

# Mercy Perspectives Arizona Mobile Clinic

Winter/Spring 2008

### Our Mission & Work

Mission of Mercy is a nonprofit, nonsectarian service whose stated mission is "to restore dignity to the sick, poor, and homeless by providing free basic medical care and healing through Love." Mission of Mercy's Arizona Mobile Clinic is a medical outreach program whose stated purpose is making quality primary health care available and accessible, at no charge, to that segment of the Phoenix, Arizona population that has very limited access to it. Our work is a reflection of our corporate mission and project purpose.

# Clinic Locations & Schedules

M.O.M.-AZ serves patients at three sites in the Phoenix, metro area. Hours are 8:00 am to 3:00 pm on the following days at the following locations:

- Maryvale Church of the Nazarene 3201 N. 51st Ave, Phoenix 1st, 3rd & 5th Tuesdays
- Shepherd of the Valley
   Lutheran Church
   1500 W. Maryland Ave, Phoenix
   Every Wednesday
- Christ the KingCommunity Center1616 E. Broadway, MesaEvery Thursday

#### **APPOINTMENT LINE:**

602-486-7798
New Telephone Hours:
Tuesday I pm - 6 pm
Thursday 9 am - 2 pm

For additional information or clinic directions visit our web site at www.aMissionOfMercy.org



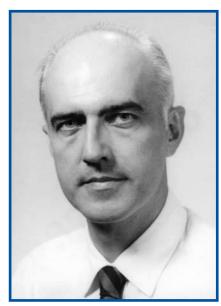
# A Legacy of Redemption and Hope

## Volunteer Nurse Helps Homeless Man Who Finds God and Rewards Mission of Mercy

When Catherine Amiot, the Executive Director of Mission of Mercy in Arizona, woke up on that hot September morning she never dreamt it would become a day right out of a fairy tale. It was on that day she received a phone call from the brokerage house of Charles Schwab, informing her that Mission of Mercy-Arizona was the beneficiary of a large sum of money, bequeathed by an unknown donor. And, there were more calls to come.

#### **A Chance Encounter**

Rita Belle, a volunteer nurse for Mission of Mercy at the Mesa, Arizona mobile medical clinic had befriended a homeless man nine years earlier. Rita (see page 6 for more of Rita's story) first noticed Richard Walters when she was leaving a Scottsdale Senior Center after her aerobics class. In time, Rita struck up a conversation with the "neat and clean" man with the baseball cap and backpack. Little did she know that the area behind the Senior Center was home to Richard. It was several years later when Rita had an air conditioning problem that she



Richard Walters, pictured during career as a mechanical engineer.

asked Richard, a retired mechanical engineer, for help. The phone number he gave her turned out to be for a phone in the billiards room at the Senior Center. It was only then Rita learned Richard was homeless. During their nine year friendship, Rita shared both her personal testimony as well as the experiences she had as a volunteer nurse for Mission of Mercy with him.

#### A Homeless Man with a Rich Past

All that time, the dedicated volunteer nurse helped Richard with his doctor's appointments, grocery shopping, cooking and eventually found him housing at several low cost transitional housing complexes. However, Richard would become restless, and in a short time would leave his modest dwelling. After numerous attempts to relocate Richard into a safer environment, Rita accepted that street living was the way Richard preferred to live. Rita continued working for Mission of Mercy and Richard continued to stay in her life.

Richard Walters was no ordinary street person. Although he preferred an alternative lifestyle, he possessed a brilliant mind and was highly educated. He graduated with honors with a degree in Mechanical Engineering from Purdue University and received a Masters Degree in Teaching from Ball State University. He served in the United States Marine Corps during the Korean conflict. Richard never married and had no children. Allied Signal Aerospace (now Honeywell) employed him for 23 years as a jet propulsion engineer. After he was forced into early retirement, he dropped out of the mainstream and spent most of his time on the streets.

