Welcomes you as we celebrate

100 Years

of providing healthcare to our community.

For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

– Jeremiah 29:11
Faithful to the spirit of St. Francis of Assisi and the Sisters of St. Francis of Sylvania, Ohio, Sylvania Franciscan Health and Trinity Hospital Twin City promote the core values of Reverence, Service and Stewardship.

Reverence

Service

Stewardship

Trinity Hospital Twin City is a 25-bed not-for-profit 501(c)3, Catholic, critical access hospital. Nearly 240 caring and experienced hospital professionals are prepared 24 hours a day and seven days a week to treat even the most serious illnesses and injuries. You can confidently trust in Trinity Hospital Twin City where we continually strive to improve the health and wellness of the people in the communities we serve.

August, 2012

Dear Friend,

Thank you for joining us in celebrating Trinity Hospital Twin City’s 100th year of providing healthcare to our community. Our hospital’s story began when a group of volunteer women raised money for a playground then decided the need for a hospital was greater. A local reverend “sold” the committee the land for just one dollar. One hundred years later, it’s amazing to reflect on the difference those volunteers and their initial one dollar investment has made. Literally thousands of our ancestors, neighbors and friends have benefitted from the compassionate care provided by our physicians, staff and volunteers.

Trinity Hospital Twin City was built by the community for the benefit of the community. As we begin the next century of caring, we will continue to focus on the community by providing services to more local residents to meet their growing health and wellness needs. The emotional, spiritual and physical needs of our patients are not much different now than they were a hundred years ago, and, as a Catholic hospital sponsored by the Sisters of St. Francis of Sylvania, Ohio, our mission to heal the whole person remains unchanged.

Building upon our 100 year foundation, we also have an exciting and promising future. We look forward to serving more area women with the recent addition of a new digital mammography machine. We also plan to make our Trinity Medical Group even stronger by recruiting additional physicians. We will continue to develop our many existing services to best meet your health needs, and our community outreach department will offer more educational programs and health screens in the region.

In closing, although I’m fairly new to the area, I’ve heard many hospital employees and volunteers echo the sentiment that God has always watched over this hospital. When I consider the unstable times in this hospital’s history, I realize that the scripture from Jeremiah 29:11 which is the theme of our 100th anniversary, certainly rings true. Thank you, the community members, for your ongoing support and prayers for our hospital on the hill. Thanks also to the hundreds of dedicated physicians, employees and volunteers who have served here. With God’s help and your continued support, we will continue our healing mission into the next century.

Sincerely,

Joseph J. Mitchell, President
Below is the most complete list available of the physicians who serve or have served patients at Trinity Hospital Twin City/Twin City Hospital, listed by era in which they started.

**From 1939 to 1970**

- Dr. Elizabeth Aplin
- Dr. Vincent Bolton
- Dr. Ernest Breyfogle
- Dr. Jay Calhoon
- Dr. Walter Curtiss
- Dr. Richard Dysart
- Dr. Felipe Gonzales
- Dr. Alvin Greenlee
- Dr. Eugene Hammersley
- Dr. Robert Hastedt
- Dr. Robert Hines
- Dr. Dale Kollman
- Dr. William Pilloff
- Dr. Benjamin Pilloff
- Dr. William Roche
- Dr. Elden Rowland
- Dr. James Z. Scott
- Dr. William Slasor
- Dr. Gerald Vohrhes
- Dr. R. A. Wilson
- Dr. Robert Wolf
- Dr. James Zeller

