



# Reid Hospital & Health Care Services

## Reid About Value

### A Year in Review - A Look to the Future

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Dear Community Leader:

As we wind up 2007, it is a time to reflect and a time to think forward in our own personal lives. But, this is particularly true for Reid as we sit in the middle of a multi-phased project to relocate our campus two miles north of the century-old Reid Hospital. As with any major change in our history, this one brings mixed emotions.

We leave behind a rich past and history of accomplishment at the 1401 Chester Boulevard site. Reid opened in 1905 to meet a community need, and a century later Reid's mission of wholeness in body, mind and spirit, remains focused on "those we serve" and meeting their needs.

Besides birthing babies and responding to medical emergencies, Reid has kept pace with modern medicine in providing more diagnostic and proactive services at competitive rates. It was at the current Reid that we offered our first mammogram. It was here that we performed our first outpatient surgery.

With the opening of the Outpatient Care Center this past summer, we have been able to provide health care in a beautiful, healing atmosphere and bring the community yet more new technology for services. These include outpatient surgery that years ago would have required a two-week stay in a hospital bed. We now offer digital mammography, a sophisticated process that is more precise in identifying problems and saving lives. This technology is available through only 8 percent of the hospitals in the nation. We have expanded our cardiology team to offer services not only in our "community" but throughout the region.

But lest we forget, hospitals serve their communities in special ways. We are the safety net for those who have no other avenues for health care services. We do not turn people away because of inability to pay. And we are here to respond to community emergencies. It was here that we responded to the community tragedy of the 1968 explosion, treating more than 125 victims over a two-day period. And, finally, it was here that we did our first open heart surgery.

When we complete our patient move in the summer of 2008, we will be ready to respond to any community need whether it is an emergent one or a long-term one for heart care, cancer care or chronic disease management.

As we anticipate the year ahead, we are excited about the move to the inpatient hospital and the services we will offer the community and the region in a new setting.

Sincerely,

Barry S. MacDowell  
President