### Rita's Spiritual Gift

Despite Richard's inquisitive and analytical mind, he had no social skills. Providentially, he crossed paths with Rita; however, he was estranged from his two brothers and had few friends. Although Richard was an avowed atheist, Rita continued to be a spiritual witness to him. After he was diagnosed with terminal health issues, Rita led him through a spiritual conversion and a personal relationship with Christ. Shortly before his death, he was baptized into the Catholic Church and received Holy Communion. This self made man, who led a life of quiet desperation, died at the age of 76 on August 19, 2007. Walters' funeral

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was held on October 9th at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in Scottsdale and was buried with full military honors at the Military Cemetery in Phoenix.

### A Stranger's Generosity

Unknown to all was the fact this quiet man of the streets was a multi-millionaire. Although his life was filled with uncertainty and change, he orchestrated his legacy with certainty and determination. In the end, Richard Walters left his entire fortune to a variety of global charities, including Mission of Mercy. The unexpected phone call in September to Catherine Amiot was to inform her that Mission of Mercy would receive a gift from Richard Walters' estate estimated to be in excess of \$400,000.

The gift from the unknown, reclusive stranger with the baseball cap and backpack will allow countless people who live in the shadows of society, as he did, to receive vital medical services and compassionate care. As a result of this gift, Mission of Mercy's Arizona program will have the resources to fund a fourth clinic site in early 2008 and is exploring adding a fourth service day before the end of 2008. It is conservatively estimated that more than 3,000 additional patients will be given the gift of health as a result of this single bequest. Richard Walters, who lived on the fringes of society and found his own personal redemption in the waning days of his life, has left an extraordinary legacy of help and hope to an entire community. God bless you Richard Leroy Walters!

# Mission of Mercy Focuses on Growth and Expansion in 2008

Mission of Mercy in Arizona is poised for exciting expansion opportunities in 2008, including the addition of a new clinic site and that will bring the program to a three full service days per week.

"We have been incredibly blessed with the success of our "Mercy in the Morning" community awareness and fundraising breakfast, the unexpected generosity of the Richard Walter's legacy gift and, of course, our Compassionate Partners who have been steadfast in their support of our patients," said Catherine Amiot, Executive Director. "This support allows us to realize our mission of being instruments of God's love by expanding our services to the working poor and uninsured in our community."

Nearly \$400,000 was raised in current and multi-year pledges at the breakfast. Those who donate through the Healing Through Love Giving Circle commit to a gift ranging from \$1,000-\$25,000 over a five-year period. "We are very excited to be cultivating long-term partnerships with individuals and organizations that want to join the Mission of Mercy family in healing our community," said Ms. Amiot.

M.O.M. is currently considering a new clinic location in the south-central Phoenix area and is in the process of cultivating community partners and volunteers. "It is an under served, multicultural area of town that we feel is an excellent match for the type of work we do at Mission of Mercy," she said.

It is estimated the clinic will open by summer 2008 and operate every other Tuesday in rotation with our current bi-weekly Maryvale site. This additional clinic will allow M.O.M. to operate a full three days per week, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

"The gifts we have received are blessings from God...they will enable us to continue our mission in serving the medically needy in our community," said Dr. Brad Smith, Medical Director for M.O.M. in Arizona. "By adding this additional two days of service each month, we will have the capacity to serve an additional 1,200 patient visits per year." Dr. Smith said this estimate is based on the number of patients M.O.M. currently serves at its Maryvale clinic on a bi-weekly basis. In 2007, the Maryvale clinic served 571 patients and provided 1,294 no cost patient visits.

Stay tuned for more exciting expansion developments in 2008!



# M.O.M. Launches Clinic in the Coastal Bend Area of South Texas

Mission of Mercy launched its newest mobile health care program on Sept. 17, 2007 in the Coastal Bend area of south Texas. The new clinic is based out of Corpus Christi and serves five locations in Corpus Christi and surrounding rural areas, including unincorporated areas known as "colonias."

"We were amazed (on our first clinic day) to see more than 40 patients streaming in to the Fellowship Hall at First United Methodist Church," said Patty Clark, Executive Director for M.O.M. in Corpus Christi. "Over and over we were thanked by shy or tearful patients. Time and space will not allow me to relate all the stories of our patients, but the common ending is that we offered them hope. Hope that they or a family member could receive medical care in a dignified and compassionate manner."