**From 1971 to 2000**

- Dr. Vijay Bhalapra*
- Dr. Bassam Bilal
- Dr. Eric Bostick
- Dr. M. Akter Cheema
- Dr. Mark Christopher
- Dr. Steve Clarke
- Dr. Ben Cruz
- Dr. William Cunningham
- Dr. Edgar Delacruz
- Dr. Michael Doyle*
- Dr. James Hubert
- Dr. Edgardo Kagaon
- Dr. Jeff Kaplan
- Dr. Robin Kollman
- Dr. Rey Marquino
- Dr. Jose Martinez*
- Dr. Jerry Marty*
- Dr. Tim McKnight*
- Dr. Rachappa Nalawadi
- Dr. Sanjay Nerkar
- Dr. Emmanuel Noche*
- Dr. Jon Oliverio*
- Dr. Bharat Oza
- Dr. Milan Packovich*
- Dr. Sajid Pervaiz
- Dr. Matthew Phillips*
- Dr. John Pretorius
- Dr. Mark Reheld
- Dr. Jae Ro
- Dr. Don Robinson
- Dr. Huseyin Sarikaya
- Dr. Nila Sayat
- Dr. Sanjay Shah
- Dr. Richard Skibbens
- Dr. Terry Stocker
- Dr. Greg Weber
- Dr. Guillermo Zaldivar

**From 2001 to 2012**

- Dr. Imran Ahmad
- Dr. Sumayya Ahmed
- Dr. Ronald Bailey*
- Dr. Brian Bansidhar
- Dr. Jeff Bory
- Dr. Kindra Browning
- Dr. Khurrum Butt
- Dr. Ross Campensa
- Dr. Galen Durose, II*
- Dr. Victor Ferrini
- Dr. Varsha Gharpure
- Dr. Tom Hansen
- Dr. David Hartman*
- Dr. Khatib Jafri*
- Dr. Mohammad Jan*
- Dr. Steven Lepskey
- Dr. Robert Levitt
- Dr. John Loffarelli*
- Dr. Scott Matthews
- Dr. Brad McKenney*
- Dr. Alicia Mills*
- Dr. Meisam Moghbelli
- Dr. Ramana Murty
- Dr. Jennifer Ney*
- Dr. Marcel Nwizu
- Dr. Christian Olympia
- Dr. Francisco Paras*
- Dr. Ralph Patterson*
- Dr. Somashekkar Rachaiah
- Dr. David Radebaugh*
- Dr. Sulieman Raheem*
- Dr. Walter Randolph, III*
- Dr. Shaun Senter
- Dr. Maricelle Sorolla

* Denotes Current Active Medical Staff Members
August 26, 1912 - Twin City Hospital corporation formed by a committee of civic-minded women. The ladies pictured in the above photo from 1922 are believed to have been members of that committee.

1915 - Twin City Hospital opens to the public as an 18 bed modern facility.

November 29, 1917 - First Child Born-Thomas Carlton Ries, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ludwig Ries Jr. A 10 lb baby boy.

1928 - Twin City Hospital enlarged by the addition of a wing and a sun porch to reach 30 bed capacity.

1937 - New Emergency Room wing added.

1939 - Twin City Hospital Nursing School Graduation Photo: Due to the demand for 30,000 nurses during WWI, hospital superintendent Miss Linduff began advertising for nursing school applicants in January 1918.

1942 - Hospital bill of James Menepace, baby born at TCH OB unit.

1946-1949 - Doctors of Twin City Hospital
Front: Dr. Roche, Dr. Hammersley, Dr. Wilson, Dr. Aplin, Dr. Wolf
Back: Dr. Hines, Dr. Curtiss, Dr. Miller, Dr. Greenlee, Dr. Piloff

1953-1959 - Largest expansion since Twin City Hospital’s founding took place. Upgrades included: expanded dietary and housekeeping departments, more inpatient beds, expanded nurse’s station, larger waiting room, larger nursery, delivery rooms, and surgical rooms.

1963 - Twins, Sally and Sue Kuba received the first oral polio vaccinations in the United States.

1973 - Groundbreaking on waiting room and parking lot renovations.

1984 - Coffee bar, front entrance, and lobby renovated.

1985 - Swing Bed Rehabilitation Program opens.

1992 - Helipad completed with help from the local Boy Scouts and Rotary Club.

1999 - First Spiral CT Scanner in County installed.

2000 - Several new physicians recruited in the early 2000’s.

2001 - Groundbreaking for Pediatric Wellness Center at 6408 McKee Road.

2002 - Robert J. Kuba Center for Bone Health opened.

2002 - Sleep Lab studies first began at hospital.

