

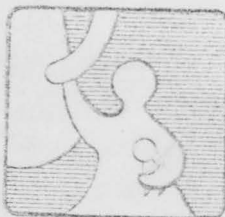
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"Everyone has someone to care"

January 9, 1975

Ms. Nancy Howe
The White House

Dear Nancy:

We are scheduling the photographic appointments for our May 11, 1975 Roto Section of the Sunday STAR/NEWS and because it is a Mother's Day edition we would like so much to have Mrs. Ford and Susan on the cover, with a couple of our little patients.

With the new semester starting we are wondering if Susan's hours permit any weekday appointments. The best time for the children is about 2:30 (after naps!)

Also in former years we have had rather wintry, dark backgrounds (twice in Library, Red Room, Old Map Room, etc.). We are hoping (since it is a May date) if we might use the Solarium or some room that shows outside landscaping, garden effect and brighter decor.

I will send the usual clearances when you set a time, but our "team" would include Dr. Battle, a nurse, two patients and myself, plus our Roto photographer of course.

I know you survived the Holidays, but how?

See you soon and thank you for all your wonderful cooperation in 1974 - and the bright promise of the New Year.

Sincerely,

Howe



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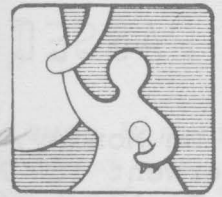
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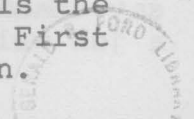
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WE PASSED!

On Monday, March-10, our Hospital underwent its Annual Inspection by the District of Columbia Licensure Division. This is an in-depth department-by-department scrutiny of all our facilities and operations; our records and systems, our house-keeping and our storage.

So when we say "We passed, and with flying colors", it indicates that all H.S.C. was really up-to-scratch and at peak performance.

This is accomplished only by tremendous cooperative effort and most conscientious attention to details by every employee.

Administration wishes to thank everyone who cooperated in making our 1975 Licensure Review such an outstanding success and thus set a standard for H.S.C. operation the year round!

Dale Love

Administrator

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KUDOS...

To: The Staff, Special Education Class,
The Hospital for Sick Children
Fr: Marinda Davis, President PTA, and
All Parents Concerned

In each of our lives, there comes some rain, some fog, some tears, some sunshine. Then, there are other things that each of us come into contact with on a daily basis. During the course of time, society has it that heroes are saluted after they are gone; after a life time of hard work, blood, sweat and tears, and dedication for and to causes that we believe in.

For the Staff of this special education class, let's change that. Let them be heroes now. For the staff of this special education class, we say thank you and we salute you for a job well done. For taking the time,
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PATIENT CARE NEWS...

The report of the Sixty-Seventh Ross Conference on Pediatric Research held last June, The Care of Children with Chronic Illness, was published this month. This report contains as one alternative for children who have significant handicapping conditions or chronic illnesses, an in-depth description of The Hospital for Sick Children. It was stated that Dr. Battle made a very good case for the development of "intermediate care hospitals" in urban areas, in order to provide comprehensive health care for the handicapped. There was heated discussion at the meeting, however, about whether such an approach is a new organizational concept applicable to the care of children with chronic illness. An important need was underlined, that the effectiveness of treatment plans needs to be illustrated in order to stimulate health professionals to change their role perceptions.

Agreement has been reached by the three therapy department directors to standardize the initial evaluation, the progress notes, and the discharge summary. Although there is a superficial uniformity for medical records efficiency, each department has developed creatively its own logical and thorough approach which reflects the unique insights of that discipline.

The Medical Records Department should be proud to have heard "meets" by the Licensure Team. Now stable in meeting the requirements of the patients and staff in regards to records, the department anticipates increasing efforts to evaluate all aspects of care in the hospital, to establish new procedures, and to set up a medical library soon.

Suzanne Burgess, a first year graduate student at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, in the School of Public Health, has chosen H.S.C. for 12 weeks of field work. She will conduct research and investigate needs and resources of

(cont. back pg. col 2)

ROTOGRAVURE...

It's a long word, technical, professional and highly specialized. We cannot think of better adjectives to describe our annual picture section of the STAR/NEWS.

It went to press this month to be ready for publication on Sunday, May 15th, Mother's Day, a production of the Community Relations Department.

It takes almost as long to produce as a baby...but the labor pains begin with its conception and last until the final days of gestation.

This year's "Roto" as it is affectionately known, contains many photographs of our various services and programs, in spaces purchased by our advertisers. Thus instead of the IBM ad showing a computer, their ad records the visit of their Mr. Frank Wall to our P.T. watching Sara Klein and Jamie.

All together there were 12 photos for ads taken at the Hospital, giving the 335,000 Sunday STAR readers a very comprehensive HSC story.

In addition the entire center page spread of this 16 page ROTO carries detailed, pertinent institutional information about our Hospital and how to contact us for answers to specific questions.

So, besides the nearly \$10,000 we receive in revenue from the advertising pages, as a solid piece of publicity it reaches over a third of a million readers.

It also brought many VIP visitors to our double red doors. Its October to March labor pains really pay off.

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OUR CORA...

While she is going through those tedious tests, "Our Cora" would love to hear how things are back at the ranch. Drop her a card - just address it OUR CORA

Room 506 Providence Hospital
1150 Varnum St. N.E., D.C. 20017

TREASURE HUNT...

This year's Employee Easter Treasure Hunt is scheduled for Thursday, March 27, at 2:30 in the Cafeteria.

The Employee Advisory Committee is hard at work devising hiding places and securing treasures for the lucky winners.

Debbie Martin (Recept/Sec.) is chairwoman for this event and members of the EAC who are soliciting prizes from stores and businesses who are friends of the Hospital are:

Emma McEntyre (Nursing)
Robert Miller (Hskpg)
Toni Johnson (Soc. Serv.)
Walter Hopkins (Ed.)

Robert is also in charge of hiding the envelopes and Toni has the added responsibility of planning the decorations and refreshments.

So be sure to put March 27 on your calendar for a great time and with all of the EAC members rounding up prizes, lots of goodies!

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SPRING SCENE...

With all the bright new paint in most of the interiors of the Hospital nearing completion, and the first day of spring a week past, our man for all seasons Jesus de Jesus is ready to tackle the outside.

The East Yard in particular is due for a "clean-up-repair and replace" job. As our outdoor hospitality area we are anxious to have it in readiness for our first Employee Picnic and of course for our May Appreciation Day and our June Fair.

Several local Garden Clubs are being contacted to request help in plantings, flower beds, landscaping plans, etc. The Rock Creek Garden Club, long under the green thumb of Mrs. Helen Hirsh will continue their project in the Visitor's Mall.

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NO IDLE CHATTER...

A trip to County Cork, Ireland, is in store for Mary McCarthy (Ed.) the first week in April. She will be looking up some "long-lost" relatives who have not seen her for a number of years.

"How sweet it is" to see Greta Valentine (Nursing) back at HSC after her convalescence from surgery.

Our best wishes go with Troy Davis (Engineering) who has re-signed and will be leaving us shortly.

Nursing will have a busy Easter Season with all the parties and events for the children. The first of these will be the Easter Bunny himself who will bring goodies for our patients on March 26.

Then on March 29, Tau Gamma Delta Sorority will be giving a party in the Unit A Activity Room.

The Concern for Children Group will visit on Easter Sunday with treats for all.

And one of the Dietary Associations will be providing hard-boiled Easter eggs to make the day complete.

The 25th of March will also be a big day for the children when they go to Ringling Brothers-Barnum & Bailey Circus. 100 of our kids from inpatient and Day Care will be taken courtesy of buses from the Red Cross and the National Capital Parks Service.

Editor:Lorene Nagel (C-R)

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PATIENT CARE CONT...

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On March 18, Dr. Battle discussed the role of The Hospital for Sick Children in meeting the overall needs of children in the District of Columbia to educators, court personnel, and representatives of District agencies at one of the Physical Health and Rehabilitation workshops of the Youth Opportunity Services, which are being held at the Martin Luther King Library.

Constance U. Battle, M.D.
Medical Coordinator

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KUDOS CONT...

the energy, and patience with our children, for the love that they so much need and deserve.

It is true enough we know, that all is not, and will never be the exact way we all want it. As far as pleasing the entire population of parents and teachers, we all know that never will there be a time in any of our lives, when we will please everybody, but as long as we keep the majority happy, we will accomplish something. So to you, Staff, we appreciate your every effort, and we hope that you will continue to work hard and do good, for the continued success of our children here.