During the first year of operations, the volunteers at the mobile clinic expect to provide over 3,000 free patient visits and dispense over 5,000 free prescription medications to the uninsured working poor.

Mission of Mercy's new clinics in the Coastal Bend area are the result of nearly two years of effort. In August 2005, the Most Reverend Edmond Carmody, Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Corpus Christi, invited Mission of Mercy to locate a mobile health clinic in the Corpus Christi area to serve the thousands of area poor that have no health insurance and cannot afford to see a doctor or to purchase the medications they need. Mission of Mercy Foundress, Dr. Gianna Talone-Sullivan, Pharm.D., traveled to Corpus Christi and witnessed first-hand the need for Mission of Mercy to provide free health care that focuses on the restoration of dignity, what we call "healing through Love."

Over time, a group of community leaders, representing the health care industry, social service agencies, religious organizations

and philanthropists formed the Mission of Mercy Coastal
Bend Leadership Council. Mission of
Mercy, Inc. donated and remodeled a mobile
medical vehicle that had previously been used in the Baton Rouge
and New Orleans area following Hurricane Katrina.



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Representatives from other Mission of Mercy clinics in Maryland and Pennsylvania have worked closely with the Leadership Council to identify funding, select clinic locations in the Coastal Bend area and recruit staff and volunteers.

# Frederick County Dental Society Comes to the Rescue

Last spring, NBC TV 25 of Hagerstown presented a compelling news story on Mission of Mercy's serious shortage of volunteer dentists at the Frederick area clinic sites. One viewer, Dr. Amaris Little, a dentist at Life Smiles Dental Enhancement Center in Frederick, caught this superb coverage and quickly moved into action. She spearheaded an effort by the Frederick County Dental Society to provide one or two dentists for volunteer work, one to two days per month, at Mission of Mercy's dental clinic at the Frederick Church of the Brethren.

As of early October, almost 20 dentists, including oral surgeons, have now volunteered their time and talent to serve Mission of Mercy's dental patients. "We are extremely grateful for the participating dentists from the Frederick County Dental Society. They have



truly stepped up to the plate to meet a critical need," says Karen Lyons, Dental Coordinator. By providing free treatment to the uninsured and under insured, who are suffering from chronic pain, abscesses, and other serious complications caused by issues with their teeth, these dentists are helping to save lives.

Poor dental health has been linked to problem pregnancies, complications with diabetes, coronary disease, stroke, and many other conditions. More than 108 million Americans do not have dental insurance. For most of the patients that we treat, Mission of Mercy is the only option for dental care.

By performing free extractions and fillings as part of Mission of Mercy's dental program, these volunteer dentists have become our community's heroes. We applaud the Frederick County Dental Society for its commitment to improving the quality of life for so many in need.

# Mercy in the Morning Breakfast Invokes Spirit of Giving

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Mission of Mercy's first Mercy in the Morning Breakfast on December 5, 2007 was a resounding success with more than 200 guests attending and nearly \$400,000 raised in current and multi-year gifts. real jewel of

Held at the Phoenix Country Club, this one-hour fundraising effort brought stories of inspiration, healing and hope made possible through Mission of Mercy's free medical care to the working poor and uninsured in metropolitan Phoenix.

goes directly to running Leadership Council Member Marisue Garganta **Mission of Mercy** of St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center, a in Arizona." Compassionate Partner to Mission of Mercy, opened the breakfast, followed by an invocation by Father Don Kline of the Diocese of Phoenix. The West Valley Youth String Quartet generously donated their time and talents to the event.



Mercy in the Morning guests Phil Adams, Claudia Critchfield and Fr. Don Kline of the Diocese of Phoenix.

Ana Berlanga-Nabozny spoke about her volunteer experience as a Spanish interpreter for the Phoenix M.O.M. clinic. She also served as translator for Manuel Matus, a current patient of Mission of Mercy, who provided a moving, personal testimony about the care and compassion he and his wife have received over the years.