May 2006 - Twin City Hospital receives $375,000 federal grant for Healthy Community Outreach Program which later became Fit for Life. This was the first of three such grants.

May 2006 - Community members vote in favor of a levy to expand Twin City Hospital into state-of-the-art medical center.

March 2009 - New medical center opened.

May 10, 2011 - Twin City Hospital is purchased by Sylvania Franciscan Health, and the name was changed to Trinity Hospital Twin City, sponsored by the Sisters of St. Francis of Sylvania, Ohio.
Here are a few of the many stories about the people and events that have shaped Trinity Hospital Twin City’s history. These are just a small sampling of many.

Last Baby Born - James E. Thomas

In 1987, I was expecting my third child. Dr. Kagaan was my physician. We learned that the maternity ward at Twin City Hospital was going to close on December 31st. The baby was due in early January. Dr. Kagaan made arrangements with a physician associated with Union Hospital to take the case if need be. My son, James E. Thomas, was born on December 30, 1987. He weighed 8 pounds 11 ounces and was 20½ inches in length. He was the last scheduled birth at Twin City Hospital.

-Ann Pretorius

Grandma’s Work Ethic

Here is a photo of my grandmother, Emma McGuire, who was a Twin City Hospital employee in the 1960s who retired around 1970. I was only a child during that time, but I remember going to see her one day while she was working. She worked in the laundry department. It may have been a small department, but I have always remembered going to see her there. The large machines and the heat of the room were very impressive to me as a young child. To this day, I give my grandmother credit for working hard. She started the trend of the McGuire women. Her daughter worked as the Director of Medical Records at Good Samaritan Hospital, and I am currently working in the Information Systems Department at Coshocton Hospital.

- Cindi Quinn

We Remember When...

Below are some memories from three of Trinity Hospital Twin City’s surgical nurses. Together (pictured left to right) Ruthann Belknap, RN, Surgical Nurse Manager; Lori Burdette, RN; and Linda Cox, RN, have a combined total of nearly 100 years experience at the hospital.

Back Then...

• In 1965, Ruthann made $1.85 an hour when she began working at the hospital's obstetrics department.
• The group recalled that whole families used to come for all their healthcare services, and so it was not uncommon for them to know and care for entire families and extended families.
• Ruthann recalled that in the 1960s through early 80s, the hospital was always full, and overflow patients sometimes had beds in the hallways. Also, most doctors did more general practice so it was not unusual for the same doctor to treat sick children and adults, conduct surgeries AND deliver babies.
• They remembered when patients were admitted to the hospital for surgical prep procedures rather than having to do the prep at home prior to coming to the hospital for surgery.

On Progress...

• They noted that the whole outpatient surgery experience has improved. Now, patients who have outpatient surgery have the option to stay at the hospital for up to 23 hours if they don’t feel comfortable going home soon after surgery.
• They remembered how revolutionary the beginning of laparoscopic surgeries was in the early 1990s. Now laparoscopic surgery is routine, and it has dramatically reduced surgical recovery time for patients.

On Working at the Hospital...

• They discussed how beautiful their surgery department is since the opening of the hospital’s new medical center in 2009. “It’s a beautiful place now,” they noted. “It’s like being surrounded by joy. It’s home, and we’re proud to work here.”
• “We always strive to treat every patient like they are our mother.” And, yes, this special brand of caring often translates to singing to patients to help them feel more at ease.

They remembered how, before patient privacy laws, concerned community members used to call the hospital switchboard to see who had been admitted to the hospital and why.
Absolutely Wonderful Hospital

Ninety-seven year-old Army veteran, Harold Willard of Uhrichsville, enjoys being retired from his job in the local clay industry, loves spending time with his son, daughter-in-law, and two grandsons, and is so active that he went rafting in the Yellowstone River when he was 95 years young. When an awful bout with pneumonia threatened to slow him down in the winter of 2012, he knew Trinity Hospital Twin City was his first choice.

