

Deborah Hospital Support

Deborah Heart and Lung Center was established in 1922 as a tuberculosis sanitarium and pulmonary center. Legend has it that Deborah's rural Burlington County location was the key to recovery because of its therapeutic Jersey pine barren air. In reality, thousands of TB patients were medically treated and successfully cured by Deborah physicians.

With the development of antibiotic medications, which eradicated TB, Deborah began expanding its focus to other chest diseases. In 1958, Dr. Charles Bailey, a pioneer in heart surgery, performed the first open-heart surgery at Deborah. The specialty of cardiac diseases was immediately embraced and Deborah evolved into the only Cardiac and Pulmonary specialty hospital in New Jersey.

Today, Deborah offers the latest surgical techniques and non-surgical alternatives for diagnosing and treating all forms of cardiac, vascular, and pulmonary diseases in adults, and congenital and acquired heart defects in neonates and children.

The Deborah campus consists of Deborah Heart and Lung Center, a 161-bed hospital with a full-service ambulatory care center, and the Deborah Hospital Foundation, the fundraising arm of the Center, with approximately 68,000 volunteers supporting the Deborah mission.

In 2001, the Joint Commission of the Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO), now known as The Joint Commission (<http://www.jointcommission.org>), awarded Deborah a three-year accreditation, which is the longest period of accreditation awarded. Since the establishment of National Patient Safety Goals by the JC/JCAHO, Deborah has always received the maximum time allowed before an institution must be re-accredited.

This center is known worldwide for its special programs in the treatment of heart and lung diseases. **Deborah provides the treatment at no charge to patients**, except for those items that are covered by the patient's insurance.

Local Councils, Assemblies, and Chapters are encouraged to plan special activities and dedicate the income from activities to the financial support of Deborah.

Knights and members of their families in need of services at Deborah Hospital have always received special consideration when applying for admission! Contact the State Chairman for more information.

Your Council, Assembly, or Chapter determines the fund-raising events scheduled for this great cause. Our goal for the 2019-2020 Columbian Year is \$30,000. If only 150 councils and assemblies were to donate at least \$200, we will easily make this goal!

Make checks payable to "Deborah Hospital" and mail them to the State Chairman, along with a transmittal report on the Council, Assembly, or Chapter letterhead, if available. We can do this!

For complete details on the services offered and the level of care, visit: www.deborah.org

Deborah Hospital Support State Chairman: Andrew Julia, FDD