

Mercy Springfield Communities

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Nicki Gamet Named Mercy Administrator in Aurora, Cassville

20-year Mercy veteran's new role began Dec. 23

SOUTHWEST MISSOURI (Jan. 16, 2018) – The New Year brings a new leader to Mercy in Aurora and Cassville, but she's no stranger to the health care system. Serving at Mercy for more than two decades, Nicki Gamet is now administrator for both hospitals.

"I really hit the ground running," said Gamet, who most recently served as executive director of operations at Mercy hospitals in [Aurora](#) and [Cassville](#). Before that, Gamet served as director of nursing in both locations for eight years. "There's something different about working for Mercy – we live and breathe our faith, and I hope my new role will help me impact others the way the Sisters of Mercy have impacted me."

Gamet's career in health care began 27 years ago as a certified nurse assistant during high school, serving Milan Healthcare in Milan, Missouri. She attended nursing school at North Central Missouri College in 1995, and then later received her bachelor of science in nursing from Southwest Baptist University. She received her master of arts in management and leadership from Webster University.

"My first job as a registered nurse was in Kirksville, Missouri, at Grim Smith Hospital, which today is Northeast Regional Medical Center," Gamet said. "Two years later, my husband and I moved to Springfield and I started working at Mercy – the same year we got married."

Gamet quickly moved up the ranks after joining Aurora Community Hospital (now Mercy Hospital Aurora) in 1997. During the next 20 years, she would serve as a registered nurse; a charge nurse, director of nursing and chief nursing officer at Mercy hospitals in Aurora and Cassville; and, most recently, executive director of operations in both communities.

"I'm so excited to continue my journey with Mercy in this new leadership role," Gamet said, who is also a self-described "full-time sports practice mom." She and husband Patrick – her high school sweetheart – have two children: son Jackson, 12, and daughter Parker, 11.

"We spend a lot of time at basketball, softball, baseball and football practices," said Gamet, who does manage to squeeze in a Disney World trip each year with the family. "We also make time to help others in the community, whether it's through Victory Mission or Crosslines. Most recently, my daughter collected hundreds of cans of fruit to help the homeless because some lacked access to essential food groups."

On the hospital floors, that compassion continues for Gamet. "We have to keep the faith and let our co-workers know that everything they do impacts our mission to serve others. I'm

challenging myself and my colleagues to not only continue putting patients first, but to also build upon the incredible care that we provide. We're all in this together.”

Mercy Springfield Communities is comprised of Mercy Hospital Springfield, an 866-bed referral center; an orthopedic hospital; a rehab hospital; a children's hospital; five regional hospitals in Lebanon, Aurora, Cassville, Mountain View, Missouri and Berryville, Arkansas; and Mercy Clinic, a physician clinic with nearly 700 doctors and locations throughout the region. It is part of [Mercy](#), named one of the top five large U.S. health systems in 2017 by [Truven](#), an IBM Watson Health company. Mercy serves millions annually and includes 44 acute care and specialty (heart, children's, orthopedic and rehab) hospitals, more than 700 physician practices and outpatient facilities, 40,000 co-workers and more than 2,000 Mercy Clinic physicians in Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri and Oklahoma. Mercy also has outreach ministries in Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas.

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