Catherine Amiot, Executive Director of Mission of Mercy Arizona, was pleased with the turnout for the breakfast. More than half, 54%, of the 222 attendees pledged contributions at the event. Of those giving, a remarkable 70 percent were new to the organization or were previous donors that had lapsed in their contributions. "The outcome was extraordinary...it tells us not only are we getting the word out to spark new interest, but that we are re-engaging others because they heard or felt something new that is bringing them back to Mission of Mercy," Ms. Amiot said.

Ms. Amiot described the fundraising breakfast as a new model for Mission of Mercy Arizona to build a network of sustainable funding. "We are looking to cultivate and involve life-long individual donors and organizations that truly care about Mission of Mercy's work," said Ms. Amiot. "Multi-year pledges allow us to look into

the future and ask our partners where is the greatest unmet need for medical services; where can we impact the community next and move forward because we will have the financial means "The to carry out a long-term plan."

Ms. Amiot says M.O.M.-Arizona decided to reorganize its fundraising methods and objectives to better align itself with its mission and values. and center. All the money "Our main goal is to personally share our work with those in the community by having them attend a clinic site tour, to volunteer at one of our clinics, and to hear inspirational stories of health and hope. We want our guests to fully understand our mission before they decide to make a financial contribution or personal commitment," she said.

> Rachel Oesterle, M.S.R., M.O.M.-AZ Leadership Council, said she felt the event was very well-executed and is excited about the prospect of multi-year funding. "It's a no-nonsense, organized approach to fundraising that aligns well with our mission and values," said Ms. Oesterle. "The real jewel of the process is that the message is up front and center. All the money raised at this breakfast goes directly to running Mission of Mercy in Arizona."

> Mission of Mercy hopes to build on the momentum of this inaugural event and invites anyone who is interested in learning more about the organization or working as a volunteer to come to a site tour. To make reservations to attend a "Coffee with M.O.M.", get information about volunteering, or if you are interested in more information about the 2008 Mercy in The Morning Breakfast, please contact the M.O.M. office at 602.288.7234. The Coffee with M.O.M. tour schedule is posted on the back page of this newsletter and is posted on our Web site at www.amissionofmercy.org.

# M.O.M. Introduces "Healing **Through Love** Giving Society

Mission of Mercy raised nearly \$400,000 in current and multi-year pledges at its inaugural Mercy in the Morning Breakfast on December 5, 2007.

Those who donate through the "Healing Through Love" giving society commit to a gift ranging from \$1,000 to \$25,000 over a five-year period. These financial gifts make a significant impact upon the medically and spiritually under served within our community.

#### **Levels of Giving**

Gift of Mercy: \$1,000 per year for 5 years - will provide free medical care for 76 families including 135 free prescriptions.

Gift of Hope: \$5,000 per year for 5 years - will provide free medical care for 385 families including 685 free prescriptions.

Gift of Dignity: \$10,000 per year for 5 years - will provide free medical care for 780 families including free 1,388 prescriptions.

**Gift of Love:** \$25,000 per year for 5 years – will provide life saving medication for all the children served by Mission of Mercy each year.

# "Healing Through Love" Giving Society Members

Gift of Love - \$25,000 or more

Anonymous

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Critchfield

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Konerko

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Pitre

Gift of Dignity - \$10,000-24,999

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Kapanicas

Mr. Dave Katzin

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Talone

Gift of Hope - \$5,000-9,999

Mr. and Mrs. John Campo

Mrs. Carol Critchfield

Mr. William Dent

Mr. Daniel Golden

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Mr. and Mrs. Larry Hall

Mr. Peter Kudla

Gift of Mercy - \$1,000-4,999

Mr. and Mrs. Phil Adams

Mr. and Mrs. Todd Brown

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Cullinan

Mr. and Mrs. M. Walt Davis

Dr. and Mrs. Sam DeFrancesco

Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Ehmann

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Foley

Mr. Michael Friedman

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Geraci

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Gryp

Mr. and Mrs. Ron Heyn

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hilsabeck

Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Hudak

Mr. and Mrs. Mitch Jimenez

Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Kapanicas

Mr. Bret Lawson

Mr. Gary Levine

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Long

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Loup

Col. and Mrs. Mike Lynch

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Nageotte

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Taylor

Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Taylor

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Tichavsky

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Tisch

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Waggoner

Mrs. Marion Westover

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Zabilski

We apologize in advance for any errors or omissions on this list.