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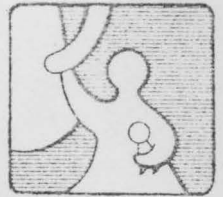
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Sheila - for your info
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March 13, 1975

Dear Nancy:

Now that we have touched earth after Wednesday's red-carpet visit, we want to mention two up-coming dates which we'd like to have you note on your calendar.

Our Annual Appreciation Day and Award Ceremony is Thursday, May 15th at two o'clock. The citations to major donors (Mr. Hoffman) come first, then awards to outstanding volunteers. Mrs. Ford being our Number One Volunteer will receive a special award. Ceremony is in our East Yard (where Fair was held) and Mrs. Ford can enter and leave by private door from my Department. I have a whole wing adjacent to East Yard.

Then on June 12th we are having our Annual June Fair from 10-4, again in East Yard. We have 19 tables this year with 23 community organizations participating. The Flag Day Parade by the children will be at 11 A.M. They wind through the Fair wearing Spirit of '76 hats and carrying little flags. This would be a perfect time for Mrs. Ford to visit.

We are still on Cloud Nine from last week and hope that we did not contribute to Mrs. Ford's fatigued condition. However she gives so-much of herself to the children it is difficult to try to save her strength.

Give her our love and warmest wishes for an end to her pain and restrictions.

Take care of yourself, too...we can't have you both sick!

As always,

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P.S. Pray for no rain on May 15th and June 12th!





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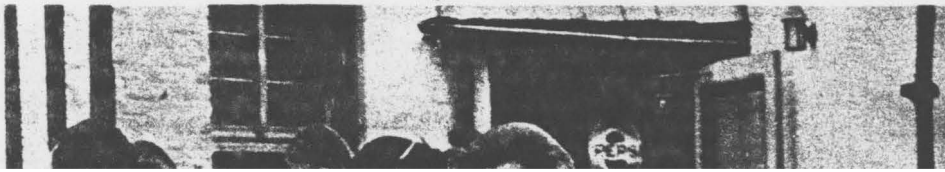
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*Ms. Sheila Weidenfeld
Press Secretary to Mrs Ford
The White House
Washington, D.C.*

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Wash. State May 11, 1975 (Hospital for Sick Children)



Below is the June Fair Committee for this year, posing in front of the Children's Art Exhibit, a new feature for the June 12, 1975 event, to be held in the East Yard at The Hospital for Sick Children, 1731 Bunker Hill Road, N.E. This year 23 organizations will participate.

COME TO OUR JUNE FAIR JUNE 12, 1975

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MEMORANDUM TO: CAROLYN POREMBKA

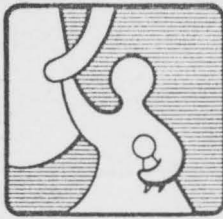
FROM: SUSAN PORTER

Per our conversation, Mrs. Nagel, 832-4400, from Hospital for Sick Children called regarding plans for their Annual Fair on Thursday, June 12th. I told her this followed a very busy day for Mrs. Ford and although she has the information on her calendar about the day, she should go ahead with their plans without Mrs. Ford in mind. If Mrs. Ford does come, it would be an informal drop by on her own. Mrs. Nagel was very agreeable but also mentioned that they will have television coverage at 11:00 a.m. that day should Mrs. Ford be inclined to visit around that time.

Thank you.

c: ✓ Sheila Weidenfeld
Patti Matson
Staircase





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R/G

June 26, 1975

Dear Mrs. Ford,

As you can see from the attached "flyer" The Hospital for Sick Children is privileged to have a bouquet of firsts in our benefit with the National Symphony Orchestra. This important debut for our Hospital will be at ten o'clock on the morning of April 6, 1976.

Obviously we are all hoping that our dear friend Betty Ford will grace the occasion as our Honorary Chairman. Of course we know this tribute is offered, even urged, you by many groups, but since The Hospital for Sick Children is something near, dear, and very special to you, we are hoping that we shall have the privilege of using your name to head our list of Trustees and other friends of the Hospital serving on the various committees.

I phoned Susan Porter while she was on her short holiday and her office said they had not started your April schedule but to write what it was all about. So I am taking the liberty of sending Susan and Sheila both copies of this letter and the flyer.

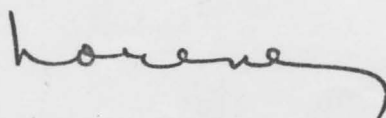
We hope to hear from you as soon as your plans can be made for next spring. I shall be on vacation - at home - during July so please have the girls contact me there if your decision is made during that time:

Lorene Nagel
3301 Winnet Road
Chevy Chase, Md. 20015

Tel: 986-1065

If not, shall be back at my desk August 4th - gearing up for "business as usual".

Have a wonderful summer!

Fondly, 



THE HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN AT THE KENNEDY CENTER? DID YOU EVER THINK IT COULD?

The waves of excitement emanating from H.S.C. these days are because we are to be the

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All of these very FIRSTS come together on April 6, 1976 at 10:00 AM in the Concert Hall of the Kennedy Center when the National Symphony Orchestra, Antal Dorati conducting, will present Robert Merrill, superstar of the Metropolitan Opera Company.

Mr. Merrill will premiere in a new, especially composed musical version of "Casey at the Bat".

You can, of course, see that this is no ordinary event (even if it were the evening performance of this combination of Dorati and Merrill) for an OPEN REHEARSAL is a HAPPENING...anything can happen and usually does. It is a far cry from the usual formal evening concert.

It is a shirt-sleeve, turtle-neck revealing performance of these talented musicians. Personalities and temperments emerge and name-calling makes Robert - "Bob" and "the First Chair" a human being after all!

If you have never been a delighted but silent observer at one of these rare happenings, you can share in the privilege by choosing your seat (and some for your friends) from the enclosed list of prices.

For further details call Lorene Nagel at the Hospital (832-4400) who has successfully produced several of these benefits with the cooperation of the Detroit Symphony when she was P.R. Director and Administrative head of the Women's Auxiliary of Children's Hospital of Michigan.

P.S. If you are asked to serve on one of the Benefit committees, don't miss the chance of being part of this EXCITING FIRST.

MARK YOUR BI-CENTENNIAL CALENDAR
APRIL 6, 1976



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LETTERS THAT MADE OUR SUMMER A SUMMIT

VOLNEY F. MORIN, INC.
LAW CORPORATION

THE WHITE HOUSE

July 18, 1975

July 9, 1975

Hospital for Sick Children
1731 Bunker Hill Road, N.E.
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

We have been requested by the President of the United States to send the enclosed check from our Deposit Account as a special contribution from him.

Kindest regards.

Volney F. Morin, Jr.
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Dear Lorene,

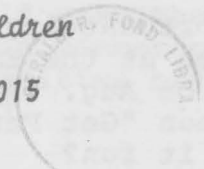
How much I appreciated your gracious letter telling of plans for the National Symphony Orchestra benefit to be held on April 6, 1976. It would be a special pleasure to have my name listed as Honorary Chairman conveying my great admiration for The Hospital for Sick Children and my hopes that all associated with plans for this wonderful benefit will give generously of their time and resources for its success.

With warmest best wishes,

Sincerely,

Betty Ford

Mrs. Lorene Nagel
The Hospital for Sick Children
3301 Winnet Road
Chevy Chase, Maryland 20015



NEW ROLES...

As of August 4 the following changes in responsibilities were put into effect:

Lorene Nagel, (C-R) will now devote her full time to fund raising and development to initiate and maintain the many new programs recently approved for this Hospital. Therefore all non-fund-raising activities formerly under her department have been transferred to Stephanie Young, (Pers.)

Lorene Nagel's new title is Director, Community Relations and Development. She will retain all contacts with outside volunteers, guilds, project groups, etc. and handle HSC publicity and promotion. Her department will also continue to be the intake center for all donations.

All employee related functions formerly under Community Relations were moved to Personnel:

- Employee Advisory Committee
- Hill Side Chatter
- Employee parties
- Farewell Coffee Hours
- Birthday cards/meal tickets
- Christmas Cards
- Condolence letters
- Employee Awards/App. Day

Also moved to Mrs. Young's supervision were in-house Volunteers, now using Alice Michael's secretarial office as sign-in sign-out headquarters.

Stephanie Young's new title is Director, Personnel and Volunteer Services.

Dale Lowe
Administrator

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Fortunately, no one was counting calories at the Employee's Ice Cream Social on Aug. 14. The Theme might have been "Get Fat to Music" and wasn't it fun?

BABY BATTLE...

Constance U. Battle, M.D., Medical Coordinator of this Hospital, is happily at the moment Mrs. W. Stuart Battle, mother of Christopher Jackson Battle, born August 6th and weighing in at 7 lb. 9 oz.

