

PHOTO: Emily Balch Soldiers' and Sailors' Memorial Hospital (1922).





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The Story of Speare Memorial Hospital



Fiscal year 2024 was a landmark year for Speare Memorial Hospital, marking 125 years of service dedicated to enhancing the health and well-being of our community. Our journey began in 1899 when medical care was rudimentary, and life expectancy hovered around 47 years. Yet, the people of this community shared a vision—a **place where neighbors could find skilled, compassionate care close to home**. That vision gave rise to Speare Memorial Hospital.

Over the decades, Speare has evolved alongside advancements in medicine and technology, from the discovery of antibiotics to the rise of telemedicine and AI-driven diagnostics. These innovations have reshaped healthcare, and Speare has ensured they reach our community.

In the past year, we've continued this tradition of innovation and service. Technology has played a key role, with upgrades like improved patient access to MedCheck Urgent Care by posting wait times online and introducing self-scheduling tools, putting convenience in the hands of those we serve. Our Care Compass program, which uses data to close care gaps for patients with chronic conditions, represents another leap forward in improving community health, and our enhanced patient portal simplifies communication and access to services.

But technology is only part of the story. This year, we expanded services to meet pressing needs, opening a new Weight Management & Wellness Center and launching Speare Podiatry to fill a critical gap in the region. Our second MedCheck Urgent Care center was opened in Meredith and has become a vital resource to residents and visitors.

The heart of Speare's story remains its people. From our providers who returned to restore cardiology services after a brief loss to the teams working tirelessly for our emergency department to achieve full accreditation as a Level IV Trauma Center, every milestone reflects their dedication. Efforts to enhance the patient experience, reduce readmissions, and tackle barriers to care reflect our focus on compassionate, whole-person health.

As we celebrate 125 years, we look to the future with optimism. Advances in telehealth and AI promise to reshape care, but our foundation will always be the human connection that defines healthcare. **Speare's story is one of resilience, innovation, and a commitment to the community.** Together, we honor the past and embrace the promise of tomorrow. Here's to the next chapter in our shared journey of progress and healing. ♦

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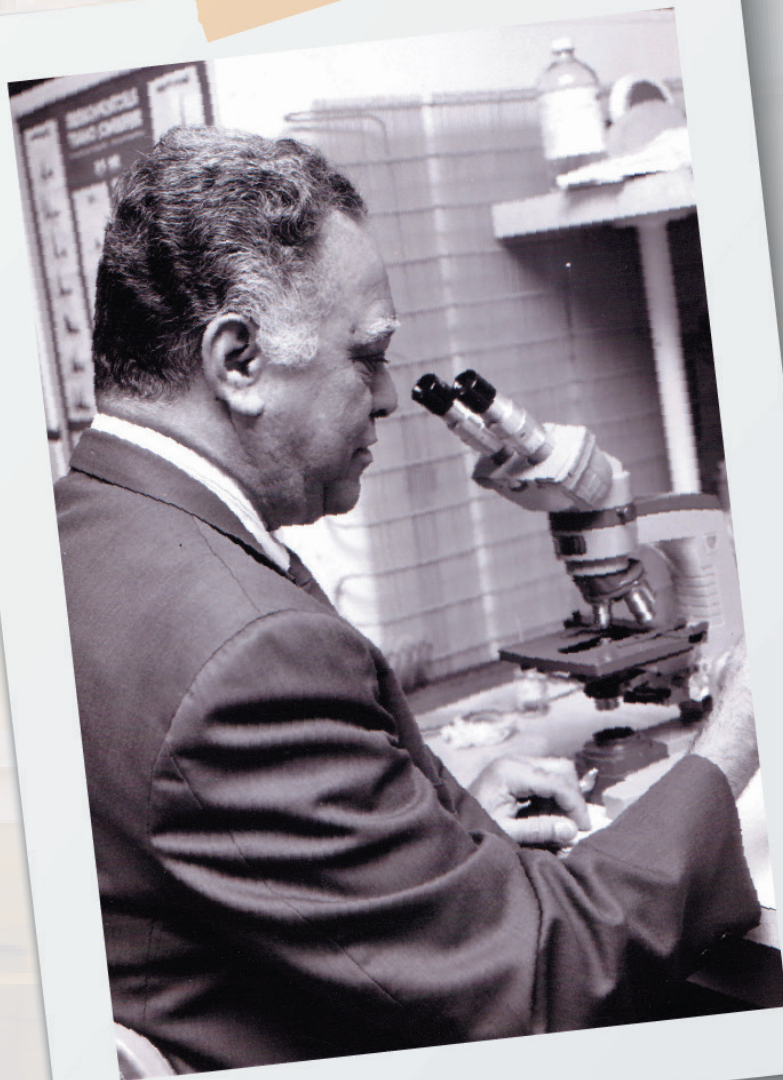
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THEN & NOW

SPEARE AT 125 YEARS.

