

CARROLL HEIGHTS

In 1983 work began on remodeling the old Hillview building into a 62 unit apartment complex for seniors. Many hours and meetings were necessary for the completion of this project. The complex was completed and tenants began moving in on July 1, 1984.

There are many services at Hillview that these "neighbors" can enjoy such as entertainment programs, church services, the beauty shop, dental services, etc. Several have also, when health required, spent time at Hillview recuperating after hospital stays before returning to their apartments. There have also been instances where one spouse was admitted to Hillview and the other leased an apartment at Carroll Heights in order to be able to visit frequently.

Carroll Heights is also the location of a County Nutrition Site which provides noon meals five days a week, Monday through Friday.

For more information on the apartments, contact the Carroll Heights Manager at Hillview - 788-6650.

MEMORIALS

Hillview Health Care Center has received many gracious donations throughout the years. One of our larger memorial projects was the purchase of trees and shrubs around the new facility which has greatly enhanced the exterior of the building. We have also had many grateful family members donate pictures, money and equipment to the facility.

Memorial giving enables family and friends to honor the memory of someone they cherished. These donations are tax deductible and are appreciated. Assistance in choosing a memorial gift is available at the Administrator's Office.

HILLVIEW STAFF

We are very proud of the fine staff at Hillview Health Care Center. They have given many years of service in "caring" for our residents. The current staff have 1,282 plus years of service. The average years of service is 6.1 years; 109 have more than 5 years of service, 56 have more than 10 years of service, 14 have more than 15 years of service and 3 have more than 20 years of service. This includes employment at Hillview and Oak Forest

As we celebrate our 100+ years of "caring" for the citizens of La Crosse County, we would like to honor three of our residents who have also achieved this "Centennial" event - Ida Hesselberg - 104, Nora Wivelstad - 102, and Zaida Berg - 101. Residing at Hillview the longest is Frank Bantle (1949).



Nora Wivelstad

Zaida Berg



AUXILIARY AND VOLUNTEERS

The Hillview Auxiliary was organized in 1967 and over the years have provided many special activities and items for the residents. They conduct birthday bingo parties, help at activities and work to raise money for needed items and programs. One special project in the last year was reconditioning the mini-bus which will provide transportation for residents to go to special events and outings.

We also have many volunteers and students who have provided many hours of "caring" with one-to-one visits, etc.

Together these groups put in approximately 6,000 hours of volunteer time in 1986. They are certainly appreciated by the residents, staff, administration and Trustees.

Hillview Health Care Center

"100 YEARS OF CARING"

September, 1987



HISTORY OF HILLVIEW HEALTH CARE CENTER

The heritage of Hillview Health Care Center has evolved through many years of dedicated service to the citizens of La Crosse County and the surrounding area.

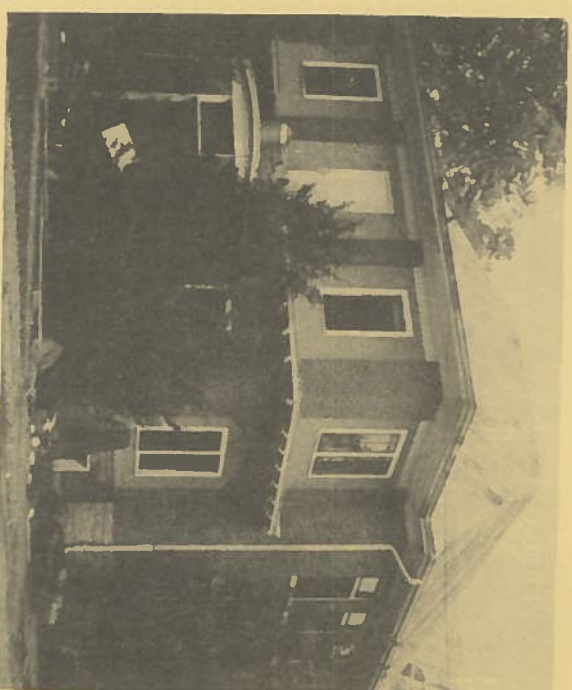
In the late 1800's La Crosse County government realized it's role in the care of the elderly, poor and infirm. It was then that La Crosse County purchased the 80 acres of land, buildings and furnishings of the La Crosse City Poor Farm from the City of La Crosse for \$15,246.77. It cannot be determined how the property was acquired by the City of La Crosse, but it was probably taken in payment of delinquent taxes. In 1894 the first of four structures was completed. It provided a central dietary are and sleeping rooms. In 1937 the second phase added 30 beds to the complex.

Over the years, surrounding farm land was purchased and utilized for farm purposes. Very near the site of the present health care facility, was the location of the barns and stock pens. In 1966-1967 large portions of the fields were sold to Trane Company for the building of it's administration building and to Chudnow Corporation for the Arrowhead Apartments and the farming operation was discontinued.

In early 1950, the County Board evaluated the needs of the community for health care and agreed to construct a new 167 bed facility. This facility was dedicated on May 17, 1953. State Senator Raymond Bice was the principal speaker. This building is now Carroll Heights, an apartment complex for seniors of La Crosse County.

To the north, Oak Forest concentrated on the care of T.B. patients. In 1960 this facility extended its role to caring for the elderly and in 1966 an addition providing 24 skilled beds was constructed to meet the needs of the elderly in the Onaska area. In 1973 the in-patient care of T.B. patients was phased out and Oak Forest devoted its full attention to the care of the elderly.

It became very apparent that these buildings no longer met many State and Federal codes and in 1977 the County Board made the decision to study the replacement of the Hillview and Oak Forest buildings. On



September 20, 1978, the State of Wisconsin authorized La Crosse County to construct a new and modern 204 bed health care center to replace the old Hillview and Oak Forest building. On June 27, 1979, after many hours of planning and decision making, work began on this complex.