Dr. W. Stuart Battle (the family is full of M.D.'s) the proud father of Christopher Jackson, is delighted with his new son's name, as are all assorted Battle relatives. Grandmother Battle is perhaps most pleased of all because Jackson was her maiden name.

Little "Chris" has a lot to live up to in his distinguished family but we are sure he can do it, probably has already chosen his premed school.

Because of the above announcement the regular column reporting the comings and goings of Dr. Constance U. Battle usually found in this space has only this note: She went to the George Washington Hospital and returned to her home in Potomac, Maryland.

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NEW H.S.C.'ERS...

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Nursing leads the list with 13:
Frances Simmington, R.N. Supv.
Unit D

Marion Eby, R.N.
Priscilla Parker, G.N.
Sharon Matthews, (P.M. Recpt.)
Irene Blake, P.C.A.
Josephine Givens, P.C.A.
Jannette McCain, P.C.A.
Chrissie Thompson, P.C.A.
Vernetta Davis, P.C.A.
Juanalethia Thompson, P.C.A.
Cleo Jones, P.C.A.
Verdell Kyles, P.C.A.
Barbara Thomas, P.C.A.

Education is next with 6 new Staff:

Deborah Fredo (Enr.)
Cheryl Holder (Enr.)
Gail Coates (Enr.)
Shari Dailey (S.D.P.)
Eileen Powers (Rec.)
Todd Stewart (Rec.)

Building Services:

Maria Grimaldi (Sec.)
Antonio Corozza (C.S.)

Social Service

Nadine Hampton

Engineering

Louis Gaither

When you see a new face around H.S.C. say "Hello", it's sure to be one of these.

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D.H.R. SPONSORS JOBS...

Thirty students all senior high or just graduated enrolled in a summer work program here sponsored by the Dept. of Human Resources.

From June 16 to August 30 these young men and women worked a 25 hour week as Volunteers in various H.S.C. departments and received their hourly-rated pay from D.H.R., Mr. Tony Washington, Coordinator.

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OVER LAND & SEA ...

Those of us who stayed in town during the summer can now read the following list of lovely vacations with our bright green eyes:

Maxine DeCarlo (Xray) flew to Honolulu;

Sara Klein (P.T.) and her husband visited Israel;

Yvonne Mills (S.&H.) sunned on the sands of Jamaica;

Stephanie Young (Pers.) went to Florida;

Debbie Martin (Recp.) and family "did" Disneyland;

Delores Costello (O.T.) also chose Florida;

Ken Marimow (Bldg. Ser.) hunted alligators in the Everglades;

Melba Leech (Adm.) and family camped on Prince Edward Is., Canada;

Gray Ransom (Cont.) headed for the Bryce Mts. of New England;

Leon Jackson (Hskp.) went "rock" in Wildwood, N.J.;

Alice Michaels (Pers.) and family headed for the Catskill Mts.

Dale Lowe (Adm.) and family enjoyed their summer home in Ocean City;

Eliana Leamer's (Ed.) threesome went from East to West - Nags Head, N.C. to Vancouver, B.C.;

Marena Gibbons (S.D.) and her husband headed for Myrtle Beach by way of Alabama;

Annette VanHooke (Nsg.) divided her charms between N.Y., Conn. and Virginia Beach;

Evelyn Almacen (Nsg.) also split her time and money - San Diego and Las Vegas;

Mary McCarthy (Ed.) receives "most travelled" award: Ireland in April, Greece in Sept.

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Anyone with any ideas for future Employee Events should pass their suggestions along to a member of the Employee Advisory Committee before their meeting Sept. 3.

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THINGS HAVE CHANGED...

Clipped and Cont'd. by Maxine DeCarlo

Nursing was different in the late 1800's and early 1900's. This job description reveals what was expected of a nurse in 1887.

1. Daily sweep and mop the floors of your ward, dust the patients furniture and window sills.

2. Maintain an even temperature in your ward by bringing in a scuttle of coal for the day's business.

3. Light is important to observe the patient's condition. Therefore, each day fill kerosene lamps, clean chimneys and trim wicks. Wash windows once a week.

4. The nurse's notes are important in aiding the physician's work. Make your pens carefully; you may whittle your nibs to your individual taste.

5. Each nurse on day duty will report every day at 7 a.m. and leave at 8 p.m. except on the Sabbath on which day you will be given off from noon until 2 p.m.

6. Graduate nurses in good standing with the Director of Nurses will be given an evening off for courting purposes or two evenings a week if you regularly go to church.

7. Each nurse should lay aside from each pay day a goodly sum of her earnings for her benefit during her declining years so that she will not become a burden. For example, if you earn \$30 a month you should set aside \$15.

8. Any nurse who smokes, uses liquor in any form, gets her hair done at a beauty shop or frequents dance halls will give the Director of Nurses good reason to suspect her worth, intentions and integrity.

9. The nurse who performs her labors and serves her patients and doctors faithfully without fault for a period of five years will be given an increase by the hospital administration of five cents a day, providing there are no special debts that are outstanding.

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NO IDLE CHATTER...

Congratulations to Henry Vaughn (Bus. Off.) and his pretty wife Mary who were married in Beauford, S.C. on Sat., Aug. 2 at Henry's family home.

A June Bride was Lillette Lightfoot (Unit B) now Mrs. Bernese Cox following a June 14th ceremony at the Second New St. Paul Baptist Church. Diane Wilson (P.C.A. Unit B) was Matron of Honor and Steffi Mason, (recently of Rec.) was Lillie's Maid of Honor. Lulu Stoke's (Unit B) daughter Donnie was Flower Girl.

It is good to see Cora Sanders (Hskp.) back again after major surgery and a long convalescence.

Our sympathy to Edna Butler (Hskp.) on the sudden death of her husband. On August 5 Edna marked her 13th anniversary at H.S.C.

Special good wishes go to Mary Jane George (Bus. Off.) as she leaves for her new position in Bethesda, Md.

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IT'S "-30-"

After nearly four years, the monthly HSC CHATTER leaves the desk of Lorene Nagel (C-R) and moves to its new editorial department in Personnel.

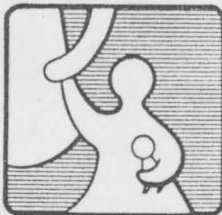
We send our best wishes to Stephanie Young & Co., with all the joys (and tribulations) of editing an employee newsletter.

As always on the final line of our last pages of copy we write

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April 28, 1976

Dear Mrs. Ford,

Our usual prompt letter of appreciation for all your constant concern for our children, and their supportive services, has been delayed until we could report on the proceeds of our Open Rehearsal Benefit. At today's meeting of the Board of Trustees we gave out the good news: \$10,985.83! The 83¢ is part of the exchange on a gift of \$1000 from Mme. Giscard d'Estaing and her government which totaled \$1063.83 (U.S.)! It came as a tribute to your personal interest in The Hospital for Sick Children!

We feel it was all an exciting and prestigious success, due of course to your gracious presence, your sincere remarks about our needs and to the late-blooming co-operation of the Symphony when they found you planned to attend!

While we are thanking you for all these, we wish to tuck in our appreciation for your annual photographing session for our May 9th Roto and for the bonanza of Easter goodies you sent to our doors via the National Confectioner's Association.

Truly that was a week we shall long remember for your many lovingly given hours.

We send our love to you!

As always,

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cc: Susan Porter
Sheila Widenfeld ✓

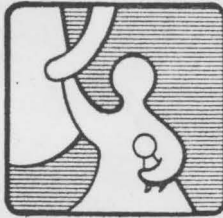
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Sheila -

Mrs Ford is on front &
back covers & on page 9.
Preview copies ahead of
May 11 date.

Also copy of my letter
to Mr H on Wed. here

Sheila



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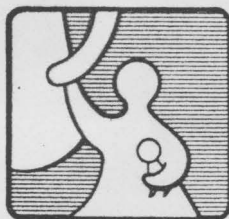
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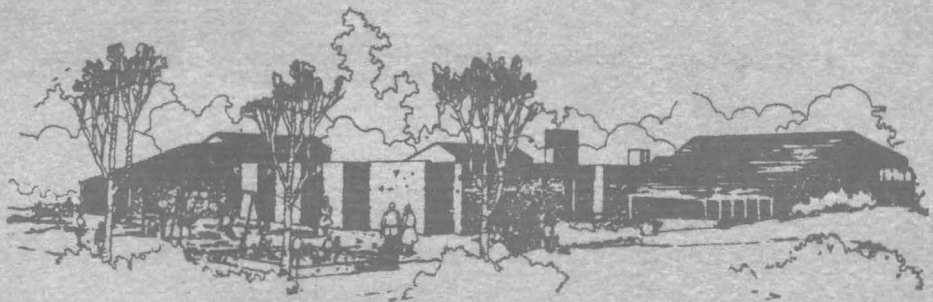
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Dear Sheila -

We think the cover shots are great and do not show all our tribulations with David!