CELEBRATING
125
YEARS



WHEN THE EMILY BALCH COTTAGE HOSPITAL opened its doors in Plymouth during the summer of 1899, the medical world was vastly different. Opium was used to treat coughs and diarrhea, cocaine relieved toothaches, and arsenic and mercury were prescribed for venereal diseases. Medicine has come a long way in the past century, and **Speare Memorial Hospital** and the medical staff have advanced along with science over the past 125 years!



Fighting Infection

Infection has always been a significant threat to human health. When the hospital first opened, disinfectants were limited to substances like chlorine and sulfur, as antibiotics had not yet been discovered. Penicillin's arrival in 1928 revolutionized treatment with an explosion of various antibiotics. Today, the pharmacists and staff at Speare actively engage in antibiotic stewardship, using the correct antibiotic for the correct infection and only for the correct length of time. This minimizes the development of antibiotic resistance, ensuring today's antibiotics will continue to be useful years from now. Innovative protocols, such as nurse-driven urinary catheter removal and advanced surgical sterilization techniques, have also contributed to historically low infection rates at Speare.

Advances in Surgery and Anesthesia

Early surgical patients relied on chloroform and ether for anesthesia. Today, Speare patients benefit from safer and more tailored options, such as regional nerve blocks that reduce the need for general anesthesia. These advances enhance patient safety and comfort, reflecting our commitment to excellence in surgical care.

Revolutionizing Diagnostics

In 1950, a state-of-the-art X-ray table could take basic images using film, but it required high radiation doses and manual adjustments. Since then, diagnostic technology has seen incredible progress. Speare's imaging modalities, like ultrasound, CT scans, and MRIs, provide detailed insights into the human body. Modern protocols minimize radiation exposure, and artificial intelligence aids in early cancer detection through mammography. Speare remains committed to cutting-edge diagnostic capabilities that prioritize patient safety and precision.



Evolving Cancer Treatment

In 1900, cancer treatment was limited to surgery, often performed on patients with advanced disease. By the mid-20th century, chemotherapy emerged, targeting cancer cells with increasing precision. Today, Speare's partnership with Dartmouth Cancer Center allows patients access to cutting-edge cancer treatments closer to home at our oncology clinic, offering better outcomes with fewer side effects.

Transforming Medical Records

For most of Speare's history, medical records were handwritten, leading to challenges with legibility and efficiency – imagine having to decipher a doctor's handwriting! The last 20 years have ushered in the era of electronic health records (EHR), revolutionizing patient care. Speare's EHR system gives clinicians real-time insights, allowing early intervention for critically ill patients. Through our patient portal, patients can take an active role in managing their health, while future population health initiatives will focus on preventive care, addressing community-wide health challenges, and improving overall well-being.

A Diverse & Dynamic Medical Staff

In its early years, Speare's medical staff consisted of male general practitioners. Today, women make up 42% of the medical staff at Speare and lead in many key areas. Speare also boasts specialists across several medical disciplines, from anesthesia to weight management. Advanced practice providers, such as nurse practitioners and physician assistants, play a vital role in delivering high-quality care, especially in rural areas like central New Hampshire.

Looking Ahead

Speare's history is a testament to innovation and resilience. From the introduction of minimally invasive surgeries to advancements in diagnostic imaging, electronic records, and a dedicated, diverse workforce, Speare is well-equipped to continue serving the region for decades to come. ♦

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JOSEPH EBNER, MD
Chief Medical Officer





WEIGHT & WELLNESS

**TERRI'S JOURNEY OF
TRANSFORMATION.**

PHOTO (L-R) (BACK): James Koren Jr., MD; Tammy Belyea, MA; Kathleen Hayward RDN, LD; Max Walker, CSCS;
(FRONT): Jessica Thongparn RDN, LD; Beth Jolles; Jennifer Bentwood, MD; and Ellie Harrington, ACSM-EP.



