

2025 Voice of Hope Award Recipient

## MERCY HEALTH FOUNDATION MAHONING VALLEY

## A Voice of Hope in Our Community

Hope is more than a word—it's a mission. At Mercy Health Foundation Mahoning Valley, hope is extended through every program and initiative they support, ensuring that the most vulnerable receive compassionate care. Their commitment to service has earned the Foundation this year's **Voice of Hope Award**, recognizing their faithful dedication to the community.

Supporting Mercy Health Youngstown, the Foundation raises funds to assist those in need, particularly the poor and underserved. Through grant awards and partnerships, they help ensure critical healthcare and social services reach those who need them most.

The Foundation's collaboration with Catholic Charities has been especially impactful, providing housing support for pregnant and new mothers, donating a vehicle to aid Catholic Charities' outreach, and working alongside social workers to connect people with essential services. "We are honored to partner with Catholic Charities to serve the most vulnerable in our community," says Paul S. Homick, Jr., President, Mercy Health Foundation Mahoning Valley.

"We at the Mercy Health Foundation Mahoning Valley are humbled but greatly honored to receive the Voice of Hope Award," shares Mr. Homick. "Bringing hope, serving the most vulnerable, and overcoming barriers to health and well-being is our mission. Through the generosity of our community, we continue to make a difference."

Receiving the Voice of Hope Award is a testament to their commitment to addressing health disparities, ensuring access to care, and tackling issues like food insecurity, infant mortality, and safe housing. "In this Jubilee Year, when Pope Francis calls us to be Pilgrims of Hope, we are humbled by this recognition," Mr. Homick states. "We strive to be a voice of hope through the programs we support, bringing help and healing to our community."

For the foundation, challenges are simply opportunities to extend Jesus' compassionate ministry. The *Joanie* on the Go mobile mammography unit and mobile dental vans bring life-saving care directly to the community, ensuring access and dignity for all.

With faith and compassion, the Mercy Health Foundation Mahoning Valley truly embodies what it means to be a Voice of Hope.