Our choice in # 3 - Susan's hair reveals her face and Sunday is facing center. David's position is typical.

Our next choice is # 10 (we can darken Sunday's panties) David looks like a cliff hanger and of course Mrs Ford is glorious as always.

We have lots of good back-ground to make full page



Vertical which is sometimes
a problem.

I have a dupe set so you
can call me whatever you
decide.

Thanks for all your help!

Sincerely — Korene



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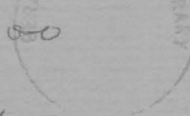
Dear Sheila -

This is # 8 in print and I wonder if you and your staff will be satisfied with it? Blown up to full cover size her eyes would seem even more strange.

Would you reconsider # 3? for reasons that they are all looking at David's toy and so together?

I enclose # 10 which was also a possibility but "camera eye".

Please phone 832-4400 and let me know your reaction. Am sending this by our driver as time is tight now. Thanks Maren



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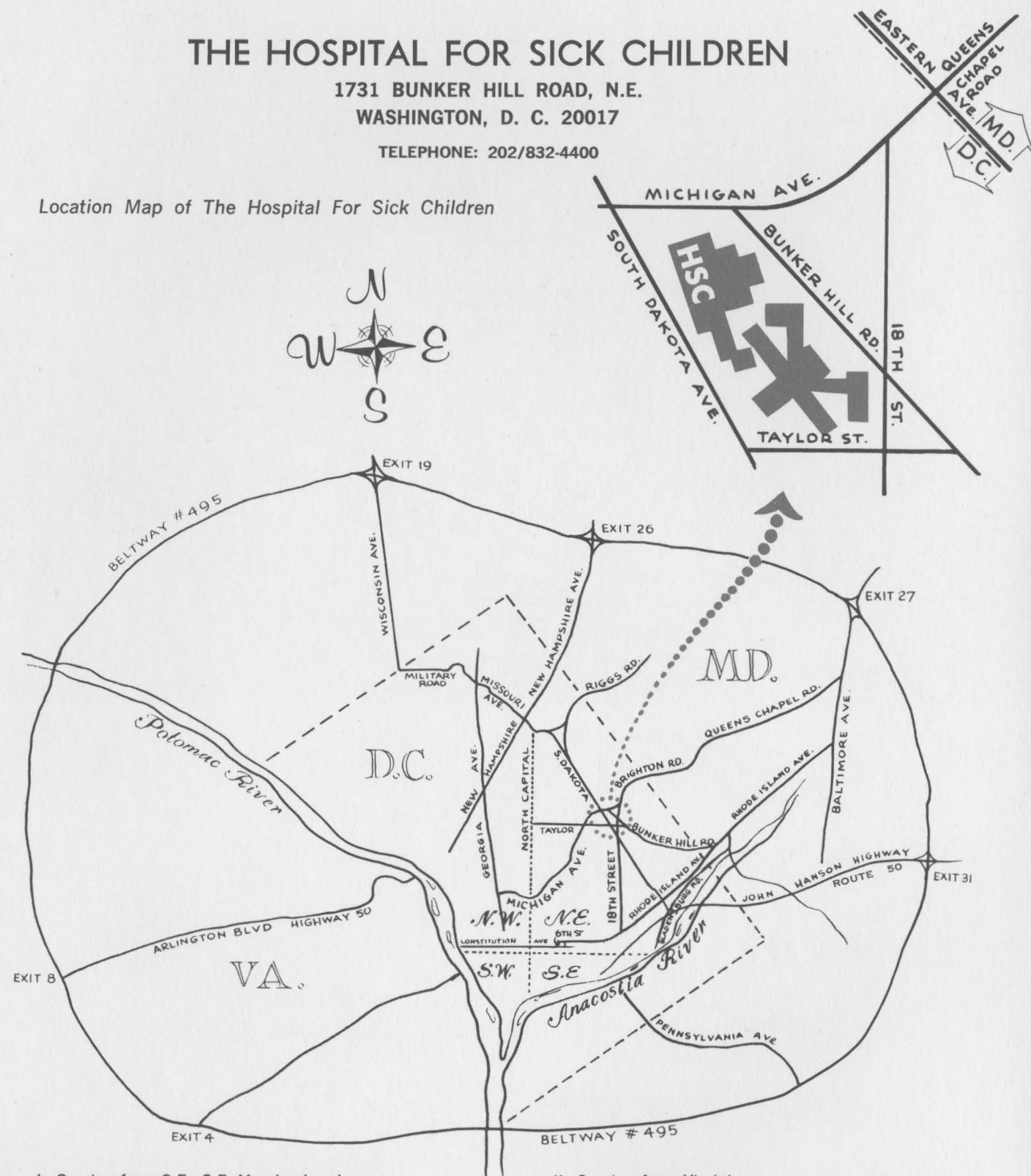
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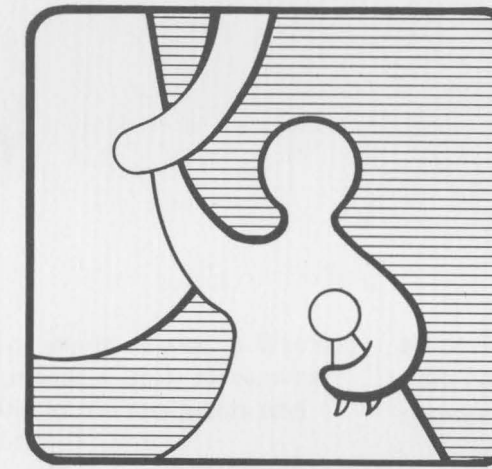
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Location Map of The Hospital For Sick Children



- I. Coming from S.E., S.E. Maryland and Maryland beyond Beltway:
 A. Use Beltway and Beltway exits as suggested.

- II. Coming from Virginia:
 A. Take Constitution Avenue to 6th Street;
 B. Left on 6th Street, north to Rhode Island Avenue;
 C. Right on Rhode Island Avenue to 18th Street, N.E.;
 D. Left on 18th Street, north to Bunker Hill Road;
 E. The Hospital for Sick Children is on the corner.



INTERMEDIATE CARE

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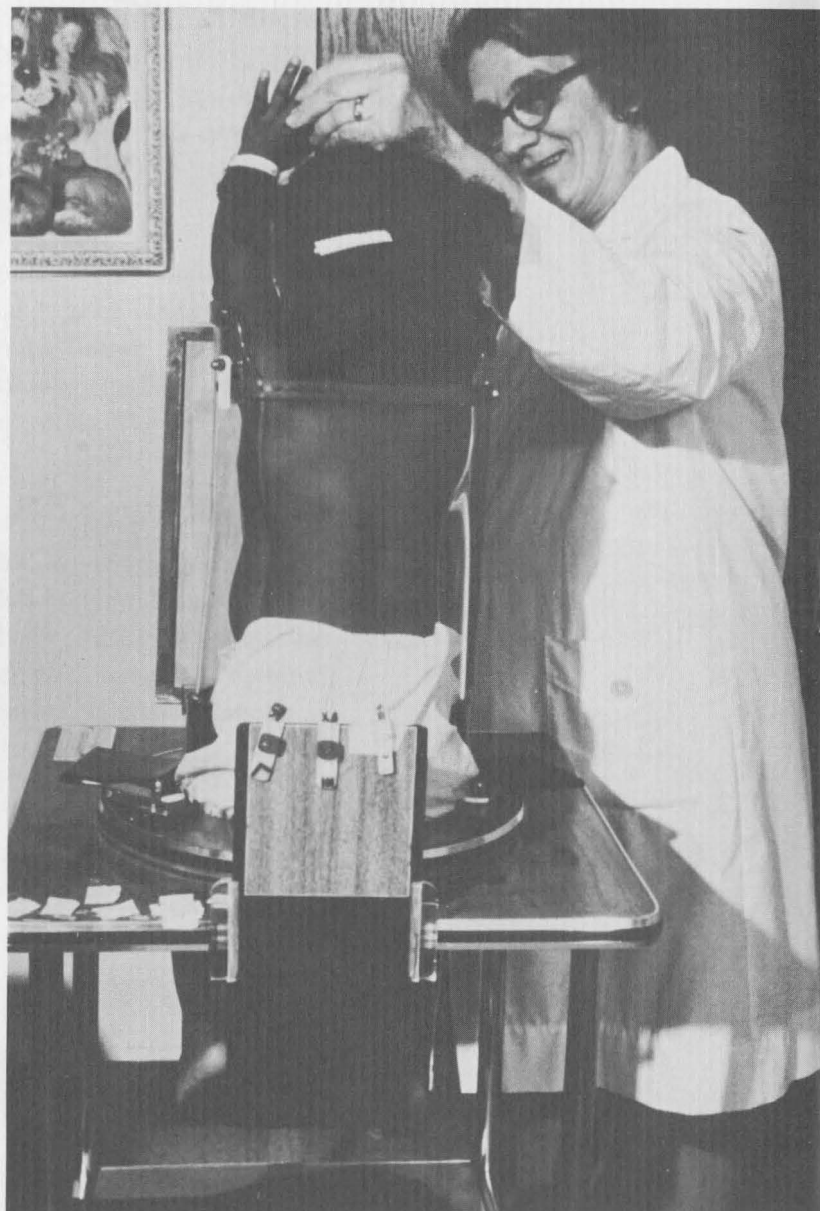
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Special equipment called "Pigg-o-Stat" holds baby in position for X-ray.