FOR TERRI CONVERY of Sanborn-ton, weight has been a lifelong struggle. "I'm from a family of five girls, and I was known as the fat sister all my life," she says. While this label weighed on her emotionally, it wasn't until retirement that she decided she had enough. "I was tired of being tired, my joints aching, gaining weight every year, and missing out on life," she says. Determined to make a change, Terri joined Speare's new Weight Management & Wellness Center (WMWC)—a decision she calls life-changing.

Referred by her primary care physician, Terri was drawn to the WMWC's comprehensive approach—**combining weight loss medication, personalized nutrition, and fitness support under one roof.**

"I was excited that this is an all-inclusive weight loss team, and I wasn't on my own," she says. Meeting with Dr. Jennifer Bentwood of the medication-assisted weight loss program, Terri received a structured plan, including regular visits, nutrition counseling, and exercise routines tailored for her. "I've tried so many approaches before, but this felt different," says Terri.

Since starting, Terri has dropped multiple clothing sizes – but more importantly, she's regained confidence and energy. Weekly talks with nutritionist Jessica Thongparn keep her motivated, while exercise

"Now, I never miss a class because it makes me feel amazing."

specialists Ellie Harrington and Max Walker at Speare's medical fitness gym, RehabFit, make exercise fun. "Motion is Lotion" was her first-ever fitness class, where she found a welcoming community of peers. "Everyone was my age or older, and they were so encouraging," she says. Within a month, her fitness level improved significantly. "Now, I never miss a class because it makes me feel amazing."

The transformation hasn't just been physical. Terri's confidence

has soared, and she's rediscovered activities she loves. Only a couple months into the program, Terri was hiking with her partner, Dave. "For the first time, he asked me to slow down – I've never walked faster than him – but I no longer have to stop to catch my breath," she laughs. She's also back to kayaking without struggling to get in and out of the boat.

"I am so surprised by my weight loss and how easy this has been," says Terri. "The entire WMWC team wants nothing more than to see me succeed. I'm the one who has to do the work, but I'm finding that this time, with the correct medication, all the new knowledge about what I should be consuming for meals and water intake, and walking more each week, it's not so hard to do." Terri finds it liberating to no longer focus on her next meal or add larger sizes to her closet.

When asked what she'd say to others considering the program, Terri doesn't hesitate. "If this program can help me at 67 after a lifetime of struggle, it can help anyone. Within only a few weeks, I felt like a million bucks. The best is yet to come!" ♦



NEW PROVIDERS

A HISTORY OF CARING.

CELEBRATING
125
YEARS



PHOTO (FRONT L-R): Alida Baker, dietitian; Polly Hunt, administrator; and Stella Gove, RN, director of nursing; **(MIDDLE L-R):** Ivalee Davis, laboratory technician; Charlotte Bulger, X-ray technician; Lorraine Stevens, RN; Irma Cote, RN; Marion Biddiscome, RN; **(BACK L-R):** Victoria Samaha, admitting officer; Doris Speed, accountant; Ruth Wiles, medical records; Hubert O'Donnell; Lurlene Brooks; Hattie Ford; and Arlene Reed. (1950)



**Michelle Gaier-Rush, MD**

Sleep Medicine

With nearly 30 years of medical experience caring for patients at Speare and throughout the Lakes Region, Dr. Gaier-Rush is a board-certified sleep medicine expert who is highly experienced at diagnosing and treating all types of sleep disorders like sleep apnea, insomnia, narcolepsy, and restless leg syndrome. She earned her medical degree at the University of Miami School of Medicine and completed her residency at the University of Maryland Medical Systems in Baltimore.

**Rebecca Leavitt, MD**

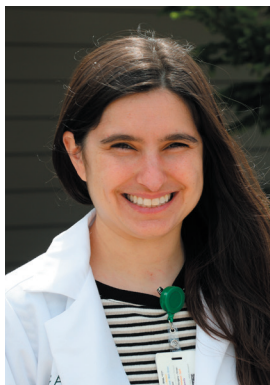
Speare Emergency Department

Dr. Leavitt provides expert emergency care at Speare's emergency department. She earned her medical degree from the University of Galway School of Medicine in Ireland and completed her residency in family and emergency medicine at the University of Louisville in Kentucky. Board-certified by the American Board of Family Medicine, she delivers high-quality, compassionate care in fast-paced emergency settings.

