheon.
“The secret of life is enjoying the passage of time. 
Any fool can do it, there ain’t nothing to it. 
Nobody knows how we got to the top of the hill. 
But since we’re on our way down, we might as well enjoy the ride.

The secret of love is in opening up your heart. 
It’s okay to feel afraid, but don’t let that stand in your way. 
Cause anyone knows that love is the only road. 
And since we’re only here for a while, might as well show some style. Give us a smile.

Isn’t it a lovely ride? Sliding down, gliding down, 
try not to try too hard, it’s just a lovely ride.”

James Taylor, “The Secret o’ Life”

“Years go falling in the fading light 
Time passages”

Al Stewart, “Time Passages”
Advocacy through “Adapting and Advancing”

On October 23, The Mercy Community joined The Presidents’ College at the University of Hartford and Duncaster Retirement Community in launching their latest collaboration: a daylong Community Roundtable Discussion entitled “Prosthetics: Adapting and Advancing.” As a provider of post-acute clinical care and rehabilitation, The Mercy Community was very proud to be represented by one of its two Board-certified Physiatrists, Thomas Miller, MD, who opened the program.

Dr. Miller gave an historical overview of prosthetics, from their use after World War II when doctors were compelled to address a large number of patients seeking healing after amputations, to the present day, when some 2,000,000 people in the U.S. are living with limb loss due to complications from diabetes, trauma, cancer, or congenital conditions. He discussed prevention of type 2 diabetes, eliminating risk factors of trauma (e.g. not wearing seatbelts or drinking and driving), the complications that come with wearing prosthetic devices, and his belief in a team approach to rehabilitation therapy. “I’m the doctor, so people see me as in charge of the team, but I

couldn’t be successful without physical therapists, occupational therapists, psychologists, psychiatrists, recreation therapists, and prosthetists.” Together, he explained, they work to help patients adjust to mentally and emotionally coping with the idea and mechanics of using prosthetics and adapt. “People can do great, great things with prosthetics,” Dr. Miller said, “but it’s not the same as your original limb. Even when people learn to function in the community, it’s not easy. We do our best to provide knowledge, support, care, and encouragement.”

Professor Matthew Parente, director of the University of Hartford’s master’s program in Prosthetics and Orthotics, presented an in-depth look at “Prosthetics Today and Tomorrow.” He showed the evolution of prosthetics through the years, from mail order artificial legs in an old Sears & Roebuck catalog to a cable system design for an upper extremity prosthetic “inspired by a man named Schwinn. In fact,” Professor Parente said, “many things we use to create prosthetics were designed for other purposes. Prosthetics is truly where art meets science.” He demonstrated the role technology has played in the refinement of prosthetic devices – 3D printers and microprocessors now involved in the design, manufacturing, and production of limbs – but was quick to assert that he and his students do not find their true passion in gadgets and devices. “It’s about the patient,” he said. “Very few of us – and certainly very few physicians – get into our field because they want to work with an inanimate object. We want to work with people.

“A patient living with a new prosthetic needs a good support system in place. This includes not only the medical team, but also their families and peers. A responsive community can help that patient realize that there is life beyond the limb loss.”

Thomas B. Miller, MD
And each patient is different. We have to be problem solvers, figuring out how to give the patient the solution and fit they truly need.”

Dr. Miller and Professor Parente led an informative panel discussion that included Paige McCullough-Casciano, a certified therapeutic recreation specialist at Mount Sinai Rehabilitation Hospital, Karen Prior-Topalis, manager of quality and outcomes at Mount Sinai, and Emma Walker, a graduate of the University’s Hartt School, who has worn a prosthesis since being involved in an automobile accident in 1997, when she was just 16 years old. Emma provided a candid, poignant, often humorous first-person perspective to the discussion. Acknowledging that she missed the days when she could go to the beach and very easily run into the ocean and that her current daily routine in Manhattan can prove challenging both in terms of navigation and stamina, Emma ultimately resolved that “You just wake up every day, put your leg on and go about your business.” She even went so far as to say about her prosthesis: “It’s one more thing that makes me be as colorful and bright as I am. I’m a funky dresser, covered in tattoos…I’m not sure whether I would have been as colorful and bright as I am if this had not happened and if I had not embraced that it’s just another part of who I am.”

Following the panel discussion, The Presidents’ College hosted lunch in the University’s 1877 Club, then offered a number of concurrent demonstration sessions, where students and faculty in the Prosthetics and Orthotics program were able to share advances in upper extremity prosthetics, lower extremity prosthetics, and laser digital acquisition technology that allows clinicians to get an image of a person’s anatomy via a hand-held laser system.

