“May we cure sometimes. May we relieve often. But may we comfort—ALWAYS.”

-Dr. Charles Billingslea, Hospital Dedication Speech, 1961
On October 1, 1961, standing before the brand new hospital they’d worked so tirelessly to bring to Carroll County, Dr. Charles Billingslea and fellow community leaders joined forces to promote a common vision: To cure, to relieve and to comfort, always. The community took this vision to heart, offering of themselves in any way they could with selfless gifts of time, money and support.

Twenty-five years later, that same vision and spirit of generosity inspired a dedicated group of volunteers to create Carroll Hospice as a way of ensuring quality and compassionate care for the community’s terminally ill patients and their families.

Even these pioneers could not predict the true impact of their contributions, but we can see it today in the tremendous growth and remarkable successes of Carroll Hospital Center and Carroll Hospice.

As we celebrate milestone anniversaries for these two vital organizations, we invite you to join us in our journey to continue this vision to cure, to relieve and to comfort, always. It is through generous donations from community members like you that we can expand our services and facilities, advance our technologies, and bring essential health and wellness programs to our community. With your support, our vision lives on.
Carroll Hospital Center and Carroll Hospice are proud to be the medical provider of choice in our region, offering our community the highest quality health care at a location close to home. Our uncompromising commitment to excellence has earned national recognition for many of our clinical and quality initiatives.
"The philosopher William James said ‘the best use of life is to invest in something which will outlast life.’ I know that my investment of time and treasury to Carroll Hospital Center and Carroll Hospice will outlast my lifetime and will impact generations to come. I feel privileged to be part of the journey these great organizations are on. I can assure you that health care in Carroll County is better today than it was yesterday and will be better tomorrow than it is today. I encourage you to join me by supporting the Campaign to Cure & Comfort, Always and invest in something that will outlast life."

— Marcus Lee Primm, Campaign Chairman
Great People.

Greatness is not achieved by accident. It is the result of hard work, perseverance and teamwork—qualities exemplified time and again by the people who dedicate their talents to Carroll Hospital Center and Carroll Hospice. Here, we believe that the human and spiritual element of care is just as important as the medical and technical element. As our hospital becomes larger and more complex, we are committed to preserving the culture of warmth, care and compassion that our community has come to know and trust.
Without the amazing cardiovascular program at Carroll Hospital Center. I would not be here today. Thanks to the great team of caregivers, I have my whole life ahead of me.

— Joan Brady, Carroll Hospital Center Patient
What started as a small “general” hospital 50 years ago is today a bustling medical campus offering an ever-growing range of specialized care. We’ve expanded beyond the traditional walls of the hospital into every corner of the county and beyond with a variety of convenient satellite locations. And as technology advances, so do we, staying on the cutting edge to ensure our community has access to the latest diagnostic therapies, surgical procedures, imaging capabilities and medical treatments.
One of my favorite philosophies comes from a Chinese proverb that asks the question: ‘When is the best time to plant a tree?’ The answer is 20 years ago. And the next best time is right now.

Fifty years ago, visionaries planted a tree when Carroll Hospital Center opened its doors on October 1, 1961. It is now our time to add to their vision of good health; it is our time to ensure a stronger hospice program; it is our time to expand cardiovascular services; it is our time to advance cancer care; it is our time to plant a tree.

— Jack & Beth Tevis, S.H. Tevis and Sons, Board Member
Financing Carroll’s Future

When you or someone you love is sick or injured, having the very best health care close to home is essential. That is why we are committed to remaining a strong, locally governed health system and always basing our decisions on the best interests of the families we serve. We will never compromise our commitment to meeting the health needs of you, your family, friends and neighbors.

In order to do this, we must invest in our future. The only real choice is in how we will make those investments, whether it’s through current operating income, new debt or donor support and endowment funding.

In today’s economic reality, we are faced with decreased government and insurance reimbursements, shrinking profit margins and an ongoing struggle to keep pace with inflation. Even as we continue to manage costs and operate as efficiently as possible, it is clear we cannot count on operating income alone to meet the growing health care needs of our community. And even with a strong balance sheet, we are limited in the amount of debt we can and should responsibly take on.

Yet we’re not without hope. The dollars necessary to fund our future can still come from you, the community at large. We encourage you to consider your own investment so that Carroll Hospital Center and Carroll Hospice can continue to provide quality care and comfort to all who walk through our doors.
Honor Our History. Support Our Future.
The Campaign to Cure & Comfort, Always focuses on five key areas that will further our vision and shape the future of health care in Carroll County and beyond. Gifts of all sizes make a tremendous impact. You may choose to make a general contribution, which we will allocate where the need is greatest, or to direct your gift to one of these special opportunities.