**Alice Rocke, MD**

Plymouth General Surgery

Board-certified by the American Board of Surgery, Dr. Rocke has more than thirty years of experience as a highly skilled surgeon with vast clinical knowledge. She earned her medical degree from the Medical College of Wisconsin and completed her residency in general surgery at Western Pennsylvania Hospital. She is committed to providing high-quality patient care with outstanding surgical outcomes.

**Nicole Wrobel, APRN**

Speare Primary Care

Nicole earned her bachelor's degree in nursing, Summa Cum Laude, from Granite State College and her master's degree in nursing from UNH in the primary care family nurse practitioner program. She is board-certified by the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners. Prior to joining Speare, Nicole worked in various healthcare settings, caring for people of all ages in Maine and New Hampshire.

Speare Memorial Hospital welcomed several new providers in fiscal year 2024, expanding access to quality care for our community. Their expertise enhances our services in primary care, sleep medicine, general surgery, and emergency medicine, ensuring you receive exceptional, compassionate healthcare close to home.



Michael Somma's Journey to Pain-Free Living

How Speare Memorial Hospital and Concord Orthopaedics make the difference.

AT 71 YEARS OLD, CAMPTON resident Michael Somma is living proof that staying active and aging gracefully can go hand in hand – especially with the right medical care. A lifelong lover of sports, Michael spent years playing basketball, officiating games, and skiing professionally. But as time marched on, his passion for movement began to clash with the realities of aging.

"In the summer of 2023, my knee got to the point where it was preventing me from doing things I loved, like golfing, biking, or even taking a nice long walk," Michael says. "Then, this past summer, it was my shoulder that started to hurt and hold me back."

Fortunately, Speare Memorial Hospital and Concord Orthopaedics were ready to step in. A few years ago, **Speare and Concord Orthopaedics** formed a partnership so that people in central New Hampshire no longer need to travel for specialized orthopedic care. Concord Orthopaedics physicians see patients at **Plymouth Orthopedics & Sports Medicine** and perform surgery at Speare.

Michael first met **Dr. Sean Burns**, a Concord Orthopaedics total joint specialist, at Speare when he needed a left total knee replacement in October 2023. "I did a little research and found that Dr. Burns came highly recommended. I couldn't be more pleased," Michael says. "He was professional, attentive to my needs, and very informative about the procedure; on top of that, he and the Speare staff were just *nice people*."

A total knee replacement involves replacing a damaged knee joint with prosthetic components. It is one of the most highly effective, cost-efficient, and consistently successful surgical procedures in orthopedics and is often considered when conservative treatments like medications, physical therapy, or injections have not been effective.

What Michael didn't expect was just how smooth the process would be. "Honestly, I was prepared for the worst, but I never really had much pain at all after the surgery. It was very manageable. **I'm not sure why anyone would hesitate to get a knee replacement,**" he says.





“We’re very fortunate to have this hospital in our community.”

Fast-forward to fall 2024, when Michael’s shoulder needed attention. Once again, Concord Orthopaedics at Speare proved to be the right choice. Michael met with **Dr. Christian Vorys**, a Concord Orthopaedics sports medicine specialist at Speare, who guided him through the decision to undergo shoulder replacement surgery.



Shoulder replacement surgery is a highly successful procedure for reducing pain and restoring the ability to move without pain. Like knee replacement, the damaged parts of the shoulder joint are replaced with artificial implants.

“As with Dr. Burns, Dr. Vorys was professional, attentive, and just a good guy. He gave me confidence, which made all the difference,” Michael says. “The first few days after

the shoulder surgery were a bit harder than the knee, but the pain was still very manageable.”

Within a few weeks following the surgery, Michael was thrilled with his progress. “The recovery has been great,” he says.

Through both surgeries, Michael found comfort in the proximity and personalized care at Speare. “The ease of going to Speare instead of traveling to Concord was a big plus for my wife and me,” he noted.

Michael also credits the rehabilitation team at Speare for helping him regain his strength and mobility. “A key part of a successful replacement surgery is having proper physical therapy. I worked with Mike Petrizzo at RehabFit for my knee and my shoulder. He’s the best in getting you back to doing the things you love.”



And through it all, Michael emphasizes his wife Cheryl’s role in his recovery. “No recovery is possible without support at home,” he says. “Her help, patience, and encouragement helped me to recover successfully.”

With two successful surgeries behind him, Michael is back to looking ahead, pain-free, and ready for his next adventure. “Thank God that medicine has developed so much that they can replace parts, and I can lead an active, pain-free life again,” he says with gratitude. ♦

PHOTO (L): Michael Somma; Dr. Sean Burns;
(R): Dr. Christian Vorys.



