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Guide to the Records of Park City Hospital
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Descriptive Summary

Creator: Park City Hospital

Title: Records of the Park City Hospital

Dates: 1970-2018

Quantity: 3 record cartons, 2 manuscript boxes, 5 custom wrapped containers

Abstract: Park City Hospital was founded in 1924, meant to serve the downtown Bridgeport community and provide quicker access for emergencies for those who could not speedily access the northern Bridgeport or St. Vincent's hospitals. This smaller hospital served the community until 1993, and helped to provide high quality care to the immediate area. These records reflect this community impact through clippings, publicity documentation, and newsletters, along with annual reports among other documents.

Language: English

Repository: Bridgeport History Center

Biographical History:

Park City Hospital was founded in 1924, and closed in 1993. Located in downtown Bridgeport, founding Doctors John Formichella, Paul B. Hippolitus, Benjamin Marglia, Joseph Beaudry, Frederick Williams, and Dr. Emmanuel Brodsky foresaw that the central area of the city would continue to expand, and that the city needed at least one hospital that was not in the northern area of the city, allowing for better responses to emergencies and accidents. The Jewish Hospital Building Fund Association took over administration in 1927.

The original hospital building was in the mansion of Colonel Nathaniel Heft, built in 1889 from Heft's fortune in engineering - he installed the first electric street car system in the city. Like St. Vincent's and Bridgeport Hospital, the early days of Park City Hospital saw a mix of medicine and surgery performed in the building. The medical field was continuing to develop in the 1920s, and so having offices and general practice in addition to surgical rooms and other like services was still common.

Park City Hospital was accredited by the American Medical Association in April of 1942, and received full hospital accreditation by the Joint Commission on the Accreditation of Hospitals in 1951. The hospital benefitted from the work of a number of doctors in its history, with Drs. Milton Unger and Nathan Tolk among the most prominent.

By 1961, demand for beds and better facilities and the need to keep up with the city of Bridgeport's population as well as technological advances in medicine meant that Park City Hospital needed to expand and improve. This necessitated the demolition of the Heft mansion, replacing it with a more

modern facade. The new north wing was completed in 1966, the diagnostic wing in 1967, OB/GYN ward in 1970, pediatrics center in 1971, dental center in 1975, psychiatric services in 1976, and revamped ER room in 1978.

Fundraising for the hospital was primarily done by the Women's Auxiliary, later the Auxiliary of the Park City Hospital. They held events, annual dances, and other forms of outreach with the public and with donors to ensure the hospital continued to function. It also sponsored the hospital's gift shop.

In 1992, the Park City Hospital's administration voted to merge with Bridgeport Hospital due to financial troubles. A portion of these financial troubles were due to not having a teaching program, unlike St. Vincent's and Bridgeport Hospital. Medical staff and other employees were concerned regarding job security and loss of services to the community, especially as there were no other hospitals centrally located near the downtown area – one of the reasons Park City was begun in the first place. However, the merger went through and Park City Hospital began to shut down in phases starting in 1993, closing for good in 1996.

The building sat in disuse for a number of years. In 2010 the building reopened as The Eleanor and The Franklin, apartment complexes for low income senior citizens. The units have helped to replace the housing at Father Panik Village, another low-income housing area in the city that gained a reputation for violence in the 1970s and 1980s in Bridgeport.

Scope and Content note:

This collection primarily comprises of hospital publicity, both through the newspaper clippings series and the subject files relating to the hospital's Auxiliary. These files, along with the newsletters and annual reports help to demonstrate in brief the hospital's financial situation, the services provided, and the community impact that a centrally located hospital in downtown Bridgeport had. The publicity and advertisement series likewise helps to underscore this point.

Not present are extensive financial records or administrative files that provide day-to-day insights, or inside information regarding the merger with Bridgeport Hospital. The closest series that reflects this day in and day out element is series II, the patient registers, which includes names, ailments, and discharge information. Please note that the registers containing data from the 1950s are restricted for an additional 15 year (available in 2036) out of an abundance of caution for medical records for still living patients.

