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*The
Illinois
Masonic
Hospital*

Dedicated to the Service of Mankind

Above the entrance doors to the Illinois Masonic Hospital are graven these words: "Dedicated to the service of Mankind." Beyond those doors is a great staff of people—physicians, surgeons, nurses, technicians, specialists, aides and helpers who day and night in sympathetic and skillful care reveal their devotion to that dedication. And back of them are all of the Masonic bodies of Cook County, giving as they are able, to support and expand the same dedication.

But with all that has been done the urgent need for merciful and charitable service has outgrown the facilities of this hospital. Daily, scores of desperately ill patients must be denied admittance. In such situations the suffering, disappointment and pain of those who need but can not obtain our help troubles us. The purpose of this booklet is to invite investigation of this institution by anyone who, made aware of the tragic need, might wish to aid in any amount, great or small, to provide, now or tomorrow, for the new building and new equipment which are so vitally necessary.

Illinois Masonic Hospital is a non-profit corporation. It is debt free. Every contribution, large or small, is used in full to serve and heal the sick.



Tender, patient care and attention relieves the pain and brightens the days of the aged. Hundreds are now turned away because there is no room for them.



In the sundown of life the joy of not being forgotten is nearly all the happiness these sufferers can know. Help us give it to more of them.

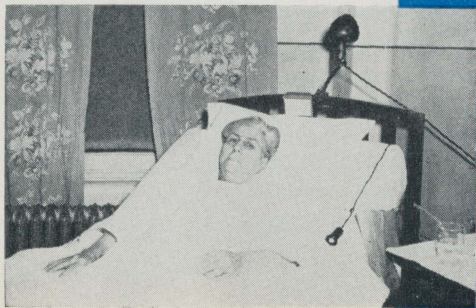


There is another class of needy ones whose numbers increase yearly. In many ways they are the most pathetic of all. They are the aged who suffer from chronic and incurable afflictions. Modern medical science has lengthened the average life from less than forty years to more than sixty. Therefore we have more elderly people and a great many more chronic and incurable cases than formerly.

Competent care for all these unfortunates is not possible with today's facilities. More space for them is urgently needed. We know of no better objective for those who wish to perform a service of enduring good, either by a donation now or by a bequest for the future. The endowment of any additional facilities of any size will be an immediate boon to those waiting for care, and a monument forever to the donor.



An endowment covering
a ward, a room, or even
a single bed will honor
the donor so long as
the hospital stands.

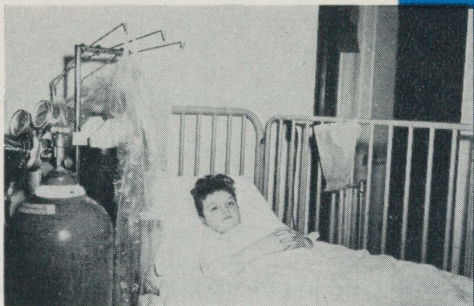


Endowment can be ar-
ranged for now or made
a clause in the donor's
will.

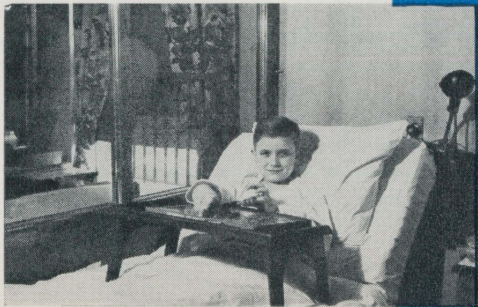


Like every other worthy institution of its kind Illinois Masonic Hospital is a fortress in the front line of the defense against the attacks of disease, accident and disaster. Its staff is large and competent. It has the know how; and it could do a great deal more. The limitations are not in the fields of willingness nor ability, but in lack of space and equipment. These are vital weapons of defense.

The hospital urgently needs more wards, more private and semi-private rooms, new equipment and facilities, a new Chronic Disease building, help in completing the new Nurses' Home. The list of the aged needing and awaiting care lengthens month by month. Helping to provide facilities for this worthy project is truly as splendid an opportunity for service to suffering humanity as any great-hearted person can hope to find.



Many of the screened beds seen in our halls contain children. It's hard to refuse a sick child and often there is no other space. Frequently not even this.



What greater service can there be than mending the spirit and pain-wracked body of a child?



It is a shattering thing to be sick and in need of help and to know help is available only a short distance away—if one could pay for it. Many can't pay. Therefore Illinois Masonic Hospital maintains a free clinic and dispensary for as many as it can take. These patients receive the same care and treatment, from the same physicians and surgeons, as those who can pay.

We believe that by helping these people we aid not only them but also the entire community. This Hospital wishes to do a great deal more of this work and there is much to be done. Again, the only bar is lack of space and facilities—not willingness, desire or ability. The poor are a part of the mankind we are dedicated to serve and through our work with them we know there is no place where any bequest, large or small, will yield richer rewards of happiness.

Daily this hospital receives appeals for help, on behalf of those unable to pay, from many sources. Clergymen, social workers, relief organizations, individuals; all these come to us for help for someone. We do all we can to the limit of our space and facilities. We are proud of our ability to aid and are therefore made glad over the receipt of letters such as these:

"Words are inadequate in conveying thanks to you and your fine staff of doctors and nurses who did everything possible to make comfortable in the last days of his life."

"I desire to express my sincere thanks for the wonderful service and treatment rendered me during my stay at the hospital."

"Due to the wonderful treatments given by the Illinois Masonic Hospital a mother has been reunited with her family and is well on the way to complete recovery."



Illinois Masonic Hospital Association is a non-profit organization operating without restrictions as to race, creed or color, for charitable purposes under its dedication to the service of mankind. As evidence of the scope of this service we are pleased to present here a record of the hospital for the twelve months of 1951:

<i>Total number of free patients in the hospital</i>	413
<i>Total number of days of free service</i>	5,274
<i>Total value of all free service by hospital and clinic for 1951</i>	\$158,181.32

HOW YOU CAN HELP THIS WORTHY WORK

YOU can help us build the new *CHRONIC DISEASE HOSPITAL*. \$1,000 to \$5,000 will endow a room; \$50,000 will provide a floor in your name.

YOU can endow space in the new *NURSES' HOME*. A room for \$1,000 to \$5,000; an entire floor in your name for \$25,000.

HERE ARE TYPICAL FORMS OF ENDOWMENT:

Form of Bequest

I give and bequeath to ILLINOIS MASONIC HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION, Chicago, Illinois, a corporation organized not for profit under the Laws of the State of Illinois, for its corporate purposes, the sum of \$.....

I give, devise and bequeath to the ILLINOIS MASONIC HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION, a charitable corporation, not for profit, located in Chicago, Illinois, the sum of \$....., to be used exclusively for Charitable Purposes.

Form of Devise (Real Property)

I give and Devise to ILLINOIS MASONIC HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION, Chicago, Illinois, a corporation organized not for profit under the Laws of the State of Illinois, for its corporate purposes, all that, etc. (Here describe the property.)

You may also name ILLINOIS MASONIC HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION as Contingent Beneficiary in the event there may be no surviving heirs.

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