125 YEARS OF CARE

**FROM COTTAGE
HOSPITAL TO MODERN
MEDICAL CARE.**

1899

Emily Balch Cottage Hospital opens

Our doors first opened in 1899 as the Emily Balch Cottage Hospital, a humble yet vital institution named in honor of Emily Balch, the mother of Catherine Holmes Balch of Holderness. Catherine was one of the thirteen dedicated individuals who came together with a shared vision to establish a place of healing for the community. At a time when medical care was often difficult to access in rural areas, this small hospital represented hope and progress. With just \$700—an amount that, though modest by today's standards, required significant effort and generosity to raise—the doors of the first community hospital swung open, laying the foundation for what would become a century-spanning legacy of care and service.

1920

Hospital rebuilt after a devastating fire

In 1920, following a devastating fire that consumed the original building, the hospital was rebuilt at a new location, ensuring that the community would not be left without essential medical care. This reconstruction marked a pivotal moment in the hospital's history, demonstrating the resilience and commitment of those dedicated to its mission.

Despite the challenges of rebuilding, the new facility provided an opportunity for growth, allowing for expanded services and improved patient care.

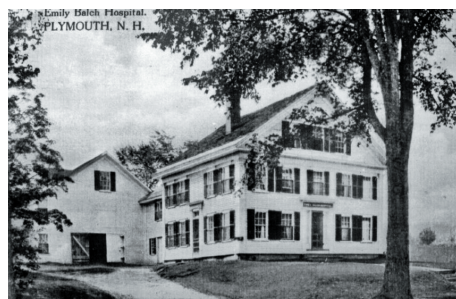


PHOTO (L): Original site of the Emily Balch Cottage Hospital (c.1899); **(R):** Building Committee for the new hospital (c.1951): Rev. Adrien Verrette; Watson Rand; Solomon Steinman; Ernest L. Silver; and W. Carleton Adams.

1940

Sceva Speare makes his matching donation

In 1940, Mr. Sceva Speare, a prominent banker from Nashua, made a \$50,000 challenge to the community to match a donation from him to build a new hospital. It took nine years to raise the needed funds, but on October 17, 1949, construction began at the hospital's current location with a final cost of \$523,400. The new hospital was dedicated on May 2, 1951.

1985-2006

Speare Memorial Hospital makes major renovations

In 1985, the hospital underwent a major renovation adding 10,000 square feet and new equipment at a cost of \$2.1 million. In addition to improvements to nearly every department, the hospital added an intensive care unit to help individuals recovering from critical illness and 1989 brought the addition of a new operating suite. The emergency department and outpatient areas were renovated and expanded in 1996, through substantial support from the Rooke Family. The medical-surgical and obstetrics units were renovated in 1998.

Just two years after breaking ground on its next \$15 million renovation and expansion project, the Plymouth community celebrated the hospital's grand reopening on November 5, 2006.

2010-TODAY

Speare opens over five new facilities and centers

In January 2010 the medical office building on the hospital campus was moved into a new facility—Speare Memorial at Boulder Point. Later that year, Speare added a new service line—the Sleep Lab.

The Wound Care & Hyperbaric Medicine Center was introduced in 2014 followed by the Weight Loss Surgery Center in 2019 and the Acid Reflux & Heartburn Center in 2020.

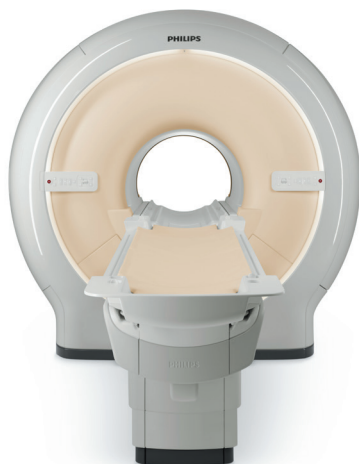
Today, Speare Memorial Hospital is a 21st century, state-of-the-art critical access hospital located in the heart of New Hampshire between the scenic Lakes Region and the White Mountain National Forest that stands ready to be your resource center for health and wellness across the spectrum of life.



PHOTO (L): Portrait of Sceva Speare; **(C):** Speare's modern surgical suite; **(R):** Speare Memorial Hospital at Boulder Point (February 2024).



