



Feb. 6, 2013

Samuel Loyd Neal, Jr.  
County Judge  
County of Nueces County  
901 Leopard St.  
Corpus Christi, Texas 78401-3697

FY 11-12  
Outside Agency  
Report

✓ *Re: Mission of Mercy Written Report, \$1,500 in Outside Agency Funds, FY 2011-2012*

*\$1,000 - County Judge*

Dear Judge Neal:

*\$ 500 - Commissioners PCT 2*

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Once again let me first take this opportunity to thank you and other members of the Nueces County Commissioners Court for your assistance in helping Mission of Mercy fulfill its mission in 2011-2012 with a \$1,500 grant in Outside Agency Funds. Thanks to Nueces County, along with charitable donations made by foundations, corporations, and individuals, Mission of Mercy has provided diabetes, heart disease, and stroke awareness and prevention as delivered through our program's regular and consistent healthcare services. We have done this through approximately 2,875 patient visits and approximately 1,337 free prescription medications at no cost to our patients during our 2011-2012 fiscal year.

We know by talking with our patients that we make a huge difference in their lives. We are now in the process of researching electronic medical records software that will allows us to focus on the following goals:

1. 75% of patients who initially record blood pressure readings of 130/90 or higher will see a reduction in blood pressure to a level of 130/80 or lower within one year through medication as measured by blood pressure readings administered at each clinic visit;
2. 80% of patients with diabetes who initially record an A1c reading of 7.1 or higher will see a reduction in A1c readings to a level of 7.0 or lower within one year through medication, self care, and regular physician visits as measured by A1c testing;
3. patients will report a 50% or greater reduction in emergency department usage as measured by patient health surveys;
4. 90% of patients will report that they are satisfied with Mission of Mercy's care as measured by patient health surveys.

We continue to operate mobile clinics at four Nueces County sites, providing services on regularly scheduled days once or twice a month at each site from our 40-foot recreational vehicle, which has been equipped as a mobile clinic with four exam rooms and an on-board pharmacy. The Nueces County mobile clinics take place at the following sites:

- First United Methodist Church in Bishop,
- First United Methodist Church in Corpus Christi,
- St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church in Flour Bluff,
- Wesley Community Center in Robstown.



Each of these organizations donates the use of its facilities where patients sign in, meet with nurses for triage, and wait until they are seen by volunteer physicians, physician assistants, and nurse practitioners. We hear time and again what a tremendous need there is in Nueces County for the free health care and free prescriptions we provide, and how grateful our patients are that Mission of Mercy exists in our community.

The lifeblood of our mission is the many volunteers who donate their time and talents. Our team of medical directors continues to recruit physicians and physician assistants as volunteers for Mission of Mercy, and our nursing director continues to network with other nurses to find registered nurses and nurse practitioners to assist us. We have a dedicated cadre of physicians, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, registered nurses and a variety of other volunteers who donate their efforts at our clinic sites. Active volunteers can be broken down as follows:

Physicians	10
Dentists	2
Dental Hygienist/Assts.	2
Nurses/Technicians	25
Pharmacists	4
Patient Advocates	6
Registration/Hospitality	45
Interpreter	10
Driver/Security	8
Administrative	8
Fund-raising	<u>12</u>
Total	132

Corpus Christi hospitals and radiology practices continue to provide donated laboratory services and imaging work. Doctors Regional, Driscoll Children’s Hospital, and CHRISTUS-Spohn Health System offer lab support, while Radiology Associates of Corpus Christi and Radiology & Imaging offer radiology services, all at no cost to our patients. The value of these and other in-kind donations amounted to \$437,475 in 2011-2012, demonstrating our many collaborative partnerships and the value that these organizations place on our services.

Mission of Mercy has come a long way in the more than five years since our first clinic day on Sept. 17, 2007. We have been fortunate to attract the support of a variety of people in our community and look forward to long-lasting relationships with our patients, volunteers and supporters. We particularly appreciate the generous financial support and leadership from Nueces County. Once again, thank you for your continued support of our important mission.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director  
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