

For 100 Years, The Miriam Has Been Our Hospital

For nearly a century, thanks to the generosity of our community and the consistently incredible work of generations of team members who have walked these floors, The Miriam has proudly served as Rhode Island's hospital of choice. Over the course of our history, from our earliest beginnings on Parade Street in 1926 to our current location on Summit Avenue, The Miriam has made the most of every resource at its disposal in order to navigate complexities in the healthcare system and deliver high-quality, dignified, personalized care to individuals and families across the Ocean State and around the region.

Our track record of success speaks for itself. For 13 consecutive years, The Miriam has ranked as the top hospital in Rhode Island. We are one of just four hospitals in the world to have earned Magnet designation—the gold standard for excellence in nursing—seven consecutive times.

We are a team of more than 2,800 passionate individuals, and we're proud of our work. But we also know there is room for improvement. As demand for emergency care surges, our lobbies have become unsustainably crowded and our wait times unacceptably long. Our infrastructure, while rich in history, is outdated and falling short of modern patients' expectations. We need new equipment. We need more space. To put it simply: It's time for The Miriam's next chapter, and we have a plan in place to write it.

Looking ahead to our centennial anniversary in 2026, our focus is on our future—and that future is bright. We are embarking on a long-term, meticulously mapped-out construction and renovation project that will pave the way for The Miriam's next chapter and transform the future of care for our community. This endeavor is about much more than new patient rooms or a refreshed, modernized lobby. It's about honoring our history, celebrating our mission, and carrying on the standard of success for which The Miriam has been known for decades.

As we call on our community's support to bring this vision to life, I have often thought of the pioneers who came before me. Of those founding women, going door-to-door to raise money to build a hospital that would provide care for the underserved Jewish community. Of past hospital Presidents, Trustees, our amazingly compassionate and competent staff, who changed the future of the way we deliver care, and of the multiple generations of families who have steadfastly supported and strengthened our hospital through their generosity.

This is why The Miriam Hospital Centennial Campaign is so important to me, not only as the President of the hospital, but as a member of this vibrant community. Because the success of The Miriam belongs to all of us. It belongs to the healthcare professionals who have dedicated their careers—their days, nights, and weekends—to making a difference. It belongs to our patients and their families, who walk through our doors every day and present The Miriam with the indescribably invaluable gift that is their trust.

And it belongs to you, our donors, whose unwavering support ever since our founders first started collecting coins in their pushke boxes has helped build the hospital Rhode Islanders know and trust today.

As I have been since I first joined the nursing staff at The Miriam more than 37 years ago, I am honored to be a part of this institution's storied history. More importantly, I am proud to work alongside our community as we build its future. On behalf of our entire team, we thank you for your support in advancing our mission of inspiring one another to improve the health and spirit of the lives we touch.

With your help, The Miriam is ready for its next 100 years.

Thank you,



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