ADVANCING PATIENT CARE WITH



CUTTING-EDGE MRI TECHNOLOGY

FOR 125 YEARS, Speare Memorial Hospital has embraced innovation to better serve central New Hampshire. One of the most significant advancements is the addition of the Philips Ingenia 1.5T Wide-Bore MRI, an advanced imaging system that enhances both diagnostic accuracy and patient comfort.

Radiology is a cornerstone of modern medicine, critical in diagnosing conditions, monitoring treatment progress, and guiding care decisions. Speare's nationally accredited radiology department offers a full spectrum of imaging services, including MRIs, CT scans, mammography, ultrasound, X-rays, and bone density testing. Our investment in the wide-bore MRI further strengthens our ability to provide exceptional imaging services to the community.

Unlike traditional MRI machines, the wide-bore MRI features a 70cm opening, offering nearly a foot of extra space inside the scanner. This reduces anxiety and claustrophobia, creating a more comfortable experience – especially for individuals with mobility challenges and those who may feel uneasy in confined spaces.

"This new MRI system represents a significant leap forward for our imaging services," says Linda Nestor, director of imaging, cardiopulmonary, and sleep lab services at Speare. **"It not only improves patient comfort but also produces exceptionally clear, high-resolution images that enhance diagnostic accuracy."**

With a 450-pound weight capacity, the system accommodates a range of patients while providing high-quality imaging across various specialties, including neurology, orthopedics, cardiology, and oncology.

"Speare's investment in this technology reflects our ongoing mission to provide the best care possible to our community," says Linda. "We are proud to

offer this advanced service, ensuring that patients no longer have to travel long distances for top-tier imaging."

As we look toward the future, Speare Memorial Hospital remains dedicated to adopting technologies that improve patient experiences and outcomes. The addition of the wide-bore MRI is just one example of how we are building on our legacy of exceptional care—125 years strong. ♦



Speare's MRI is equipped with state-of-the-art digital broadband technology, **which speeds up scans while maintaining superior image quality.**

- ✓ **Faster exam times**, with standard scans completed in under 8 minutes.
- ✓ **Sharper, more detailed images** for improved detection of medical conditions.
- ✓ **Seamless integration with Speare's electronic health records**, ensuring fast access to results for Speare providers and patients.



Enhancing Emergency Care with **Adult & Pediatric Level IV** Trauma Designation

Speare remains steadfast in its commitment to excellence, innovation, and compassionate care.

PHOTO (L-R): Deb Mallett, BSN; Deb Thompson, BSN; Andrew Seefeld, MD, director of trauma services; Hillary Moore, BSN; and Jeffrey Dropkin, RP, trauma team coordinator.

Speare Memorial Hospital has achieved another significant milestone in our commitment to exceptional care – official designation as an Adult & Pediatric Level IV Trauma Center by the New Hampshire Department of Safety. This recognition reflects our readiness to provide life-saving emergency care to patients of all ages during their most critical moments.

A Level IV Trauma Center ensures that patients suffering from serious injuries—whether from motor vehicle accidents, falls, or other emergencies—receive rapid evaluation, stabilization, and treatment close to home. This designation affirms that Speare's emergency department is fully equipped with the expertise, resources, and protocols necessary to deliver high-quality trauma care and facilitate seamless transfers to high-level trauma centers when needed.

"This validation demonstrates our hospital's readiness and commitment

to providing exceptional trauma care," says Dr. Andrew Seefeld, chief of emergency medicine and director of trauma services at Speare. "Our team has worked diligently to meet the rigorous standards required for this designation, ensuring that every trauma patient receives timely, expert care."

To further enhance trauma care and patient outcomes, Speare has established a Trauma Performance Improvement and Patient Safety Committee and actively participates in the New Hampshire Trauma Registry. These initiatives drive continuous quality improvement, ensuring our trauma care remains aligned with the latest best practices.

This Level IV designation reflects Speare's dedication to exceeding standards in trauma care and ensuring that patients in central New Hampshire receive the highest quality care available. It is yet another way we honor our 125-year legacy of serving the community with excellence, compassion, and innovation. ♦



COMMUNITY BENEFIT.

PHOTO: Sceva Speare Memorial Hospital dedication ceremony, invocation by Rev. H. C. Taylor of Campton (May 2, 1951).