# **Mission of Mercy Recognizes 2007 Donors**

M.O.M. gratefully acknowledges the generous contributions of our 2007 Community Partners and Individual Donors.

### **Community Partners & Charitable Foundations**

Alexander & Baldwin Foundation

The Believe Foundation

**BHHS** Legacy Foundation

Chandler Regional Medical Center

Christ the King Community Center

Michael S. Cochran Family Trust

**CVS Pharmacy** 

Franciscan Renewal Center

Gesner-Johnson Foundation

Grace United Methodist Church

Bruce T. Halle Family Foundation

Lina Juliber Charitable Foundation

Karnell Family Foundation

Susan G. Komen For the Cure

William S. & Ina Levine Foundation

John C. Lincoln Health Foundation

John F. Long Foundation

Maryvale Church of the Nazarene

McKesson Foundation, Inc.

Medtronic Microelectronics Center

Mercy Gilbert Medical Center

Morse Family Foundation

Mt. Claret Retreat Center

C.W. & Modene Neely Charitable Foundation

Pakis Family Foundation

Phoenix Suns Charities

Phoenix Camelback Rotary International

Virginia G. Piper Charitable Trust

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Nina Mason Pulliam Charitable Trust

The Safeway Foundation

Schwab Charitable Fund

Scottsdale Healthcare Osborn

Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church

Sonora Quest Laboratory

Sovereign Military Order of

Malta-Western Association

St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center

Sunrise Bank of Arizona

John Joseph Talone Trust

Thunderbirds Charities

**UPS** Foundation

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220 guests attended Arizona's 1st Annual Mercy in the Morning Breakfast at the Phoenix Country Club on December 5, 2007.

### Did you know that Mission of Mercy donations are tax deductible?

Arizona donors may qualify for the AZ Charitable Tax Credit Deduction program. For eligibility information contact www.azdor.gov (select "Charitable Tax Credits" link). Tax ID # 86-0704883. Additional information regarding the Tax Credit program can be obtained by calling the Arizona Secretary of State Charitable Division at I-800-458-5842.

### Rita Belle - Spiritual Witness and Healer

Rita Belle always felt that her nursing skills and spiritual background were a good match for Mission of Mercy. Rita is a devote Roman Catholic and giving back has always been a part of her life.

Looking back, Rita says there was nothing in her early conversations that would prepare her for the truth about Richard Walters.

The story was incredible, hard to believe (see Page I for full story). Rita didn't see a homeless man when she spent time with Richard. She saw a friend and a person in need. Richard didn't talk much about his past and left many unanswered questions. There were details of meetings at first class hotels around the world, supported by first class transportation to get there. Richard led the good life for a long time, but without a wife, children and friends, he cut himself off from the world to live on the streets. While questions remain, Richard did find something special in Rita that caused him to break with the past and begin to live again.

As Richard and Rita talked, the subject finally got around to faith. Richard told Rita that he was an "avowed atheist." It was the

most challenging thing that he could say to her. For no apparent reason, shortly after his admission, he began attending daily mass, religious lectures, and listening to the Phoenix religious radio station KFLR. The goal was obvious—to re-introduce Richard to Jesus Christ as his Lord and Saviour.

Major health problems resulting from severe diabetes and high blood pressure slowed Richard and forced changes in his lifestyle. Surgeries were performed on both legs to improve his circulation with limited results. Richard also had quadruple bypass open heart surgery. Despite several surgeries on his eyes, his vision

had deteriorated and living on the street was no longer possible.