HISTORY

In 1882 a group of young women in Washington, D.C. decided to provide a fresh air summer home for children living in the tenements and poor housing areas of the District.

By the spring of 1883 they found a house "behind Georgetown, a little off from the road to Tenny Town, with a beautiful oak woods." They leased the place for one year and on June 14, 1883, opened their doors to the first six children. They called it the Children's Country Home.

Such was the success of this venture that their summer census grew from 6 children to 257 children (for a two week stay) in the first five years. At the end of each summer there would be a long waiting list of youngsters who had not been able to be admitted. They had outgrown their first location.

The Children's Country Home was incorporated in 1888 and moved to Grant Road on "the West Side of Rock Creek Park." There for forty years it continued to function as a wholesome, strengthening, summer experience for inner city children.

The Children's Country Home grew in many special ways, for it was soon apparent that not only deprived children needed a summer experience but the Home was asked to take many crippled and chronically ill children who "needed care they could not receive elsewhere." Finally in 1928 the Home realized that most of these children could not be sent home at the end of two weeks or even at the end of the summer, so the Children's Convalescent Home came into being, offering year round care to these sick children.

What was needed was a new facility designed especially for convalescents. A beautiful site of

six acres at the corner of Bunker Hill Road and 18th Street, N.E. was purchased in 1929 and appropriate plans were drawn.

The "new building" on Bunker Hill Road was completed and opened July 1930, offering in addition to year round care, expanded and highly professional services. It acquired the role of a Hospital while keeping the relaxed, informal, friendly Home atmosphere. It now employed its own nursing and medical staffs, social worker, teacher, dietician, held training classes for nursery aides, and was one of the outstanding child health-care facilities of its time.

But progress makes urgent demands on a Hospital; two more wings were added in 1950 and by the mid-sixties plans were being made for a new patient care building to be constructed on the west side of the existing building.

The new building was officially dedicated and opened September 25, 1968 and includes the latest specifications for intermediate care. It contains 80 beds, grouped in units by age, sex, and type of care needed.

As the services were updated to meet the changing needs in pediatrics the name was changed to The Hospital for Sick Children.

So as of 1968, we had a new name, a new 80-bed facility and a future that pushed all walls to new boundaries. The concept of intermediate care is designed to fill a heretofore unmet need in health care services for children. The child who requires hospital care but does not have to lie in bed, now has a facility to meet his needs.

STATEMENT OF GOALS

It shall be the function and goals of the Hospital:

SERVICES

To render to individuals, families and the community comprehensive health services for infants, children and adolescents requiring intermediate care, taking into account community needs, the legitimate interests and abilities of other providers of care, and the Hospital's ability to establish and sustain programs of high quality to support a high standard of community health. These services shall include: diagnosis, treatment, care, rehabilitation, education, personal development and research. They shall be carried out in a manner which respects human dignity.

COMMUNITY

To serve all economic, racial and religious groups, from ages one (1) week to nineteen (19) years, without distinction or discrimination as economically feasible within the Hospital community areas. First, in that area which by geography and proximity of alternate opportunities for service, can reasonably be expected to relate to the Hospital. This area is perceived as the District of Columbia and surrounding Maryland and Virginia communities. Second, when possible to serve beyond these boundaries to the extent certain programs are unique or are deemed to be needed.

ASSETS

To maintain in a safe, functional and aesthetically pleasing condition all real property and hospital equipment required for the performance of the Hospital's mission. To increase real property and hospital equipment in accordance with the priorities inherent in approved goals and objectives, in keeping with financial ability.

FINANCING

To preserve the fiscal integrity of the Corporation by adherence to sound financial management principles and practices, including the maintenance of appropriate records and conduct of audit, and the maintenance of services which in the aggregate shall be self-supporting, including recovery of direct and indirect costs, depreciation, debt service, bad debts and allowances, and a factor to assist in the generation of new capital for growth and development.

PERSONNEL

To attract, develop, and retain competent personnel regardless of race, color, religion, sex, age, or national origin. To maintain competitive wages and benefits. To challenge personnel to excellence and high standards of productivity. To support educational and professional endeavors designed to improve the effectiveness of personnel, and those programs determined to be in the community interest, particularly those which will develop or enhance needed skills. To promote and provide medical education and to conduct research related to the services provided by the Hospital.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

To operate for and in the public interest and to offer a periodic accounting of stewardship, both as to services and finances. To encourage public acceptance of and reliance on the Hospital's facilities and programs, by appropriate reporting of services and achievements of all potentially interested citizens and groups. To encourage donations of time, funds and other resources as additional means of providing patient care.

PROGRAM STATEMENT

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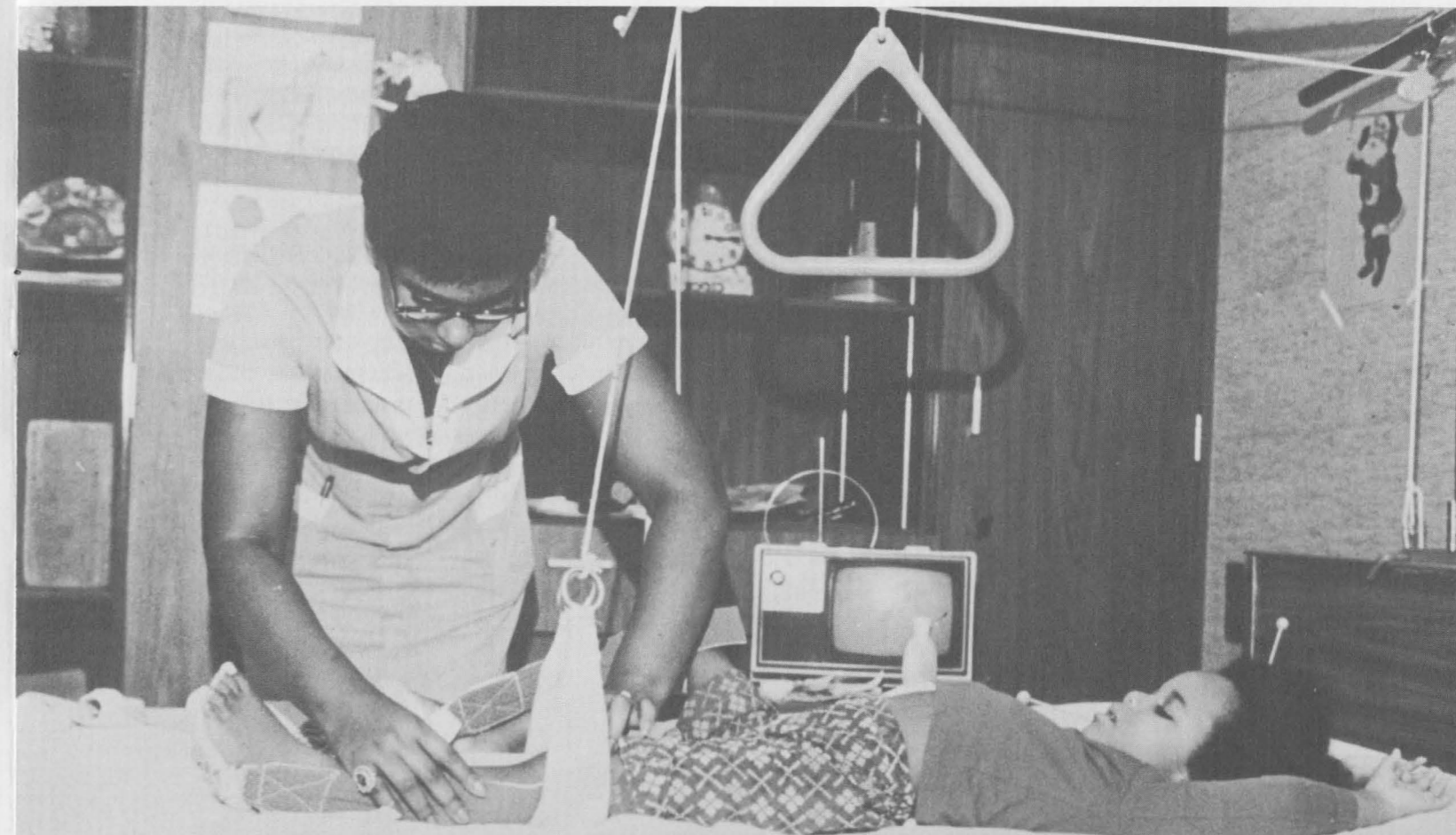
Cardio-respiratory	Integumentary
Endocrine	Neurological—including
Gastro-intestinal	special senses
Genito-urinary	Skeleto-muscular
Hematological	

