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### **Dunham Fund supports Patient-Centered Education at Provena Mercy Medical Center**

On May 21, 2011, Provena Mercy Medical Center hosted more than 600 people at the hospital's Centennial Gala at the Q Center in Saint Charles. The evening's program included the presentation of a Dunham Fund grant to hospital leadership by Stewart Beach, Chairman of the Fund's Advisory Board.

Mr. Beach announced that the Dunham Fund was pleased to be a part of the medical center's celebration of one hundred years of outstanding service to the Aurora area. He went on to explain that, "When John C. Dunham, Aurora businessman and philanthropist, created the Dunham Fund, his intention was to use his personal resources to assist others in the Fox Valley to attain heights they may not have attained without the benefit of such assistance. As a man with an entrepreneurial spirit, he wanted to create a more comfortable, safer place for mankind to live and prosper. Since Mr. Dunham's death in 2006, the Dunham Fund Board of Advisors has continued to honor John's legacy through annual grant making and scholarship programs which enhance the quality of life of our area citizens."

Mr. Beach further announced that the Dunham Advisors felt that Provena Mercy's *Century of Powerful Healing Campaign* for hospital room privatization and renovation was important to the medical center's future and that the newly planned patient-focused education program was closely aligned with John Dunham's philanthropic mission to advance educational innovation and community development. The Fund's lead campaign gift of \$205,000 will provide a state-of-the-art, technologically-advanced, televised delivery system for educational programming that will be easily accessible twenty-four hours a day to the patient in his private room and to health care providers throughout the hospital. The educational software and hardware will be used to orient, educate and discharge the patient with information specific to his medical condition. The programming will be an integral part of the

physician’s treatment protocol for individual patients, with a direct link to their electronic medical records. The innovative TGER-7 system will also be utilized for the ongoing education and training of the hospital’s health care professionals. Mr. Beach stated that “this project will enable Provena Mercy Medical Center to continue to provide outstanding healthcare well into the next century.”

Mr. Beach shared that Mr. Dunham had spent some time at Mercy during his later years. “Most of the Advisors and I spent quite a bit of time with him there and were personally impressed with the compassionate, safe, and quality care that the hospital provided”.

*Provena Mercy Medical Center’s Century of Powerful Healing*



*The Dunham Fund is a private foundation established in 2006 to honor the legacy of John C. Dunham, businessman and philanthropist, through grants to Aurora, Illinois area organizations that have the vision and programs to help fulfill Mr.*

*Dunham’s dream of “making the world a more comfortable, safer place for mankind to live and prosper.”*

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