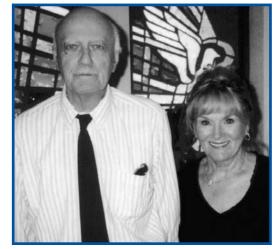


Rita received an urgent phone call from Richard in 2007 asking her to come to his apartment. When she arrived, a quick examination confirmed that he had a serious stroke. Knowing he had lost faith in doctors, because the surgeries and medical procedures had not improved his health, Rita encouraged him to get medical attention. Richard was taken to a hospital and treated.

He suffered a second stroke at the hospital that paralyzed him from the neck down. Rita vividly recalls how he looked up at her and quietly, slurring his words said, "I'm in big trouble. What should I do?" It was clear to her that he was dying. Rita sat on the bed and said, "I would call on Jesus." He whispered back to her, "I want to call on him." This was all she needed. No priests were available so Rita granted his request and baptized him and arranged for several priests to visit. He had met most of them attending church functions with Rita. Richard also took his first and last communion and was confirmed.

On the last day of his life, Rita rubbed his body with oil. He seemed restless and she sat on the bed with him and told him, "Jesus is waiting for you on the other side. It is OK to let go." She left and went home. The phone rang an hour later. Richard was dead.

A few days after his death, the legacy of Richard Walters became public. He left an estate worth over \$4.5 million to charity. The man, who lived at times behind a senior center, was a multimillionaire. But, he died a rich man in more ways than one. Rita, the unassuming Catholic nurse, never gave up on Richard and helped him find his way back to God.



# Arizona's 4th Annual Lobster Bake - A Complete Sell Out!

The 4th Annual Great Maine Lobster Bake and 10th Anniversary Celebration was held November 4, 2007 at the Paradise Valley home of Jim and Susan French. A sell-out crowd enjoyed warm fall weather, a beautiful sunset, delectable food, the sounds of the Caribbean, and reconnecting with good friends. All proceeds from this evening's event benefitted the M.O.M.-Arizona Mobile Medical Clinic.



Hostess, Susan French (standing), welcomes guests to her home.



Guests enjoy a beautiful sunset at the French home.

# **MISSION OF MERCY CELEBRATES 10 YEARS OF SERVICE**

### Director of Nursing Elena Konerko Given Special Farewell

On a late October afternoon, the volunteers and staff of Mission of Mercy celebrated its 10th year of service and acknowledged the commitment and tireless dedication of its volunteers. M.O.M. volunteers Tony and Alice Ehmann hosted approximately 100 volunteers from all three clinic sites for a festive potluck dinner at their beautiful home.

"This was a very special evening, not only because we spent it honoring our volunteers who so passionately donate their time and talents, but because it was also a time to reflect on the impact Mission of Mercy has made on our community over the past decade," said Catherine Amiot, Executive Director.

One of the highlights of the evening was saying farewell to dedicated volunteer Elena Konerko, Director of Nursing, who started and has been with M.O.M. in Arizona since its inception in 1997. She was presented with a unique commissioned art piece which artistically incorporated personal memories for Ms. Konerko to recall her 10 year experience at Mission of Mercy, including the M.O.M. logo, a newspaper clipping about her service, and a medal of Our Lady of Guadalupe, who is a sign of hope for many of M.O.M.'s patients.



Medical Director, Brad Smith, embraces Elena Konerko.

Ms. Konerko, who still volunteers "wherever they need me," says she has been transformed by her work with Mission of Mercy and was moved by the recognition she received. "I have a sense of peace in my soul that I didn't have I0 years ago. Over the years, you recognize how fortunate you are. When you open your heart to serve, you get such an abundance back," she said. "You can be weary from the work, but you never get tired of serving."

As many volunteers attest, Ms. Konerko describes her work with M.O.M. as a calling from God to do His work. She has watched Mission of Mercy transform over the years—growing in volunteers, increasing public awareness, and acquiring medical modalities which helped improve its ability to care for and teach its patients. Still, Ms. Konerko believes M.O.M. has stayed true to the simplicity of its philosophy through the years—to restore dignity through Love. "The basic things we were called to do a decade ago, we are still doing, providing healing and compassion to the under served. This is the core of who we are and that will never change."