Examples of the types of disorders that can be admitted to our facility are:

Arthritis and Other Collagen	Failure to Thrive
Vascular Diseases	Lead Poisoning
Asthma	Paraplegia and Quadriplegia
Birth Defects	Post Fractures
Blood Diseases	Post Spinal Fusions
Burns	Post-Operative Tumors—
Cerebral Palsy	Cord or Brain
Chronic Bronchitis	Psychiatric Disorders
Congenital Heart Disease	Rheumatic Fever
Diabetes	Traumas

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Group Mother adjusts traction to ease tension on boy's leg in cast.



and other conditions requiring intermediate care as approved by the Hospital.

This multidisciplinary approach provides the services of staff pediatricians and medical consultants in all child speciality areas in an eighty (80) bed intermediate care environment.

Physicians in private practice or staff physicians at other hospitals are encouraged to refer their patients to our staff or to admit and care for their patients themselves.

Our Hospital staff provides its services through closely knit teamwork and an interdisciplinary approach. The services of the entire Hospital focus on the treatment of the whole child. Individualization of each patient is achieved by thorough knowledge and study of the medical, social and emotional workup of each child. The staff pediatricians and consulting physicians work closely with staff members to improve their skill and understanding in working with the children and in the continuing development of the therapeutic milieu.

The Nursing Service provides a high standard of individual personal service combined with intelligent mothering characterized by love, sympathy and understanding. Our nurses have been trained in acute pediatric hospitals.

One of the unique programs our Hospital provides is our Group Mother Program and it is one of the strongest medicines we have in promoting healthy emotional and developmental growth of our children. It is axiomatic that medical or surgical treatment efforts may fail or be destructive unless adequate human relationships are available to assist in the developmental process of children.

The Therapeutic Play Program under activity leaders and aides provides the opportunity for each child in both individual and group activity to develop physically, socially and emotionally. It is geared toward development and maintenance of ego strengths, peer and adult relationships and constructive group experience in the art of living.

Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy and Speech Hearing Therapy provide maximum

habilitation and rehabilitation for the handicapped child.

Psychology supports the therapeutic milieu and provides treatment and diagnostic evaluation.

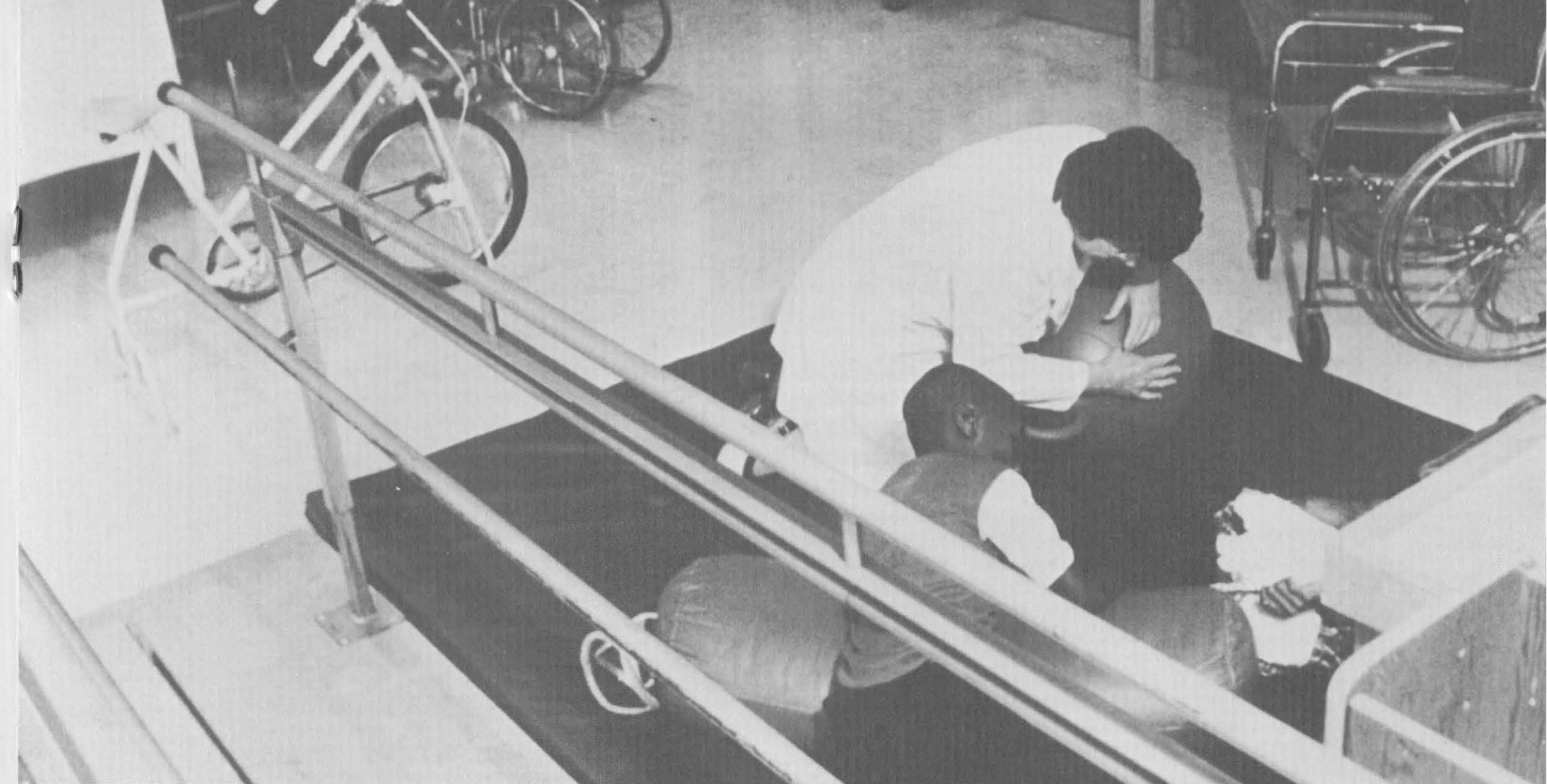
Social Casework Services are directed toward alleviating the social and emotional problems in the child's total environment which may interfere with effective care and negate the successful recovery and maintenance of the child's physical and emotional health after discharge. Our services include direct contact with parents.

The Educational Program encourages academic maintenance and progress in order to avoid the interruption which can result from illness. The use of diagnostic tools, formal classroom experience, both within and outside the Hospital, individual tutoring and follow-up educational placement minimize the effects of interruption in the normal educational development of each patient.

Diagnostic X-ray, Clinical Laboratory, Inhalation Therapy and Pharmacy Services provide an important adjunct to the pediatricians and consultants in facilitating diagnosis and treatment.

The Hospital Staff is acutely aware of the effects of separation from the home necessitated by hospitalization. Each child's treatment plan is designed to involve the family and community aspects thus minimizing the effects of long-term childhood illness.

An Outpatient Facility offering appropriate follow-up and certain diagnostic outpatient services is available. The Michigan Park Medical Associates, a group of Hospital for Sick Children Staff Physicians offer regular physicians office service, diagnosis and treatment. Prescriptions may be filled at the Hospital Pharmacy. Office hours are 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. weekdays and 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Saturday. Physical therapy, occupational therapy, psychiatry, X-ray, speech and hearing therapy, and clinical laboratory services are also available to serve the community on an outpatient basis. Appointments may be made by direct phone, 832-2942 or through the Hospital switchboard, 832-4400.



Physical Therapist helps young patients with daily exercises on the mat.

The Hospital for Sick Children conducts a Day Care Program for mentally retarded children from six to thirteen years of age on a 9-3 schedule, Monday through Friday, year around. It offers training and therapy to develop physical-motor skills, communication, adaptive, social and emotional development.

The program also involves parents so that they may reinforce positive behavior at home and obtain a realistic understanding of their child's potential.

