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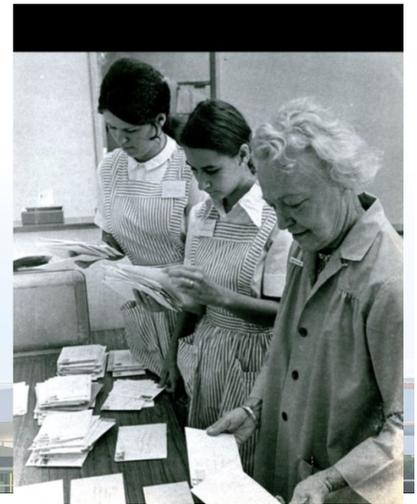


## the *Stethoscope*

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### FREDERICK MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AUXILIARY

*You're One in Ten million!*



What does “You’re one in ten million!” mean?

As we reminisce in this commemorative issue of the *Stethoscope*, we hope that you enjoy some fond memories, some fascinating facts, and some well-earned kudos. As you read, you will learn the significance of the phrase, “You’re one in ten million”.

### *The Beginning*

In 1952, an August meeting was advertised via hundreds of telephone calls to local groups like civic clubs, church organizations, and service groups. The Women’s Auxiliary of the Frederick Memorial Hospital was founded on September 11 and the first *Stethoscope* newsletter was published on September 25.

There were 275 members with Mrs. Byron D. White as the first president.



From the beginning, the Auxiliary launched with a core set of goals and objectives:

**LEARN:** Understand the organization and interpret it to the community.

**COMMUNICATE:** Promote goodwill of the organization.

**SERVE:** Supply services beyond the capacity of paid hospital personnel.

**SUPPORT:** Provide assistance for specific projects per the Hospital and Auxiliary Board of Directors.



## Seven Decades of Giving

### 1950's

From the very beginning, the Women's Auxiliary began raising money and making a difference in the lives of our patients and our community. Within three years, the Auxiliary was the largest women's organization in Frederick.

During the 1950's, we had volunteers working in the lobby, patient ward, cafeteria, sewing and mending hospital linens, performing clerical work and helping our nurses.

#### Gifts

- Hours—105,173
- Funding—Air Conditioning, \$15,907
- Scholarships—Two students, \$400

#### Milestones

- 1952—First Snow Ball Raises \$1,131.50
- 1953—OR Air Conditioner Purchased
- 1955—Named Largest Women's Organization in Frederick
- 1959—First Scholarships Awarded

#### Giving Back

- Newborn Baby Photos
- Cafeteria and Records Room
- Holiday Hats for Babies



#### Did you know?

To date, a total of 239 students have received over \$156,000.00 in scholarships.

# 1960's

In the 1960's, the Board grew in strength and stature. The hospital added a seat at the Board for the Auxiliary leader. The Auxiliary made the first of many pledges to raise money for the building fund. We also began operating the FMH gift shop seven days a week, all year round, with a volunteer staff.

We added nine candy strippers as "junior volunteers." We also donated \$110,000 to establish the Radiology Department at FMH.

### Gifts

- Hours—170,043
- Funding—Building fund, \$181,500
- Scholarships—Six students, \$1,200 total

### Milestones

- 1960—Invited to serve on Board with full voting privileges
- 1963—First pledge to building Fund
- 1965—Officially assumed operation of the Gift Shop
- 1969—Gift Shop open 365 days per year

### Giving Back

- Beautician services
- Visits from Santa and Easter Bunny
- Tray favors
- Sewing and knitting



**Did you know?**  
 In 1964, the Auxiliary welcomed the 200,000th patient at FMH with a planter, TV service, and a hair-do.



# 1970's

The 1970's were all about equality! The hospital hired a paid director of volunteer services to work with the growing Auxiliary. The addition of men and boys to the Auxiliary resulted in a new name: Frederick Memorial Hospital Auxiliary, or FMH Auxiliary.

The Auxiliary had by this time funded several air conditioning projects as well as TV and cable installation for patient rooms. An annual tradition that continues—the first baby of the year gift—was initiated.

### Gifts

- Hours—299,837
- Funding—TV equipment and service, \$75,066
- Scholarships—Thirty-one students, \$8,400 total

### Milestones

- 1970—Salaried Director of Volunteers
- 1971—Junior Volunteers welcomes boys
- 1972—Became "Frederick Memorial Hospital Auxiliary"
- 1973—Three men join Auxiliary
- 1975—Auxiliary Wing (3A) opened

### Giving Back

- Artwork
- Cafeteria services
- Telephones
- Patient Transport
- Visitor passes

**Did you know?**  
 In 1972 the Auxiliary paid for cable TV installation.

# 1980's

In the 1980's the FMH Auxiliary was busy staffing both the new gift shop at the hospital as well as the thrift shop—Select Seconds—downtown. The FMHA continued financial support with a significant pledge to support the Radiology Department. The Tree of Lights was the beginning of a treasured holiday tradition that is meaningful to patients, family members, community and staff.

During 80's, a SWAT—Super Women' Auxiliary Trainers—team was formed.