Mark McGovern, the Town of West Hartford’s director of community services, concluded the event by describing the Complete Streets Policy: a local plan to accommodate drivers, bicyclists, pedestrians and transit patrons, older residents, children, and persons with mobility impairments in accessing West Hartford’s 217 miles of roads. In developing the policy, Mark consulted with the State Commission Advocating for Persons with Disabilities, and said that the members’ “most eye-opening and enlightening” feedback was instrumental in informing the document and providing ideas for enhancing signage, crosswalks, access ramps, and transit shelters throughout West Hartford. “We want all of our citizens to reach their destinations easily, then to have easy mobility once they’re there.” The Town Council approved the Complete Streets Policy in July 2015. It is available at https://www.westhartfordct.gov/civicax/filebank/blobdload.aspx?BlobID=30640.

“The pleasure of my job is to see intrinsic outcomes within patients. I love gauging how we get them back to the things they love and make each of them the individual they are.”

Paige McCullough-Casciano, certified therapeutic rehabilitation specialist

Dr. Humphrey Tonkin, former director of The Presidents’ College, and daughter Emma Tonkin Walker
State of Connecticut Grants More Than $150,000 to The Frances Warde Towers Apartments Upgrade

In September 2015, the State of Connecticut Department of Housing granted The Mercy Community $152,230 from its Community Investment Account (CIA) to replace approximately 200 windows in Saint Mary Home’s Frances Warde Towers Apartments (FWTA); the replacement was completed in March 2016. The Mercy Community supplemented the State dollars to replace more than 100 additional windows within The Towers. The newly installed Marvin Integrity brand windows are made of Ultrex, a fiberglass that is said to outlast and outperform vinyl. As a result, energy efficiency will increase, and the 94 residents who live in the Apartments will experience greater comfort during hot and cold weather.

The State of Connecticut Community Investment Act oversees the Community Investment Account; the Act funds projects and programs that focus on historic land preservation, affordable housing, open space and watershed acquisition, and agriculture through the CT Commission on Culture and Tourism, the CT Housing Finance Authority, the State Department of Environmental Protection, and the State Department of Agriculture, respectively.

“We are very grateful for the State’s assistance both in raising our energy efficiency profile and in making our residents in The Frances Warde Towers Apartments feel more at home. The new windows make such a noticeable difference: they give the units a sense of being brighter and lighter. We also thank Manchester Millwork, who installed them so promptly and courteously,” said The Mercy Community’s President and CEO, Bill Fiocchetta.

Join the Journey

This spring, we will be creating a perpetual memorial to the Sisters of Mercy on The Mercy Community campus. We will build a Labyrinth to pay homage to these women who have served individuals on our campus since 1880 and throughout the world since 1827. The Sisters of Mercy inspired (and continue to inspire!) our Mission to be a transforming and healing presence, instilling hope and confidence among seniors as they travel their life’s journey. A Labyrinth represents peace and reflection: qualities we also attribute to the Sisters.

A gift to The Labyrinth at The Mercy Community begets gifts of healing (sometimes physical, sometimes spiritual, sometimes both) and hope. We seek your support in this endeavor, hoping to make you part of our eternal Circle of Mercy through a tax-deductible gift at any level. Please contact Sister Maureen Reardon, Ph.D., in our Office of Development at 860.570.8339 or mreardon@mchct.org to learn more about the project. Gifts made payable to The Mercy Community may be submitted with the envelope enclosed in this issue; be sure to check the box marked “Labyrinth.” On behalf of the Sisters of Mercy and of our residents, clients, and visitors who will find tranquility and meaning in the experience of the Labyrinth, we thank you for your generosity.

Sister Ellen Flynn’s Mercy Mission

In September and October, members of The Mercy Community took up a collection of new socks for schoolchildren. Pastoral Care Associate Sister Ellen Flynn and friends carried suitcases filled with socks donated by residents, clients, colleagues and visitors at Saint Mary Home and The McAuley on their fall mission trip to Haiti. “The families are so grateful to have this very simple but terribly important need met for their children. Every pair helps!” she explained. Sister Ellen’s mission trip was part of the Outreach to Haiti program operated through the Diocese of Norwich.
Carol Wallace Brings the “Abbey” to Abbeyleix

“The fate of this book has been completely improbable,” Carol Wallace insisted on January 14, when she came to The McAuley to discuss the work she co-authored with Gail MacColl: To Marry an English Lord. More than 100 people – residents of The McAuley as well as guests from the greater Hartford community – filled the Auditorium to hear Ms. Wallace speak.