The Hospital provides a Day Care Program for multiple physically handicapped children. This program seeks to provide a stimulating environment and to determine a pattern of functioning for each child in an effort to ameliorate his handicaps. It offers a prescriptive diagnostic therapeutic treatment service within his potential of performance. It also includes parent counseling and training to reinforce at home what the child learns at the school and to help parents understand and cope with their child's multiple handicaps.

An agreement with Children's Hospital and George Washington University Medical Center extends the use of existing intermediate care facilities of The Hospital for Sick Children and avoids duplication of services among the three area

hospitals. Patients who are past the acute phases of their illnesses, yet unable to be cared for at home, are referred for intermediate care at The Hospital for Sick Children or, those with chronic conditions may be admitted to prevent an acute situation from developing.

The agreement also includes an understanding of joint planning and providing more utilization of educational resources for teaching programs.

The Hospital is fully accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals and is licensed by the District of Columbia and holds memberships in the American Hospital Association, the Maryland-District of Columbia-Delaware Hospital Association, and the Hospital Council of the National Capital Area. The Hospital is a Blue Cross participating hospital and participates in the Medicaid Program of the District of Columbia and has contracts for services with the District of Columbia and Suburban Maryland and Virginia Counties.

The Hospital for Sick Children abides by all federal legislation which prohibits discrimination of its membership on its Board of Trustees, Medical Staff and Employee Staff or in the treatment of its patients by the staff regardless of race, color, religion, sex, age, or national origin.

Patient's Bill of Rights

Approved by the American Hospital Association and endorsed by our Hospital:

The patient (parent or legal guardian*) has the right to considerate and respectful care.

The patient has the right to obtain from his physician complete current information concerning his diagnosis, treatment, and prognosis in terms the patient can be reasonably expected to understand. When it is not medically advisable to give such information to the patient, the information should be made available to an appropriate person in his behalf. He has the right to know by name, the physician responsible for coordinating his care.

The patient has the right to receive from his physician information necessary to give informed consent to the start of any procedure and/or treatment. Except in emergencies, such information for informed consent, should include but not necessarily be limited to the specific procedure and/or treatment, the medically significant risks involved, and the probable duration of incapacitation. Where medically significant alternatives for care or treatment exist, or when the patient requests information concerning medical alternatives, the patient has the right to such information. The patient also has the right to know the name of the person responsible for the procedures and/or treatment.

The patient has the right to refuse treatment to the extent permitted by law, and to be informed of the medical consequences of his action.

The patient has the right to every consideration of his privacy concerning his own medical care program. Case discussion, consultation, examination, and treatment are confidential and should be conducted discreetly. Those not directly involved in his care must have the permission of the patient to be present.

The patient has the right to expect that all communications and records pertaining to his care should be treated as confidential.

The patient has the right to expect that within its capacity a hospital must make

reasonable response to the request of a patient for services. The hospital must provide evaluation, service, and/or referral as indicated by the urgency of the case. When medically permissible a patient may be transferred to another facility only after he has received complete information and explanation concerning the needs for and alternatives to such a transfer. The institution to which the patient is to be transferred must first have accepted the patient for transfer.

The patient has the right to obtain information as to any relationship of his hospital to other health care and educational institutions insofar as his care is concerned. The patient has the right to obtain information as to the existence of any professional relationship among individuals, by name, who are treating him.

The patient has the right to be advised if the hospital proposes to engage in or perform human experimentation affecting his care or treatment. The patient has the right to refuse to participate in such research projects.

The patient has the right to expect reasonable continuity of care. He has the right to know in advance what appointment times and physicians are available and where. The patient has the right to expect that the hospital will provide a mechanism whereby he is informed by his physician or a delegate of the physician of the patient's continuing health care requirements following discharge.

The patient has the right to examine and receive an explanation of his bill regardless of source of payment.

The patient has the right to know what hospital rules and regulations apply to his conduct as a patient.

No catalogue of rights can guarantee for the patient the kind of treatment he has a right to expect. A hospital has many functions to perform, including the prevention and treatment of disease, the education of both health professionals and patients, and the conduct of clinical research. All these activities must be conducted with an overriding concern for the patient, and, above all, the recognition of his dignity as a human being. Success in achieving this recognition assures success in the defense of the rights of the patient.

* Hereinafter referred to as patient only.

MESSAGE TO PARENTS

From the moment your child enters The Hospital for Sick Children, our primary concern is to prepare for the time when he or she will be well enough to be discharged. Our experience tells us, however, that the healing and rehabilitation process for many of our young patients may be long and sometimes difficult. Successful treatment of your child's medical problem requires your close personal support and the utmost professional skill on the part of our staff.

We realize how difficult it is to leave your child in a hospital away from home, relatives and friends. Throughout this separation we wish to communicate regularly with you about your child's care and progress.

You should feel free to ask the physicians, social workers and nurses who staff our Hospital any questions you wish regarding our child's hospital routine, physical condition and course of treatment. They wish to give your child every attention, including the finest medical care, and the affection and friendly reassurance all children need.

Our sincere desire is to help your child attain the most complete recovery, rehabilitation and habilitation. We welcome the opportunity to serve you and suggest that both you and your child visit our Hospital prior to admission.

REFERRALS

The physician who is caring for a child will call the Admitting Office to familiarize the Hospital with the child's condition. The Hospital's Admission Team consists of a Hospital Physician, the Director of Nursing and the Director of Admissions. They will collect all medical, social and financial information from the parents and the child's physician. Our staff will maintain a continuous contact with your physician and together they will determine the best course of treatment of the child. We encourage parents, physician, social worker and above all the prospective patient to visit the Hospital prior to admission.

When a decision for acceptance is made, the Admitting Office will contact the parents and arrange a suitable day for admission. Parents will be informed of any special items they may need to bring with the child and will be asked about the financial arrangements for their child's care at the Hospital. They will also be given a list of clothing which their child will need during his stay.

PREPARING YOUR CHILD FOR THE HOSPITAL

Anticipation of a new experience usually creates anxiety, and coming to a hospital for intermediate care can be such an experience. It is important, therefore, to tell your child the truth about why he is coming to this Hospital. Our Social Service Department will be glad to offer advice about how to prepare yourself and your child for this event.

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Social Workers hold sessions in Group Psychotherapy twice a week.

Give him facts in a simple straightforward manner according to his age and personality. The way in which your child is told may be more meaningful than what he is told, for children are sensitive to an adult's anxiety or ease and self-confidence. Your child needs encouragement. He will get along better if he knows what to expect. Be honest and reassuring; explain that the doctors, nurses and others are here to help him get well and make a good recovery. Your child should know about your visiting plans, or any changes you may make in your schedule in order to prevent disappointment.

Promote your child's interest in the Hospital by telling him that he will be among other children. Some children need to be in beds, some are in wheel chairs, most, however, usually get up and dress, eat, play and go to school together. In addition to doctors and nurses, there are many other people here at the Hospital who will get to know him and who are interested in helping him return home as soon as possible.