During his time at the hospital, he formed close friendships with the staff and received personal care that he claims can’t be received anywhere else. “Everyone, from the cleaning staff to the nurses, has been wonderful to me,” he shared. “The food and everything else was just absolutely wonderful. I’ve always heard bigger is best, but I’d put this hospital ahead of any of the others.”

“The staff’s compassion made such a huge difference.”

Harold said he likes having such a good hospital close to his home and family and having the physician specialists at the hospital is so convenient. “There’s a full complement of care here, and we’re very, very fortunate to have this hospital.”

Even though Harold enjoyed excellent health for most of his life, as a life-long resident of the area, he has many memories associated with Trinity Hospital Twin City. He recalled the “old days” when most local residents chose this hospital for all their healthcare services. He also remembered the extraordinary compassion and care extended to him during the sad times when his six-year-old son passed away tragically after an accident and when his wife of 49 years spent her final days at the hospital before succumbing to colon cancer. “The staff’s compassion made such a huge difference,” he said.

Currently, Harold praises his doctors (Dr. Martinez, Dr. Ney and Dr. Tsai) and their staff for taking good care of him. Of the hospital’s growth, he said, “I’ve seen the hospital expand over the years, but this latest expansion (the new medical center which opened in 2009) is out of this world.”

Finally, Harold made a special note to thank all the community donors who have supported the hospital. He also thanked Sylvania Franciscan Health for taking on the hospital to give it new life. “I think it’s wonderful that this hospital will be here to serve the community for years to come.”

One Big Caring Family

Mary Grimm, RN, of Dennison is one of two current employees who has worked more than 40 years at Trinity Hospital Twin City. Truly, the mother of two and grandmother of six, got her start at this hospital in more ways than one. Mary remembered that on her first day of work on July 19, 1972, she met the Director of Nursing at the time clock, and the first person the Director introduced Mary to became Mary’s future brother-in-law, Bill Grimm, a maintenance staff member. Mary didn’t meet her future husband for the first time until two weeks later.

Yet, Mary’s work at the hospital didn’t just facilitate the start of her current family, the hospital itself was her extended family in many ways. Her dad was born here; she and her brothers were born here; and her kids were born here. “The hospital has always been a part of my life,” Mary explained. “My dad (John Berni, owner of the former Berni’s Grocery Store with his wife, Florence) was pretty active in the community. I remember that every time the hospital got a new administrator, my dad would take a welcome gift.”

Mary has enjoyed being part of the hospital family. “It’s been an honor to serve my community and to have worked here all these years,” she said. “I took care of my family and friends. Even the people who aren’t your family become your family because that’s the kind of people we are.”

Mary has so many hospital memories including the years when the hospital was so busy there would often be patients in beds in the hallways, times when people could smoke cigarettes in the hospital and nobody thought anything of it, and when IVs were run by gravity and had to be checked constantly before the modern IV pumps came out. One of her favorite memories was when she and five of her nursing colleagues were working at the small nursing station, and Dr. Roche stopped by and proudly proclaimed, “I delivered every one of you.”

She also remembered the early years when patient rooms weren’t equipped with air conditioning or bathrooms. Patients had to be assisted down the hall in order to visit a bathroom. She was thrilled when the “new” annex opened. “We thought it was really something to have air conditioning and bathrooms in every patient room,” she shared.

Of the 100th anniversary, Mary noted, “I think it’s wonderful that 100 years later, we still have our community hospital. There have been so many ups and downs, and it amazes me that our small town has been able to support us. I think God’s had a hand in this, and I hope the hospital is here another 100 years.”
When the Hospital grounds look green and gay
Since they cleared the weeds and rubbish away.
Last Tuesday the boosters worked with a will
To clean up the place called “Hospital Hill.”

Every man who wielded a spade
Praised Vina Wells’ pink lemonade.
Haywood Clark was on the job
Feeding the busy, hungry mob.

Bob Driver came early and stayed all day.
He’s the kind that works without any pay.
Jesse Hillegas, too, we heard was there
Ready and willing to do his share.

E.D. Moody and Emerson Van
Worked as hard as any man.
And there were others who helped as well
But they were too modest their names to tell.