Special gift illuminated spirit of holiday season

A special package arrived on the doorstep of the new Mercy Medical Center on, appropriately, the day after Thanksgiving. Inside was the most charming porcelain Christmas village from an anonymous donor. This generous soul obviously had given much thought to the gift and was oh-so-careful to explain how best to display and enjoy the gift.

The note accompanying the package said “If looking at this village makes you happy or brings you peace, then pass along those feelings to others whom you meet this holiday season. Please give a hug from me to everyone young and old who is spending time with you this holiday season. Let them know they are being remembered.”

This gift will have a place of honor at Mercy Medical Center — and in our hearts.

The gesture also is a reminder to us all to give what we can, and to bless and serve others. Hospitals, schools, churches, museums, shelters, social programs and a myriad of other charitable causes count on hearts to move hands, and inspire us to give in a way that makes a positive difference in our communities.

God’s blessing to, our anonymous friend. Thank you for thinking of Mercy Medical Center patients at this most hallowed time of year.

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