

THE WOMEN’S BOARD TIMELINE



Anna M. Farquhar, first chair of the Ladies Auxiliary, today known as The Women's Board.

1926 - The Ladies Auxiliary changes its name to The Women's Board. Membership has grown to 53 members. The Howard County Auxiliary is established.

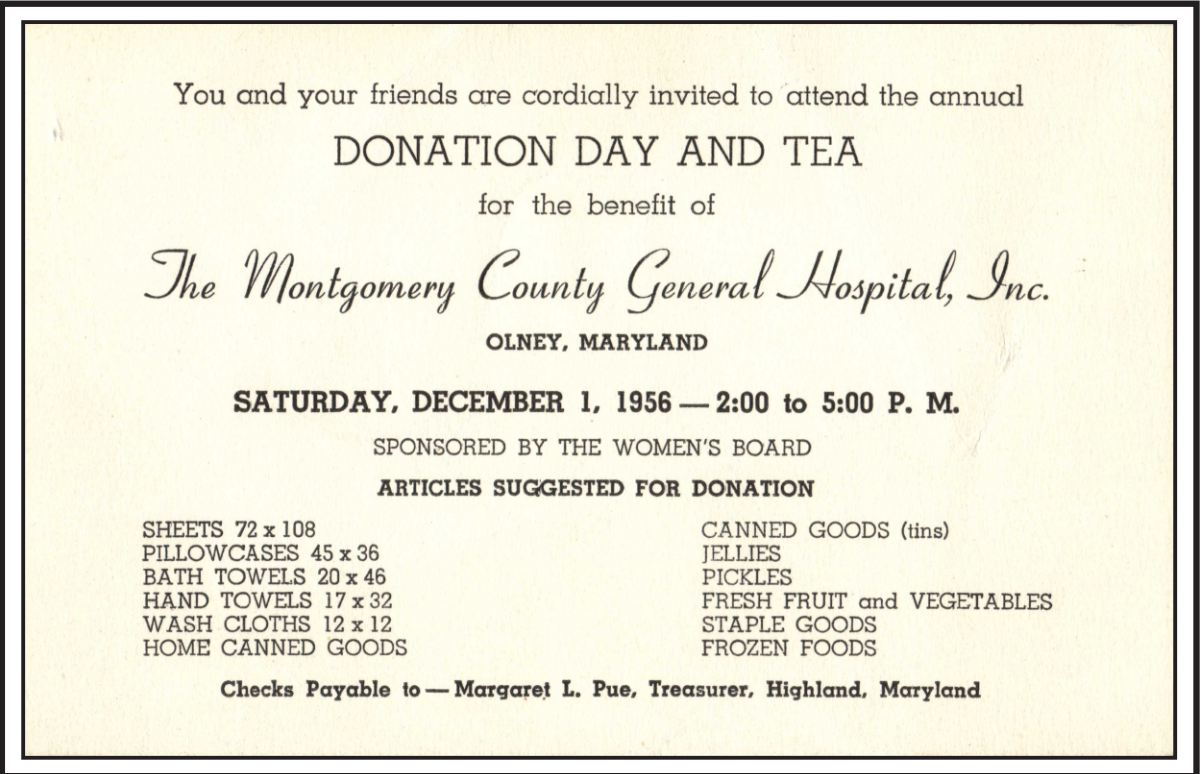
1935 - The Women's Board and Howard County Auxiliary prepare 50,955 surgical dressings.

1937 - The hospital Board of Directors and The Women's Board sponsor a county-wide fund drive to build a nurse's home on hospital property.

1919 - Eight women from the community organize efforts to prepare for the opening of the new hospital, the first in Montgomery County. They raise funds, provide household furnishings, prepare linens, and collect supplies and home canned goods.

1920 - Jacob W. Bird, MD, establishes the Montgomery County General Hospital during the flu pandemic. The eight women help open the hospital and organize volunteers, supervise housekeeping and grounds, and provide supplies. The Ladies Auxiliary is established; the first Chicken Supper raises \$1,000.

1921 - The first Donation Party takes place and becomes an annual event known as the Donation Day Tea. Home canned goods, linens, and funds for the hospital are collected.



Donation Day Teas connected the community with the hospital's needs.

1943 and 1944 - Phantom Suppers are held during WWII to raise funds.

1957 - The Jean Bird Scholarship, which is named after the wife of Jacob Wheeler Bird, MD, is created.

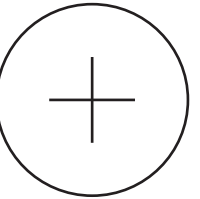
1967 - The Women’s Board opens the Thrift Shop in Olney.

1969 - The Scholarship Fund is established and merges with The Jean Bird Scholarship. The Donation Day Tea is discontinued.

1970 - The Gift Shop opens in the old hospital and is operated by Damascus Auxiliary of The Women's Board.

1971 - The new hospital opens. The Linens Committee contributes all the new linens needed to open the new hospital including bedding, curtains, aprons, and other materials. The Thrift Shop moves to the former nurse's home. The Gift and Thrift shops are staffed entirely by Women's Board members and volunteers.