Dr. Brad Smith, Medical Director, considers Ms. Konerko "like family" and said she will be greatly missed. "When something needed to be done, you didn't need to question if it would. Elena always got it done. There was a comfort level there with her, and I will truly miss that," said Dr. Smith. "Elena exemplifies the heart of Mission of Mercy."

Mission of Mercy would like to acknowledge Elena Konerko and all of its volunteers who selflessly contribute their time and talents so that those less fortunate may receive healing through mercy and Love.

# <u>Servant Leadership</u>

### Henry W. (Hank) Konerko Named Corporate CEO of Mission of Mercy

Offering more than 40 years of success in corporate and private business ventures and a decade of service to Mission of Mercy, Henry W. Konerko has been named Chief Executive Officer of Mission of Mercy.

As a former and current member of the Board of Directors, Mr. Konerko has been active in Mission of Mercy for over 10 years, where his wife, Elena, Arizona's former and recently retired Director of Nursing, help start the Arizona program in 1997.

"I believe Mission of Mercy is well positioned in Arizona and elsewhere to continue to grow and provide the very best medical care available," said Mr. Konerko. "Our patients will continue to be the face of this great non-profit and, as our mission statement states, we will 'seek to restore dignity to all people by being an instrument of healing through Love', and by the reciprocal sharing of God's Mercy with those we serve."

During his 20 year career with Phelps Dodge, Mr. Konerko was responsible for domestic and international mining operations. The last ten years have been spent in private business ventures. He currently owns and operates several Arizona-based businesses which includes a venture capital company, a residential and commercial real estate company, and a medical infusion and visiting nursing business.

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Henry W. Konerko, CEO

Mr. Konerko has undergraduate degrees in accounting and management and business administration. His advanced degrees include an M.S. in Management and a Ph.D in International Management. Mr. Konerko also completed the Advanced Management Program at the Harvard Business School

Mr. Konerko lives in Scottsdale, Ariz., with his wife, Elena, and is the father of two sons, Peter and Paul, and has two grandchildren. Peter owns a successful photography business in Southern California. Paul also lives in Scottsdale and plays major league baseball for the Chicago White Sox.

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# **BIG NEWS!**

M.O.M. Moves To Larger Administrative Offices 1741 E. Morten Ave., Ste. C-2 Phoenix, AZ 85020 (Mailing address remains the same)



Mission of Mercy also welcomes Paula Carvalho as new Program Coordinator for Arizona!

### **BI-LINGUAL APPOINTMENT LINE: 602-486-7798**

New Telephone Hours: Tuesday I - 6 pm, Thursday 9 am - 2 pm, Friday 9 am - 2 pm

# Invite <u>Your</u> Friends to "Coffee with M.O.M." Clinic Open Houses

All Tours scheduled on Wednesdays from 10:00 – 11:00 AM.

Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church 1500 W. Maryland Ave, Phoenix

(Located on the Northwest Corner of 15th Avenue and Maryland St.)

### **Coffee With M.O.M. Tour Dates**

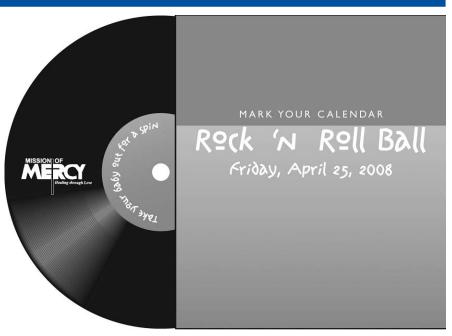
March 12th

April 16th

May 21st

Check web site for future dates. www.aMissionOfMercy.org

(R.S.V.P. 24 hours in advance to 602.288.7234. Site Tours for groups of 4 or more can be arranged at our Mesa and Maryvale clinics by special request.)



Jennifer & Eric Danziger invite you to rock *almost* around the clock to benefit Mission of Mercy Mobile Medical Clinic.

Cocktails, Dinner and Dancing – Friday, April 25, 2008, 6:30pm

Paradise Valley Country Club – Cocktail Attire

Please R.S.V.P. to Paula Carvalho at 602-288-7234.