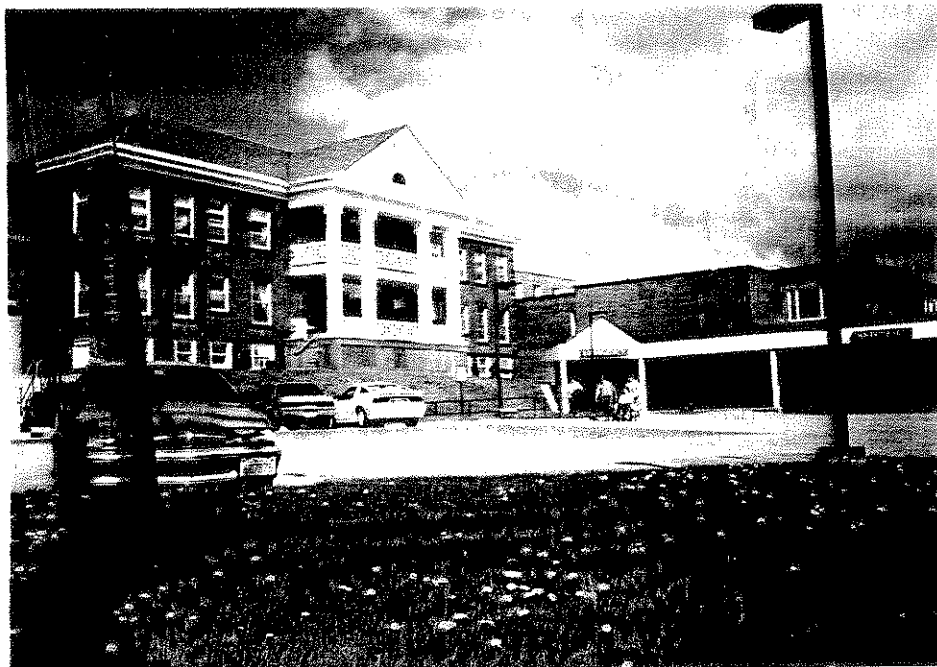


Littleton Hospital Auxiliary

1906 - 1995



*"Traditionally we are taught, and instinctively
we long to give where it is needed . . ."*

Anne Morrow Lindbergh

Foreword

History of Littleton Hospital Auxiliary

"The farther backward we can look, the further forward we are likely to see" is brought before us in the writing of this history of the Littleton Hospital Auxiliary. Shortly after the incorporation of the Littleton Hospital Association in 1906 and the building of the Hospital, a close relationship with the community began with the Board of Trustees' proposal for the establishment of a Women's Board with two to be selected from each local church.

One is impressed with the number of persons participating in Auxiliary programs, the breadth of community representation and the length of dedicated service of members and their leaders over the years. A wide variety of activities - from the early bazaars and summer theatricals at the Opera House, many card parties, dances and teas to the present Fashion Show and Floral Design Luncheons - were money producing projects for the Auxiliary to give financial help to the Hospital in meeting patient needs. Early concerns were helping the Hospital to provide basic needs such as food, fuel and linens and then the financing of equipment and special services greatly needed in improving patient care.

Commitment to education has become a major concern with the recognition of Auxiliary membership as a channel of communication with the community and the need for financial assistance to those interested in further professional training or preparation for practice in the health field.

Programs have adapted to the changing needs of the Hospital in planning for patient care. The changes in name of the Auxiliary to allow the inclusion of men points to the progressive thinking of the membership and its leaders. The acceptance of the Auxiliary President as a voting member of the Board of Trustees strengthens the relationship of Hospital and Auxiliary in their efforts for patient care. Outstanding accomplishments have established the Volunteer Program, the Gingham Goose Gift Shop and many special programs including Lifeline, Infant Car Seat and Art Library. Over the years time, money and community support have been freely given and have proven vital to the services made available to patients.

May the detailed descriptions of activities given by those writing this history prove to be a valuable source of information with reflections of the past for guidance of the future.

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