1973 - The Women's Board pledges \$100,000 to complete the hospital's fifth floor.



Donation Day Tea is held from 1921 through 1969.



The annual Picnic & Bazaar is held each year since 1920 to raise funds for our hospital.

1974 - The Supper-Bazaar moves to the old hospital grounds, and the name is changed to the Picnic & Bazaar.

1976 - The Linens Committee has 22 volunteers and works 815 hours to make 304 curtains and 862 stretcher covers.

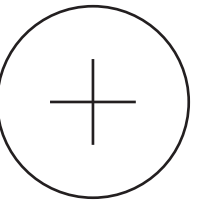
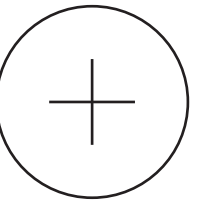
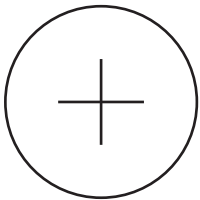
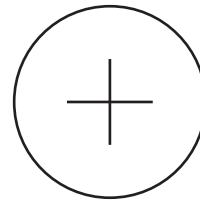
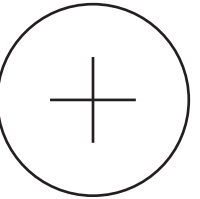
1981 - The Women's Board underwrites the hospital's chaplaincy program for one year. A Thrift Shop fashion show is held in the cafeteria for hospital employees.

1983 - The Women's Board sponsors a luncheon for 204 men and women volunteers of the Thrift Shop, Gift Shop, Gift Cart, and Linen Committee.

1986 - The first Gifts of Light ceremony is held.

1990 - The 70th Anniversary Picnic & Bazaar raises \$50,000. The Women's Board gives \$154,000 to the hospital and commits to a \$500,000 three-year pledge to the Capital Improvement Campaign.

1996 - The Women's Board pledges \$500,000 toward the Samuel Riggs, IV, Critical Care Area. The Gift Shop is enlarged and refurbished. The Gifts of Light raises \$5,000.



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1998 - 59 scholarships are awarded. The Women's Board gives a \$100,000 one-time undesignated grant to the hospital.

1999 - The Women's Board purchases two bicycles for Security Patrol. The Women's Board and the MGH Health Foundation partner to launch the Annual Book Talk & Tea.

2000 - The Thrift Shop, Gift Shop, and Picnic & Bazaar have a record year. \$475,000 is given to the hospital and \$200,000 is raised for hospital-related scholarships.



A local children's choir adds to the festivities of a cherished winter holiday tradition, The Gifts of Light.

2001 - The Women's Board makes a three-year \$800,000 pledge for the Pediatric Emergency Center within the Howard R. Gudelsky Emergency Department. The Women's Board information is available digitally on the hospital's website.

2004 - The Pediatric Emergency Center pledge of \$800,000 is completed ahead of schedule, and the Pediatric Emergency Center opens.

2005 - The Women's Board pledges \$1 million for the cardiovascular program. Membership reaches 142.

2007 - The Women's Board pledges \$1 million for the Building Expansion Project.

2010 - The 2010 Women's Board Executive Committee celebrates their pledge to purchase the da Vinci Surgical System.

2011 - The Women's Board is awarded the "Hospital Award for Volunteer Excellence" (HAVE) given by the American Hospital Association.



The Women's Board celebrates 100 years of service in 2019.

2017 - The newly renovated Women's Board Lobby and Gift Shop is dedicated; the Gift Shop reopens in the new lobby.

2019 - A new historic \$2 million pledge is committed to the hospital. The 100th anniversary of The Women's Board is kicked off with a Donation Day Tea.



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2013 - The hospital recognizes The Women's Board through the naming of The Women's Board Lobby. The following year, The Women's Board pledges \$1.5 million to renovate the space.

2016 - The Scholarship Committee introduces the Peter W. Monge Scholarship of Excellence.



Corn on the Cob was a staple food item enjoyed at the annual Picnic & Bazaar.

2020 - The COVID-19 pandemic hits, and the Thrift Shop and Gift Shop are forced to close operations. In February 2020, "The Women's Board through the Years – 100th Anniversary" special program is held. All remaining events this year are canceled. Despite the pandemic, The Women's Board continues to find ways to contribute to the hospital and stay connected to one another. The Women's Board awards \$100,000 in scholarships in honor of the 100th anniversary.



In honor of The Women's Board 100th anniversary, a Donation Day Tea was celebrated for the first time in 50 years.

2021 - The 100th Women's Board Picnic & Bazaar is held. Two thousand ears of corn and fried chicken from a historic recipe are served. The Thrift Shop reopens. The first vision, mission, and core values statement is developed.

2022 - The Women's Board executes a strategic plan focused on next 100 years and increases use of social media. A new logo is created.



2024 - The Women's Board donated over \$1.25 million over the last five years despite the challenges of COVID-19.

The Women's Board has contributed more than \$21 million to the hospital throughout its history. The volunteer hours are too numerous to count.