In a January 24, 2012 letter to the editor of The New York Times, actor, writer, and creator of PBS’ Downton Abbey Julian Fellowes deemed To Marry an English Lord “a marvelous and entertaining study of the American girls who came over to England, mostly between 1890 and 1914, to marry into the British aristocracy.”

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Carol Wallace Brings the “Abbey” to Abbeyleix, continued

Indeed, Carol Wallace shared, Mr. Fellowes has been “really generous” about giving *To Marry an English Lord* credit as an inspiration for the recently-concluded series. “He saw the charm in this little English phenomenon which is real history. Honestly, though, it was enough for me that there were English aristocrats on my television every week! And now, I get to come and talk to people like you who care about this stuff I love!”

Ms. Wallace chronicled the period from just after the Civil War through 1910, giving the audience a sense of both English aristocracy and New York high society. “It’s the culture clash that’s so well chronicled in Wharton’s *The Age of Innocence,*” she said. “Old money versus new money.” Ms. Wallace told the stories of the Astors, Edward VII, Prince of Wales, Jennie Jerome and Lord Randolph Marlborough, and the Vanderbilts, making the audience realize with each tale of nobility, each vignette about a “self-made girl,” history could sound a great deal like a juicy novel or television drama.

After a lively question-and-answer session, Ms. Wallace signed copies of her book for audience members. Guests were then treated to a beautifully prepared *Downton Abbey*-themed afternoon tea in The McAuley Lounge.

Check it out in our “Library!”

Wonder who the people are in our neighborhood? Visit our Living Library by clicking on the icon on our home page, [www.TheMercyCommunity.org](http://www.TheMercyCommunity.org), or go directly to this link: [http://themercycommunity.org/about/the-living-libraries-project/](http://themercycommunity.org/about/the-living-libraries-project/). We hope you’ll enjoy our newest installments on The McAuley resident Mrs. Margaret Kahn and the late Mary Ellen Murphy, RSM, Ph.D.
Tipping our Hats to Colleagues, continued

As a surprise to both Sister Maureen Reardon and Bill Fiocchetta, Board of Directors Chairman Mark Walker presented each of them with a special plaque. In his remarks, Mark recognized Sister Maureen and Bill for celebrating ten-year anniversaries with The Mercy Community. In keeping with the event’s theme, Mark praised Sister Maureen for wearing several hats in her role overseeing Mission, Compliance, and Development. “As she goes about her duties, she represents to everyone she meets and works with what it is to be a Sister of Mercy,” said Mark. He also acknowledged Bill’s leadership at Saint Mary Home, The McAuley, and in his positions as Board Chair of LeadingAge Connecticut and Community Solutions, Inc. Mark said, “It is clear that both in his professional and personal life, Bill shares a deep and real affinity with the Sisters.”

Saint Mary Home colleague Ramona Perez received an Angel of Mercy Award. When a family member or friend of a resident or client wishes to bring special recognition to a colleague, he or she submits an Angel of Mercy card; cards and drop boxes are located just outside the Maximilian E. and Marion O. Hoffman Entrance to Saint Mary Home, on the second floor of Saint Mary Home outside The Frances Warde Towers Dining Room, and near The McAuley “A” Building Concierge Desk. Ramona received more than 10 Angel of Mercy cards and was applauded for her commitment to providing a “culture of caring through excellence.” Concluding the presentation of awards, the Saint Mary Home Dining Services Department served a beautifully-prepared dinner accented by festive, blue and silver top hat centerpieces.
President Free Comes to The McAuley

On August 24, The Mercy Community welcomed new University of Saint Joseph President Dr. Rhona C. Free with a luncheon in The McAuley “A” Building Lounge. Dr. Free addressed residents, members of The Mercy Community’s Board of Directors, and colleagues, sharing her personal and professional experiences. She praised the strong relationship the University and The Mercy Community – both founded by the Sisters of Mercy – maintain and discussed opportunities for further collaboration. After her remarks, Dr. Free visited with residents (shown above) and enjoyed the reception in her honor.