Speare has provided the following to help our community achieve optimal health in FY24:



\$5 million in total financial assistance & community benefit



\$3.5 million in unreimbursed government sponsored healthcare services



\$523,325 in financial contributions to support local programs addressing key needs identified in the community health needs assessment like substance abuse, domestic violence, childhood trauma, and affordable food



\$465,032 in free & discounted health care services/charity care



\$467,064 in subsidized health services like Speare's Primary Care Clinic, School Dental Program, mammography & cervical screenings, and financial counseling



1,164
Patient Admissions



2,345
Surgical Procedures



70,044
Ambulatory Visits



12,945
Emergency
Department Visits



40,069
Outpatient Visits, Including
Oncology, Lab, & Radiology

*Speare Primary Care,
Plymouth Pediatric &
Adolescent Medicine,
Plymouth General
Surgery, and MedCheck
Urgent Care*

FINANCE

FY24 IN REVIEW.

Below is a brief summary of Speare Memorial Hospital's financial reports for Fiscal Year 2024. The report provides an overview of the hospital's revenue, expenses, and overall financial performance.



Joseph Caristi,
MHSE, LSSBB

Chief Finance Officer

Summary of Patient Services FY24 Volume Statistics

SERVICE AREA:

Emergency Room visits	12,945
MedCheck Urgent Care visits	16,513
Surgical Services patients	2,345
Physical and Occupational Therapy treatments	28,615
Laboratory tests	144,883
Radiology exams	25,341
Oncology treatments	3,746
Total observation days	1,447
Total inpatient days	3,307

Statement of Operations For Fiscal Year 2024

REVENUES:

Total net revenue from operations	\$ 80,658,354
Impact of government reimbursement for uncompensated care	\$ 3,586,789

OPERATING EXPENSES:

Wages, contract staff, and physician fees	\$ 41,374,743
Employee benefits	\$ 8,227,881
Supplies, utilities, insurance, and other expenses	\$ 26,062,727
Medicaid enhancement tax	\$ 3,265,497
Depreciation, amortization, and interest on debt	\$ 4,708,805
Total operating expenses	\$ 83,639,653

Net income from operations	\$ (2,981,299)
Non-operating income	\$ 3,358,788
Increase in net assets	\$ 590,303

Balance Sheet

ASSETS:

Current assets	\$ 31,779,253
Other assets	\$ 2,081,613
Assets limited as to use	\$ 29,570,807
Net property and equipment	\$ 28,410,594
Total assets	\$ 91,842,267

LIABILITIES:

Current liabilities	\$ 15,670,311
Noncurrent liabilities	\$ 12,239,580
Total liabilities	\$ 27,909,891

NET ASSETS:	\$ 63,932,376
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Total liabilities and assets	\$ 91,842,267
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GIVING

The Power of Gratitude:

Honoring those who choose to **give back.**

MISS HELEN CLARK, born in 1849, devoted her life to caring for her mother at their family homestead in Plymouth, staying by her side until her mother's passing at 94. Known for her quiet generosity, Helen warmly welcomed former Plymouth residents returning to the area, offering them kindness and hospitality.

Her generosity lived on even after her death. In her will, Helen included a bequest to Speare Memorial Hospital – a gift that became crucial when a devastating fire destroyed the hospital just a year after her passing in 1915. This

donation provided the essential funds needed to rebuild, ensuring the community continued to receive compassionate healthcare. Helen's foresight and generosity

With heartfelt gratitude, we recognize those who have generously supported Speare Memorial Hospital in FY24 in the following pages. **Your generosity ensures a healthier future for our community.**

continue to impact our legacy 125 years later.

Like Helen's giving spirit, many others have followed in her footsteps, including Speare Memorial Hospital in their estate plans. These planned gifts – large and small—help fund new programs, expand healthcare services, invest in medical equipment, and, as Helen's bequest once did, create new facilities to serve our community.

Every patient we care for at Speare is part of our extended family. We are deeply moved when those who have experienced exceptional care choose to give back. **These generous contributions—no matter the size—allow us to enhance our services, invest in cutting-edge technology, and uphold our commitment to compassionate, high-quality care close to home.** Each gift is a testament to the trust our patients place in us and a reminder of the profound impact of giving. ♦





Thank you to the generous donors who choose to support Speare Memorial Hospital's mission to work together to serve the needs of our patients and community!

The following list represents donors who gave in fiscal year 2024. If you would like to make a donation to Speare Memorial Hospital, please go to spearehospital.com/donate/make-a-secure-online-donation or scan the QR code.

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