



901 E. Fifth Street
Washington, MO 63090
636-239-8000

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
March 17, 2008

News Release

Contact:
Katie Burckhalter
Public Relations
314-251-6226/
636-239-8276
Fax: 314-251-4168

St. John's Mercy Auxiliary is Seeking New Members

The St. John's Mercy Hospital Auxiliary is looking for new members to fulfill many roles within the volunteer organization. The organization supports the work of the St. John's Mercy Hospital through fundraising and volunteerism. The Auxiliary needs a multitude of volunteers to execute its many fundraisers throughout the year.

One of the main fundraisers for the Auxiliary is management of the Gift Shop, which is manned solely by volunteers with the support of the Volunteer Services Department. It also offers floral arrangements crafted by volunteers.

"I love retail work," said Gleena King, Gift Shop manager. "Helping people find the right gift for their loved ones is very rewarding."

The Missouri Hospital Association named the SJMH Auxiliary as Hospital Auxiliary of the Year in 2007 for its successful implementation of many projects at St. John's Mercy Hospital. Its projects include making crafts for patient meal trays, stitching caps and buntings for newborn babies, and providing emergency alert monitors so people can live at home. The volunteers also serve as greeters for visitors and family members at the Information Desk in the Hospital Lobby, serve as patient liaisons in the Emergency Department, and clip newspaper articles in the Public Relations office, among other opportunities.

-more-

Auxiliary Seeks Members – add one

“We truly have something for everyone in this Auxiliary,” said Marilyn Bleckman, Auxiliary board member. “I have been a member for nine years and it is an amazing organization. I get back more than I give. This Hospital is a blessing to our community and we should all do what we can to support their work here.”

Check out the SJMH Auxiliary and the Volunteer Department to see what opportunities await you. The Auxiliary is a charitable organization serving the needs of the poor and underserved in our community. Joining the Auxiliary is an excellent way to share your blessings and join an incredible group of dedicated volunteers.

For more information about volunteer opportunities and the SJMH Auxiliary, please contact Dee Coppeans, Volunteer Services manager at 636-239-8272, or Nancy Redhage, Auxiliary president, at 636-390-4300.

St. John’s Mercy Hospital is a member of the Sisters of Mercy Health System.

###