1. CANCER CENTER
Cancer services at Carroll Hospital Center are on the verge of significant change. We always have provided our patients with quality cancer care, but the growth we are about to experience will position our hospital as a comprehensive, regional resource for patients fighting the disease. A new addition and major renovations to the Dixon Building are slated to occur over the next few years. And, when the dust settles, the building will house cancer services and provide unparalleled, coordinated care for patients with all types and stages of cancer.

Throughout the course of diagnosis and treatment, patients will experience a warm, caring and supportive environment equipped with the latest technologies, expanded treatment options, navigation and survivorship program, genetic counseling, a full range of complimentary and boutique services, educational resources and support groups as well as palliative and hospice care. Our vision for creating a new larger cancer center will bring our multidisciplinary oncology team together to create a regional resource for patients — all under one roof. The center will impact the lives and health of thousands of community members during one of the most difficult times in their lives.

2. CARDIOVASCULAR & STROKE
Cardiovascular disease and stroke are two of the leading causes of death in this county. At Carroll Hospital Center, we have enhanced our cardiac and vascular care, with a great deal of success. Our emergency angioplasty program has saved hundreds of lives since it began in 2008. And, we’ve expanded our vascular offerings to include advanced procedures and additional highly trained physicians. But that is only the beginning.

Next we plan to expand our cardiac and pulmonary rehabilitation center. Develop clinics for congestive heart failure, pulmonary hypertension, chronic pulmonary disease and diabetes. And down the road, hopefully add elective angioplasty and expanded vascular procedures.
In addition, with physicians specially trained in stroke, our hospital will begin working toward a stroke center designation. This will allow our patients to be treated here when they experience a stroke, greatly improving their chances of survival and limiting damage to their neurological function. Our neurologists also plan to provide enhanced specialty care for migraines, Multiple Sclerosis, epilepsy and Parkinson's disease.

Your support for cardiovascular and stroke services will help Carroll Hospital Center continue its focus on improving the lives and survival rates of the patients we serve. With more advanced, comprehensive programs our patients will live longer, more healthy lives and be given a second chance at life.

3. EMERGING TECHNOLOGY

Groundbreaking technologies can revolutionize the practice of medicine. That is why Carroll Hospital Center and Carroll Hospice strives to stay on top of the technology curve by providing the latest and greatest in all that we do. It takes significant resources to keep our hospital and Carroll Hospice functioning with the most advanced diagnostic, medical and communication equipment. Your support of emerging technology will fund improvements in electronic medical records, medication safety, comprehensive tele-education for patients and other clinical advancements.

Many new technologies affect patient care in a very tangible way while others are improving the patient experience behind the scenes. Our hospital prides itself on being on the cutting edge of medicine. Your support will ensure that we continue to bring our community the latest advances in care and access to critical information. It also will ensure that the systems are in place to make that care as safe and efficient as possible.

4. COMMUNITY EDUCATION & WELLNESS CENTER

As the health care leader in our community it’s our responsibility to provide excellent medical care. But our responsibility doesn’t rest solely on caring for people who are sick, need surgery or have an injury. Preventing illness and promoting wellness is our responsibility too. We allocate millions of dollars each year to keep our community well. That includes financial assistance, free and low cost screenings, support groups, navigation services, bringing new physicians to our community, and the list goes on and on. The challenge of keeping our community well and preventing and managing disease will continue to be a focus of Carroll Hospital Center and an important component of how we care for our patients in the health care reform era.
A major part of the Dixon Building renovations includes the creation of new conference space for healthy living and learning opportunities. Specialty classes on diet, exercise and holistic therapies, screenings and support groups are only a few examples of the comprehensive services that will be available in the new center. In addition, an expanded library and resources will be available as well as a variety of retail services—offering one stop shopping for all your health and wellness needs. When you allocate your support to our wellness initiatives you will be promoting healthy living and learning for generations to come.

5. ENDOWMENT FUNDS

Many people think insurance companies, the county or the government provide all the money needed to run and grow Carroll Hospital Center and Carroll Hospice. In fact, many of you may be shocked to learn that nearly 30% of the income generated each year for new programs and services comes from philanthropy. Year after year, the cost of caring for our patients and community increases and only those that effectively plan for their future needs will be able to provide the level of care that you and I have come to expect. That is why Carroll Hospice, in particular, needs to create an Endowment Fund.

Your donation to an endowment today builds an interest accruing savings account that the hospital and hospice can use to support everyday non reimbursable expenses such as bereavement and spiritual services, the palliative pediatric care program, navigation services, gaps in medical costs vs. reimbursement, funding scholarships, community outreach, and other unexpected needs.

By planting a seed today for tomorrow, you will ensure your hospital and hospice are able to grow for and with the community. The Carroll Hospital Center Foundation Endowment Fund is the vehicle that will support this growth and that will help maintain our independence. A gift to the Endowment Fund is a gift that will replenish itself year after year like a seedling from a flower. It is a gift that will give in perpetuity allowing Carroll Hospital Center and Carroll Hospice to meet the needs of the community for generations to come.
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