

# Our Mission Continues

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## Mercy Employees & Their Families Enjoy 2008 Hall of Fame Festivities



# Something To 'Always Remember'

## *Mercy Helps Make 2008 Hall of Fame Festival Unforgettable*

After 45 years of employment at Mercy, Louise Capuano took the ride of her life.

She and 26 others traveled with Mercy's award-winning float during its debut at the 2008 Pro Football Hall of Fame Festival Timken Grand Parade on August 2.

She said, "This was one of the most amazing things I've ever done. Riding on the Mercy float is something I will always remember."

Out of this year's 16 float entries, the hospital's centennial-themed float won the Builders' Award for the best professional builder entry. The three-person panel of judges included Christian Golden, Marketing Werks in Chicago, Barkley Russell, Argonne Parades in Atlanta, and Toni Meyer, 500 Festival in Indianapolis.

Barbara Yingling, assistant chief nursing officer and chair of Mercy's float committee, said teamwork was key to the float's success. "This group of employee volunteers was fun and very energetic," she said. "They represented Mercy in such a positive way. And, we appreciated all the employees who were in attendance to watch the float go by on parade day. It was an awesome experience."

Float walker Patti Belding, husband Brad ("The Balloon Man") and their two teenage daughters - who together regularly entertain audiences with balloon art and magic shows - crafted elaborate balloon hats for the Mercy parade team. Yingling said the judges were impressed with the Beldings' creativity.

In addition to Yingling, the float committee included Lynne Dragomier, Jan DeHoff, Cindy Hickey, Carol Clevinger, Ann Almasy, Janet Boiarski, John Feucht and Pete Christ. Feucht also drove the float tractor during the parade.



## Hall of Fame Greats Welcomed

### *Past Enshrinees Sign Autographs*

Past Hall of Fame enshrinees Lem Barney, Lenny Moore and Joe Perry signed autographs and visited with fans on August 1 in the Mercy Surgery Center/Cancer Center rotunda.

Barney, inducted to the Hall of Fame in 1992, was a cornerback for the Detroit Lions from 1967 to 1977. Moore, a running back for the Baltimore Colts from 1956 to 1967, was inducted in 1975. Perry, a fullback from 1948 to 1963 for the San Francisco 49ers and the Baltimore Colts, was inducted in 1969.



(From left to right) Joe Perry, Lem Barney, Lenny Moore and Tom Cecconi



Pamela D. Drummond-Ray, M.D., asks Lem Barney for an autograph.

# 2008 Hall of Fame Parade

*Hall of Fame Parade Downtown Canton*



*Sister Judith Ann Karam, C.S.A.*



*Mercy employee Carol Zimbello (left)*



## Judging The Floats

*Mercy Wins Builders' Award*

### Float Riders

- Louise Capuano, longest service employee.
- Jim Johns, M.D., medical staff representative.
- Carol Prazer, R.N., recipient of 2007 Cameo of Caring Award and nursing staff representative.
- Mitva Soni, volunteer representative.
- Sister Judith Ann Karam, C.S.A., president and CEO of the Sisters of Charity Health System.
- Chalil Robinson and CC McKinney, Mercy PALS representatives.

### Walkers included

- Patti Belding, radiology
- Patricia Blue-Boswell, dental services
- Chris Dine, physical therapy
- Tina Frutig, transport
- Patch Geyer, pulmonary rehab
- Therese Gilbert, nursing
- Julie Goodrick, pulmonary rehab
- Taylor Hacha, emergency department
- Lena Hartman, CCU
- Gloria Jeter, pharmacy
- Alicia Long, CCU
- Sherry Morris, environmental services
- Linette Ossler, CVSICU
- Larry Poletsky, security
- Kim Romano, emergency department
- Dawn Stump, North Canton STATCARE
- Connie Twiss, emergency department
- Karrah Weider, surgery
- Janet Wells, business office
- Kay Wengerd, pharmacy

### Workers included:

- Janet Boiarski, nursing services
- Ryan Cirelli, volunteer intern
- Lynne Dragomier, administration
- Mary Ginther, community services
- Laura Jo Hawk, fund development
- Cindy Hickey, public relations
- Tauni Hoffman, nursing services
- Allyson Kelly, cardiovascular services
- Louise Michaels, volunteer
- Mike Schott, media services
- Jeff Smith, administration
- Chelsa Torres, human resources
- Fran Vojir, general accounting
- Barb Yingling, nursing administration



*Chalil Robinson, Karen Feller, CC McKinney*



*Chris Gump, Lynne Dragomier*



*Jeff Smith, Louise Capuano*



*John Feucht, Barbara Yingling*

# First Play Attracts 1,500

## *Getting the Ball to the Hall of Fame*



Mercy was again the major sponsor of the festival's annual First Play event. Each year, about 1,500 children line up and pass a football along the three-mile stretch from the Frank T. Bow building in the 200 block of Second Street SW, where the NFL was founded, to the steps of the Pro Football Hall of Fame.



The event lasted 90 minutes and ended, as described by Tom Cecconi, Mercy president and CEO, with "a nice little underhanded pass with a tight spiral" from Dean Freitag, 9-year-old son of Chris Freitag, Mercy Gift Shop employee.



*Tom Cecconi poses with employee Chris Freitag and her son, Dean, in front of the Pro Football Hall of Fame following the conclusion of First Play.*

# Up, Up and Away!

## *Hall of Fame Festival Balloon Classic Invitational*



Mercy also was the major sponsor of the Balloon Classic Invitational, held at the Kent State University Stark Campus on July 25 – 27. More than 70 hot air balloons participated in this year's race.

# Senior Friends

## *Annual Deck Party*

