

A HOSPITAL *Grows* IN CARROLL COUNTY

1950s-1960s



1956

Citizens Committee forms to support building a hospital in Carroll County. The committee consists of local businessmen and members of the Carroll County Medical Society.

1958

First board of directors at Carroll County General Hospital is established with Atlee W. Wampler serving as president.

1960

Construction of Carroll County General Hospital begins.

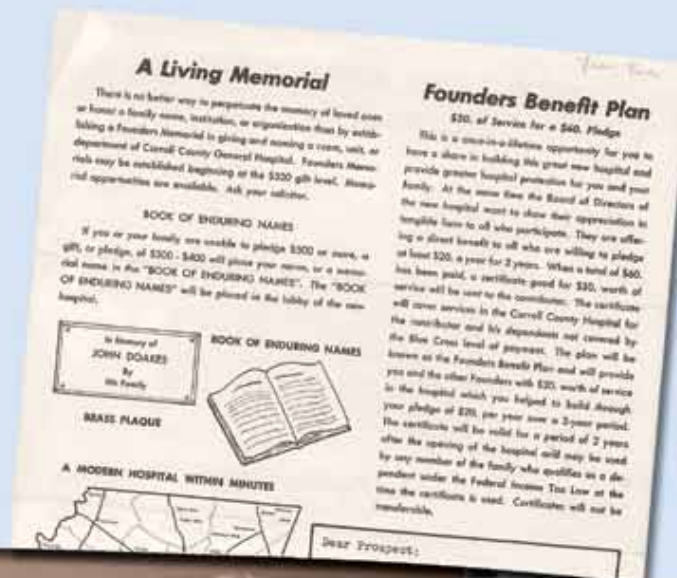
1961

Carroll County General Hospital opens its doors on October 1 with 50 beds and 125 employees. Eight-year-old Gail Lynn Wardenfelt (pictured right) is the first patient discharged from the hospital. Admissions for the first month of operation total 134.

1968

First expansion project is completed and adds 60 beds to the north and west wings, increasing patient beds to 110.

Pictured below, left to right: Atlee W. Wampler, first board of directors president; Anita and Scott Bair, founders; Dr. Theodore K. Woodward, one of hospital's first physicians and Building Fund Committee member; Mabel Reese, coordinator of volunteers for the Citizens Committee and Auxiliary's first volunteer.



1970s-1980s



1975

Hospital is awarded first two-year accreditation from the Joint Commission for the Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO). Administrator Charles R. Graf holds the official certificate from JCAHO (pictured above).

1976

Fundraising for the hospital's second addition begins with a goal of \$2.5 million to fund the addition of 39 beds and the expansion of the X-ray and Emergency Departments, Operating Room Suite and Laboratory.

1979

The hospital implements an Outpatient Cancer Therapy Program and introduces prenatal education and fetal monitoring to its childbirth services.

1984

The Carroll County Children's Fund is launched by pediatrician Dr. Karl Green to help families pay for needed medical services for children younger than 19.

1985

Hospital introduces new Outpatient Cardiac Rehabilitation Program and Mammography Unit.

1987

Billingslea Medical Building for physician offices is completed.

Pictured below, left to right: Dr. Robert F. Bell, one of the hospital's first general surgeons and medical staff president, 1970-1977; Founding members Kenneth and Catherine Bohn, 1972; Dr. Daniel Welliver, family medicine, one of hospital's first physicians; Dr. Richard Y. Dalrymple, hospital's first general surgeon and medical staff chief, with founder and first board chair Atlee W. Wampler; A. Olin Grimes, board chair, 1972-1974.



1990s

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Opening of Carroll County Dialysis Center provides convenient access to kidney dialysis services.

1991

A 20-bed Behavioral Health Unit opens for adults and adolescents with psychiatric conditions. Later that year, Dr. Paul Vietz and his colleague Dr. T. Samuel Ahn (pictured below, right) pioneer a new procedure for laparoscopic hysterectomies.



1992

Hospital adds Sleep Lab to help patients affected by sleep apnea and other related disorders (pictured far left).

1994

Emergency Department completes \$1.8 million expansion. A Surgical Intensive Care Unit is added with advanced capabilities to care for seriously ill patients.

1996

The Family Birthplace opens as one of the first units in the area to offer the Labor-Delivery-Recovery-Postpartum (LDRP) approach to childbirth.

1997

The Richard N. Dixon Ambulatory Care Center, the county's first full-service outpatient surgical facility, is completed.

1999

The Women's Place opens as a center dedicated to the health and wellness of women. That same year, the hospital joins forces with the Carroll County Health Department to form The Partnership for a Healthier Carroll County.



Pictured below, left to right: Drs. Robert Ricketts and Dinesh Kalaria, cardiology, stand in the hospital's new cardiac catheterization lab; Dr. Paul Vietz, OB-GYN, one of the hospital's first OB-GYNs and longtime physician, with laparoscopic surgical equipment; Board member Edwin Shauck, Assistant Vice President Tricia Supik, and CEO Charles R. Graf review plans in 1994 for the hospital's new medical-surgical unit.



2000s

Fulfilling the promise

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The Carroll County Cancer Center opens, offering comprehensive outpatient cancer services, including radiation therapy. The Breast Center opens in The Women's Place to help women with breast cancer.



2003

Carroll County General Hospital becomes Carroll Hospital Center and marks the completion of an \$80 million expansion, the largest to date. Additions include a new Emergency Department, main lobby, the Candy Striper Gift Shop and four-story bed tower.



2004

Access Carroll Inc. opens for uninsured and low-income patients.



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Hospital keeps growing to keep pace with county



2011

As Carroll Hospital Center celebrates its 50th anniversary, a \$1 million gift, the first \$1 million donation from a board member, is pledged by Jack and Beth Tevis of Westminster (pictured left).

2007

Carroll Hospice opens Dove House, the county's first inpatient hospice facility.

2008

Emergency angioplasty services offered through a partnership with the University of Maryland Heart Center.



Pictured below, left to right: Melvin Mills, foundation board member and chair, 2001-2005; Retired nurses (clockwise, starting lower left) Katherine Dukehart, Helen Thomas and Nancy Bickel devote time as Angel Volunteers; Dr. Kevin Smothers, chief medical officer, Emily Runser, human resources, and Tracey Ellison, vice president of human resources, receive the 2008 Alliance for Workplace Excellence Award; Dr. Michael Vietz, OB-GYN, son of Dr. Paul Vietz, OB-GYN, one of the hospital's first physicians; Maurice Spielman has managed numerous construction projects during his more than thirty years of service; Dr. Hemalatha Naganna, 2009, cardiology.

