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Former resident featured at book signing event

Former local health care leader Sister Elizabeth Mary Burns, RSM, will be available to sign copies of her book, "Beyond Measure: A Legacy of Mercy" on Sunday, July 25 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Sioux City Public Museum.

The 347-page softcover book features a 97-year history of the Sisters of Mercy in the Midwest. Sister Elizabeth spent 10 years tracing the story of Mercy's Regional Community of Detroit from its first hospitals in 1879 until the formation of the Sisters of Mercy Health Corporation in 1976. The establishment of St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Sioux City in the late 1800s to its merger into Marian Health Center in the 1970s is chronicled in the book.

Published in 2009 by Gold Leaf Press in collaboration with Sisters of Mercy of the Americas-West Midwest Division, the book will be available for \$15.95 at the event.

A native of Estherville, Iowa, Sister Elizabeth joined the Mercy Community in 1946 and has been involved in healthcare ministry since 1949. She was director of St. Joseph School of Nursing in Sioux City from 1958-1963. After serving in various positions in Detroit and receiving her doctorate in administration, she returned to Sioux City to be president and CEO of Marian Health Center from 1977 to 1987. She currently lives in Farmington Hills, Michigan and continues to volunteer with the Mercy Education Project.

Admission to the Sioux City Public Museum is free. For more information, call 712-279-6174 or visit www.siouxcitymuseum.org.

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