Arrangement Note:

Material has been placed into 9 series. Series I, annual reports are arranged chronologically. Series II, patient registers, are likewise chronological. Two volumes are restricted at this time. Series III, development and committees, is also arranged chronologically. Series IV, newsletters, has been arranged alphabetically by newsletter title. Series V, Auxiliary, contains subject files generated by the Auxiliary division of Park City Hospital, the organization's fundraising arm. Series VI contains clippings curated by the hospital itself, originally housed in binders and since removed. It is arranged chronologically.

Series VII, publicity and advertising, contains VHS tapes, cassettes, and reel to reel recordings meant to advertise the hospital and hospital fundraisers. Series VIII contains photographs, with exterior and interior images placed first, followed by staff, patients, and then events. Other

material, the final series, is arranged alphabetically by subject.

Administrative information:

Provenance: ????

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Names and Subject Tracings

Personal names

Unger, Milton

Tolk, Nathan

Corporate names

Park City Hospital

Subject tracings

Heft mansion (Bridgeport, Conn.)

Hospitals

Medicine

Fundraising

Detailed box/folder listing

Series I, Annual reports

Box 1

1. Annual report, 1970
2. Annual report, 1972
3. Annual report, 1974
4. Annual report, 1975
5. Annual report, 1976
6. Annual report, 1977
7. Annual report, 1978
8. Annual report, 1979
9. Annual report, 1991
10. Annual report, 1992

Series II, Patient registers

Box 7, Patient register, 1928-1934

Box 8, Patient register, 1942-1946

Box 9, Patient register, **RESTRICTED**, 1954-1957

Box 10, Patient register, **RESTRICTED**, 1957-1959

Series III, Development and committees

11. Facts about Park City Hospital
12. Emergency Room Development Committee, The Case for Expansion of the Emergency Room at Park City Hospital, c. 1976
13. Emergency Room Development Committee, newsletter article, 1976
14. Emergency Room Development Committee, correspondence, reports, studies, working papers, 1975
15. Emergency Room Development Committee, correspondence, reports, studies, working papers, 1976
16. Jewish Hospital Building Fund Association meeting minutes, 1926-1929 [copies]
Series, Newsletters

Series IV, Newsletters

17. PCH Journal, winter 1982
18. *Park City*, Summer 1982
19. *Park City*, Winter 1983
20. *Park City*, winter 1984
21. *Quarterly*, Fall 1977
22. *Focus*, 1987/1988
23. *The Industrial Medical Center Newsletter*, 1992
24. *News Rounds*, 1989/1990
25. *News Rounds*, 1991
26. *News Rounds*, 1992
27. *News Rounds*, 1993
28. *Pulse*, 1968
29. *Pulse*, 1969
30. *Pulse*, 1970
31. *Pulse*, 1971
32. *Park City Hospital Newsletter*, 1975
33. *Park City Hospital Newsletter*, 1976
34. *Spring Green*, 1980
35. *Statline*, 1973/1974
36. *Statline*, 1974
37. *Statline*, 1976
38. *Statline*, 1977
39. *Take One*, 1978
40. *Take One*, 1979
41. *Take One*, 1980
42. *Take One*, 1981
43. *Take One*, 1982
44. *Take One*, 1983
45. *Take One*, 1984
46. *Take One*, 1985
47. *Take One*, 1986
48. *Take One*, 1987
49. *Take One*, 1988
50. *Take One*, 1989

51. *Take One*, 1990
52. *Transition news*, 1992-1993

Series V, Auxiliary

53. Auxiliary ball, 1990
54. Auxiliary ball, 1991
55. Auxiliary ball, 1992
56. By-laws, 1989, undated
57. Auxiliary dances, 1987-1991
58. Auxiliary fundraisers, 1972-1991
59. Bed races [photographs], 1985
60. Bed races [photographs], 1986
61. Bed races [photographs], 1988-1989
62. Baum dedication, 1990
63. Baum reception, 1990
64. Clippings, 1956-1958
65. E.R. dedication, 1978
66. Jose Feliciano concert, 1992

