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Washington Woman's Club Honored during Chapel Dedication

(Washington, N.C.) – Beaufort County Medical Center recently honored the Washington Woman's Club at the dedication ceremony of its new Chapel in recognition of their many years of generous support.

The Washington Woman's Club, which formed in 1946, played an integral role in the life of the hospital for nearly the first 30 years of its operation. When the hospital opened in 1958, the Washington Woman's Club operated the Hospital Canteen. Available records from 1976 – 1987 show that the Club donated almost \$300,000 to the hospital during those years. These funds helped provide many things needed by the hospital including medical equipment, furnishings, nursing scholarships, and a Chapel.

The first chapel was established, furnished and maintained by the Club. As the hospital grew and space for services or offices was desperately needed, the Chapel was relocated many times. When the hospital expansion project was announced the Club members donated \$10,000 to help establish a Chapel that would stand for many years and would offer employees, patients, families and visitors a comfortable and nicely furnished Chapel in which to meditate, worship and pray.

"For almost 30 years it was the pleasure of the Washington Woman's Club to serve Beaufort County and Beaufort County Hospital in particular, through the operation of the Hospital Canteen. During this time our primary objective was the welfare of the patients and the hospital," said former Club member Eveyln Inabinett during the dedication ceremony.

During the ceremony, Bill Bedsole, Chief Executive Officer of Beaufort County Medical Center, offered special thanks to the Club members for the many years they gave of their time, resources and finances to support the hospital.

Club members present included Mrs. Inabinett, Amy Beck, Evelyn Brown, Ethel Schramm, and Doris Sparrow. Also in attendance were hospital volunteer Chaplains – Reverend Charlie Schwidde and Reverend Bob Paciocco.

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