First Responders Honored at The McAuley

Residents of The McAuley hosted members of the West Hartford Police and Fire Departments on September 23 at The McAuley’s First Responders Luncheon. The annual event allows residents and their family members to connect with and show appreciation for West Hartford’s local civil servants, many of whom have responded to emergent needs on The Mercy Community’s campus. Residents were grateful for the opportunity to visit with their “very own heroes,” as one resident put it. “It’s lovely to sit down in a relaxed environment and give thanks to those we call when we’re most in need.”
Throwing Open the Doors to an Extraordinary Jubilee Year

The “Doors of Mercy” opened inside The Maximilian E. and Marion O. Hoffman Entrance at Saint Mary Home Monday, December 21, ushering in both the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy called by Pope Francis as well as National Homeless Persons Memorial Day. At an afternoon prayer service, Father Paul Belhumeur, MS, reminded The Mercy Community of Pope Francis’ words: “It is time for the Church to take up the joyful call to mercy once more. It is time to return to the basics and to bear the weaknesses and struggles of our brothers and sisters.”

The designation as an “Extraordinary Jubilee” sets apart the period of December 8, 2015 – November 20, 2016 from the ordinary cycle of jubilees, or holy years, which are called every 25 years in the Catholic Church. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops explains that by calling for a holy year outside of the normal cycle, a particular event or theme is emphasized. For example, Pope Francis called this particular Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy to direct our attention and actions “on mercy so that we may become a more effective sign of the Father’s actions in our lives . . . a time when the witness of believers might grow stronger and more effective.”

According to Sister Maureen Reardon, Ph.D: “December 21st is the longest night of the year, and, therefore, the night we remember all those who have lived or who are living unsheltered. We decided that this presented a particularly poignant moment to introduce our beautiful new Jubilee Year ‘door frames,’ which will be on display through next November at different locations at different times on our campus.” Most often, the framed banners will be posted in the Saint Mary Home lobby, considered to be “the gateway” to The Mercy Community. They also flanked a Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Prayer Service for Peace and Courage on Monday, January 18. The Pastoral Care team will announce additional programs and services throughout this Year of Mercy.
SAVE THE DATE!

On Monday, June 13, 2016, we invite you to the beautiful greens of The Hartford Golf Club to raise green for The Mercy Community. West Hartford’s premier not-for-profit Continuing Care Retirement Community includes independent/assisted living center The McAuley and skilled nursing facility Saint Mary Home. Each year, we hold a charity golf tournament and dinner to benefit our residents, clients, and programs and to shine a light on our Mission of compassionate service. Step onto the fairways and into The Mercy Community.

For registration or sponsorship information, please visit www.TheMercyCommunity.org or call 860.570.8305.

“His Way”

Singers Sheri Ziccardi and Michael Cartwright, together with pianist Paul Feyer, form CabareT: a group that has become very close to the hearts of many members of The Mercy Community. On December 11, they performed a special concert honoring both Foundation Day (commemorating the occasion on which, in Dublin on December 12, 1831, Catherine McAuley and two other women professed vows and became the first Sisters of Mercy) and what would have been the late Frank Sinatra’s 100th birthday. Their repertoire included Sinatra standards, including several of his well-known Christmas tunes.
We Begin Again

2016

Spirit of God
break the darkness and unveil the dawn

Call us to begin again
the things we have left undone

With a mighty wind
rage on, rage on, rattle our souls

Shake them from their dream-filled sleep
to what is and yet to be

Hold high your brilliant flame
that we might see new horizons

And know that they are within our reach
if we but try as not before

Untie our tongues
to say just needy words

And not the ones
that are meant to please

Replace our spirit with one that’s yours
startle us with your vision of who we are

Then give us the courage
to fulfill what you see

We are much more than we think we are
but that is our fear

We buckle in the face of trying to become
what we are meant to be

On our own that can’t be done
but with your hand it can

So come Holy Spirit
and we shall be recreated

And you through us
shall renew the face of our earth
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The McAuley is a Continuing Care Retirement Community (CCRC) which promotes and fosters an independent lifestyle within a life care setting. The McAuley offers an Assisted Living Program for those residents who require more assistance with daily living.

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For information on how to make charitable gifts to Mercy Community Health or any of its ministries, contact Sister Maureen Reardon, Ph.D., senior vice president and chief Mission/compliance officer (860-570-8339).

Please write to us at our mailing address if you wish to have your name removed from the list of those to receive The Mercy Community’s future fundraising requests.

Who We Are...

We, Mercy Community Health and CHE Trinity Health, serve together in the spirit of the Gospel as a compassionate and transforming presence within our communities.

Believing in the intrinsic dignity of all persons, we uphold the universal right to holistic care and we promote the common good. We embrace all God’s children as we respond to the needs of the human body and spirit, inspiring hope and confidence on life’s journey.

Please visit our website at www.TheMercyCommunity.org

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