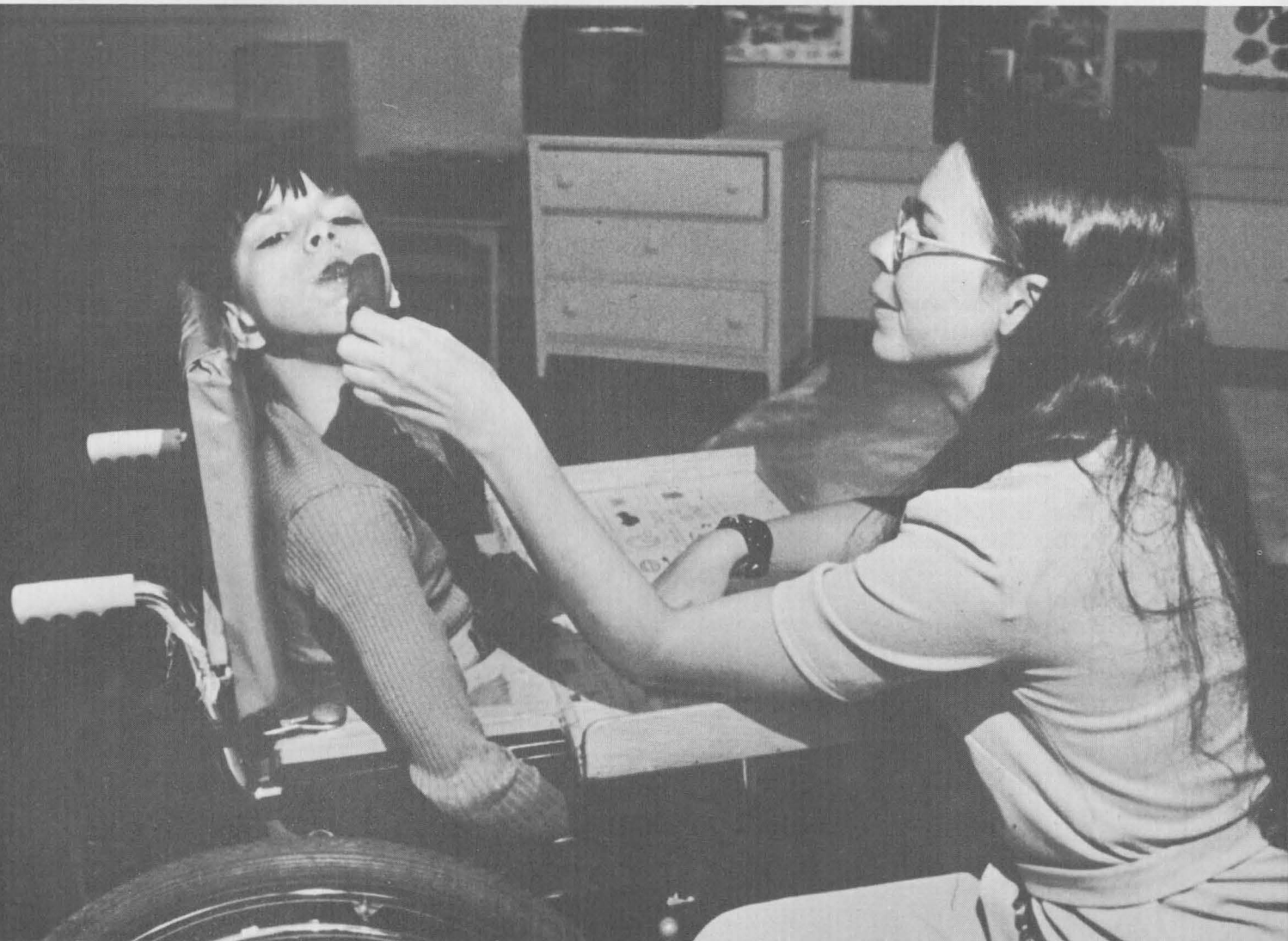
It is important to the Hospital staff's understanding and treatment of your child to know his individual characteristics. It would be helpful for you to prepare a list of these to include, for example, his or her nickname; eating, toilet and sleeping habits; and any other facts you feel may help us make your child's hospitalization a more pleasant one.

ON ADMISSION DAY

When you and your child arrive on admission day, you will first meet with a member of the Admissions Office who will ask you to complete the necessary paperwork. You will have the opportunity to discuss all financial aspects of your child's admission. Hospital personnel will be available to answer any questions you have.

When the admissions procedure is completed, a nurse will escort you and your child to his room. You will meet the nursing staff who will care for your child. A physician will talk with you, obtain a medical history and examine your child.

Occupational Therapist uses sherbet lollipop to develop use of tongue and mouth muscles.



REQUIRED CLOTHING

Infants—Up to 1 Year

- Shoes 1 pair
- Dresses or pant sets 4
- Outer coat and hat 1

Children—1-5 Years

- Undershirts 6
- Underpants 6
- Nightwear 6
- Socks—pairs 6
- Dresses or pant sets 6
- Slippers 1
- Bathrobe 1
- Outer coat and hat 1

Children—6 to 18 Years

- Nightwear 4 sets
- Slippers 1 pair
- Shoes 1 pair
- Bathrobe 1
- Casual clothing 4 sets
- Underpants 4
- Undershirts 4

The above list is modified according to patient's individual needs. All clothing must be labeled with a laundry marker with the child's first initials and last name. The Hospital will launder your child's clothes. Serviceable clothing is recommended (wash and dry type fabrics).

A check list will be filled out on your child's clothing on admission and discharge by the nursing staff.

The Hospital cannot assume responsibility for loss or damage to personal items.

TOYS

The Hospital provides toys for general use. However, your child should be encouraged to select and bring with him a favorite toy, book or game. It should be marked and be safe for

use. Please check with your child's nurse about appropriate playthings.

VISITING

Visiting hours are 3 P.M. to 8 P.M. daily.

Only two visitors may visit a patient at a time.

No children under 16 years are permitted to visit on the units or on the Hospital grounds for health reasons.

Visiting may be restricted in some cases. You will be informed if there are special reasons for visiting to be limited to your child by the social worker or head nurse.

MAIL

In addition to your visits and telephone calls, there is nothing like getting a card or letter from home, or from friends and relatives. This is true particularly for children who must remain here for long periods of time and whose homes may be some distance from the Hospital. The mailing address: The Hospital for Sick Children, 1731 Bunker Hill Road, N.E., Washington, D. C. 20017.

TV, RADIO, STEREO

Television sets, radios and record players are provided by the Hospital in all Hospital units. It is not necessary for parents to bring in sets for their children. Should sets be brought into the Hospital, they will be stored in the child's room until such time as they might be taken home.

SPIRITUAL

We understand that you and your child may feel the need of spiritual guidance and meditation during his hospitalization. You may request that your own clergyman visit your child. Or, if you wish, arrangements will be made for a local clergyman to visit regularly with your child at the Hospital.

OTHER RULES

You are reminded not to bring food for your child during his hospital stay. Check with the nurse in charge for more information regarding this.

Toys and games must be restricted to 3 per child, as each child has a small area for toy storage. All toys and games must be checked by the nurse in charge before they are given to the child for safety reasons.

Examples: Some toys have sharp edges and are dangerous—may cut the child or injure the eye, etc. Stuffed toys may aggravate allergies and cause wheezing and asthma in some children. Small toys and parts of a game can be swallowed.

If you wish to see your child's doctor during visiting hours, please inform the nurse in charge and she will arrange this.

Do not take your child away from the unit, visiting is restricted to the units.

Please leave the units promptly at the end of visiting hours which will be announced.

PARENTS' FACILITIES

There are no overnight facilities for parents at the Hospital. There are motels nearby.

VOLUNTEERS

The Hospital for Sick Children does not have the traditional type of Women's Auxiliary. Rather there are Guilds with Volunteers who function both inside and outside the Hospital. Inside assignments are primarily assisting in departments with planned activities or structured programs. However, many Volunteers just provide valuable stimulation and social development on a one-to-one relationship with the children.

Typical of the kinds of Volunteer services at The Hospital for Sick Children are: Nursery play room, toddler's activities, recreational programs, sewing room, library, book cart, weekend Friendly Visitors, and chaplains.

Outside Volunteers through their Guilds or other organizations carry on projects in behalf of the Hospital: Fund raising events, clothing drives, etc. They also carry the Hospital story into their various communities, churches, clubs and social groups.

All Volunteers, both inside and outside the Hospital, and all Donors and Project Groups are honored in May at annual Appreciation Day.

Preschool children have short span of attention around a photographer.



YOUR GIFT COUNTS

The Hospital for Sick Children has many high priority needs, like a family budget there is never enough to cover the rising costs of pediatric care, equipment and supplies.

Our "want list" has a whole project or a single item, something to fit every interested donor's wallet. The wide range of choices may offer one which appeals to you or to an organization of which you are a member. If so, please contact our Community Relations Director. (832-4400).

Our motto, "Everyone has Someone to Care" may mean YOU. You may be the one who cares about our sick children, about the many services we provide for them, about the happy, healthy, future we are hoping for them.



"Everyone has someone to care"





The Hospital for Sick Children

In keeping with the Mother's Day theme of this Special Section, WASHINGTON STAR, The First Lady, Mrs. Betty Ford and daughter, Susan, entertain two little patients from The Hospital for Sick Children in the Solarium of the family quarters of the White House.



Here we go with our right feet . . .

John Hendrickson



And now we put out our left . . .

John Hendrickson

You put your right foot out
You put your right foot in
You put your left foot out
And you shake it all about
Do the Hokey Pokey
And you turn yourself about
That's what it's all about!



Then we put out our right again . . .

Zone 5 Photographers / Hurley



And then we turn ourselves about . . .

Zone 5 Photographers/Hurley

The Hospital for Sick Children

Two little patients from The Hospital for Sick Children visited First Lady, Mrs. Betty Ford, in the family quarters of The White House, to show her they too know how to dance the Hokey Pokey. (Child (R) is blind.)

"Everyone has someone to care"

Every day of the year, The Hospital for Sick Children pays tribute to this, its slogan, by turning the words to actions.



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the hospital
for the valuable service it provides
our community and for the caring
way in which it delivers that service.



The First Lady and Santa Claus never miss the Christmas Party at The Hospital for Sick Children. This year Mrs. Ford was presented with a giant holiday greeting card made by our "artists in residence." Doing the honors was our youngest patient to use a walker.