### Gifts

- Hours—574,434
- Funding—OR Expansion, \$500,000
- Scholarships—Fifty-three students,

### Milestones

- 1980—New Gift Shop opens
- 1981—Pledged \$250,00 to renovate Radiology Dept.
- 1984—Select Seconds Opens
- 1987—Joined Development Council
- 1989—Tree of Lights launches

### Giving Back

- Geranium sales
- Christmas Bazaar
- Flower and mail service
- Wings and Information Desk
- Uniform sales



**Did you know?**  
The Tree of Lights now serves as the funding source for scholarships.

# 1990's



The FMH Auxiliary expanded its reach greatly during the 1990's—playing a key roll both at the hospital as well as at the off-site locations.

The Auxiliary was instrumental in expanding services available at FMH with donations of time and finances.

### Gifts

- Hours—925,707
- Funding—BirthPlace Renovation, \$880,000
- Scholarships—Fifty-two students, \$40,800 total

### Milestones

- 1990—Service Excellence Concierge starts
- 1992—Liaison placed in Emergency Department
- 1994—Community Service at Rose Hill and Mt. Airy begins
- 1998—Hospice support begins

### Giving Back

- Gift game
- Mobile Health Unit
- Library Cart
- Transitional Care Unit
- Tours



**Did you know?**  
The Auxiliary had a record number of members—1,023.

## 2000'S

This was a decade of giving—from funding multiple renovations within FMH to establishing the Pre-Natal Center and launching a new scholarship program for nurses—the Auxiliary played a major role in the hospital's growth and success.

In 2002 alone 991 volunteers donated 100,229 hours. In addition, the Auxiliary funded \$2.5 million in renovations and equipment.

### *Gifts*

- Hours—861,438
- Funding—Renovations and equipment, over \$2.5 million
- Scholarships—Thirty-nine students, \$31,200 total

### *Milestones*

- 2000—Pledged support for renovation of the Emergency Department
- 2003—Pledged \$1 million to furnish the 4th floor
- 2007—Pledged \$500,00 to Pre-Natal Center
- 2008—Developed new scholarship program for nurses

### *Giving Back*

- Patient relations
- Hospitality gifts
- Courtesy van
- Cookie walk
- Pet therapy



**Did you know?**  
In 2002, 991 volunteers donated 100,229 hours. That's a record.



## 2010'S

The 2010's saw the FMH Auxiliary being a huge part of the hospital expansion and renovation by supporting FMH Crestwood and the James M Stockman Cancer Institute.

The renovations at Select Seconds saw an improved customer experience. The renovations in the BHU will improve the environment of care for patients and staff.

### *Gifts*

- Hours—763,269
- Funding—Expansion of services, over \$2 million
- Scholarships—Forty-six students, \$47,800 total

### *Milestones*

- 2010—FMH Crestwood Pledge
- 2013—\$1 million pledge to James M Stockman Cancer Institute
- 2016—Joe Collins elected first male president of Auxiliary
- 2018—Renovation of Select Seconds
- 2019—Pledge of \$500,000 to BHU Renovation

### *Giving Back*

- Knitting baby hats
- Employee holiday party
- Pastoral Care
- Service excellence Rep.
- Wings and Information Desk



# Your Gifts

## Gifts of Time

It is a truly eye-opening experience to contemplate and commorate the gifts presented to Frederick Memorial Hospital over the past sixty-seven years. In this case so much has been given by so many!

The FMH Auxiliary has averaged 50,000 hours per year during this period. The hospital and health system has benefited tremendously from your gifts of time!

- Year 1—3,300 hours
- Year 2—15,425 hours
- Busiest Year—2002, 100,229 hours
- Average of 50,000 hours per year for 67 years
- Average of 4,200 hours per month



## Gifts of Talent

The FMH Auxiliary members have shared their talents over the decades in many and various projects and service. This list reflects some of these talents.

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|------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|
| Clerical support       | Junior Volunteers                 | Lobby Information Desk                               |
| Goodwill to patients   | Library Cart                      | Tree of Lights                                       |
| Pinkie Puppets         | Nominating Committee              | Service Excellence Concierge                         |
| Sewing                 | Emergency Department support      | Community Service at Rose Hill, Mt. Airy, and Urbana |
| Scholarships           | Wings                             | Hospice support                                      |
| Pastoral care          | ICU reception                     | Pet Therapy  |
| Gift Shop              | Training                          | Holiday party  |
| Stethoscope Newsletter | Surgical Information Desk support | James M. Stockman Cancer Institute                   |
| Tours                  | Select Seconds                    |  |
| Hours                  | Fundraising                       |  |

# Gifts of Treasure



### So . . . Why One in Ten Million?

During the course of these past sixty-seven years, the FMH Auxiliary has raised \$10,107,054.53 in support of the hospital and health system.

This amazing gift of treasure is cause for celebration !



# Thank you!

Thank you for all that you have done in the past, are doing in the present and will continue to do in the future to improve the health and well-being of the community we serve.

I am so thankful for the Auxiliary and for each and every one of its volunteers!

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*Upcoming Events*  
*Mark your calendar*

**August 1: Pretty Pickin's—Cafeteria**

**August 21-23: Books are Fun—Cafeteria**

**October 1-2: Everything \$6 Sale—Cafeteria**

**October 16-17: Uniform Sale—Auxiliary Conference Room**