Box 2

1. Financial statements, 1985
2. Financial statements, 1986
3. General file, 1983-1990
4. Historical data, 1926-1986
5. Milton Unger Conference Center dedication and memorial, 1991
6. New hospital dedication, 1958
7. 20th anniversary of OB/GYN department, 1991
8. Other auxiliary material, 1980s-1991
9. Other auxiliary material, 1980s-1991
10. 27th annual volunteer recognition program, 1989
11. 50th anniversary, 1974
12. 60th anniversary, 1984
13. Flyers and brochures, undated
14. Employee handbook, undated

Series VI, Clippings

15. Clippings, 1956-1960
16. Clippings, 1963-1964
17. Clippings, 1967, some 1971-1972
18. Clippings, 1969
19. Clippings, 1969
20. Clippings, 1970-1971
21. Clippings, 1970
22. Clippings, 1971

23. Clippings, 1971
24. Clippings, 1972-1976

Box 3

1. Clippings, 1972-1976
2. Clippings, 1973
3. Clippings, 1977-1979
4. Clippings, 1981-1982
5. Clippings, 1983
6. Clippings, 1984
7. Clippings, 1984
8. Clippings, 1985-1987
9. Clippings, 1985-1987
10. Clippings, 1987
11. Clippings, 1987
12. Clippings, 1987
13. Clippings, 1989
14. Clippings, 1989
15. Clippings, 1989
16. Clippings, 1990
17. Clippings, 1990

Series VII, Publicity and advertising

Box 5

1. Park City-Tolk agreement, 1943, Dec. 7
2. Park City Hospital Information Tape
3. VHS, Park City Hospital: Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow, 1990 version 1
4. VHS, Park City Hospital: Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow, 1990 version 2
5. VHS, Jose Feliciano WTNH 8 interview, 1992, January 9
6. VHS, Jose Feliciano Concert, Regina A. Quick Concert, Fairfield University, Jan. 11, 1992
7. VHS, Maternity Care
8. Gerald Weisman SICA lecture at Park City Hospital on cassette, October 28, 1992
9. Park City Hospital advertisement spot, cassette 1, undated
10. Park City Hospital advertisement spot, cassette 2, undated
11. Park City Hospital advertisement, reel to reel, undated
12. Park City Hospital advertisement, reel to reel, undated
13. Park City Hospital advertisement, reel to reel, undated
14. Ribbon for the New Park City Hospital building fund campaign, 1926
15. Historical data, 1974-1993
16. Flyers and brochures, 1990-1992

Series VIII, Photographs

Box 4

1. Original hospital exterior, 1936, undated
2. Hospital exterior, undated
3. Hospital exterior during OSHA training, 1992
4. Hospital campus, 1971, undated
5. Equipment and furniture, 1991, undated
6. Hospital staff, 1977, 1984, undated
7. Hospital staff, undated
8. Hospital staff and patients, undated
9. Dedication of maternity unit, August 1971
10. SICA lecture at Trumbull Marriott. 1991, Nov. 20
11. Medical staff awards, 1991
12. Jose Feliciano show, 1992, Jan. 11
13. Employee service dinner, 1992
14. Contact sheet for old Corbit's Studio photos, undated
15. Contemporary negatives of historic images by M. Kulscar imaging, undated

Box 6

1. Heft mansion exterior, undated
2. Hospital staff
3. Hospital staff and patients
4. Hospital staff and patients
5. Maternity ward dedication

Flat file D, drawer 5, folder 17 -Banquet photograph, Nov 11., 1953

Series IX, Other material

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Park City-Tolk agreement, 1943, Dec. 7

17.Flyers and brochures, 1990-1992

15.Ribbon for the New Park City Hospital building fund campaign, 1926

16.Historical data, 1974-1993