

## **The History of Workmen's Circle MultiCare Center**

*The Workmen's Circle Fraternal Organization was founded in the 1900's by a small group of Jewish immigrants from Eastern Europe, known as the pioneers of the labor union movement. As a fraternal organization, the Workmen's Circle offered an insurance benefit to members for funeral and burial expenses.*

*On November 4, 1951, The Workmen's Circle Home officially opened its doors to its first 54 residents. The Home was created by and for the members of the Workmen's Circle Organization who had the foresight to work towards their needs as they aged and to preserve their culture and traditions.*

*In 1951, the Workmen's Circle Home was a five-story brick building occupying a small portion of the land on which it was built. Facilities of the Home included a main dining room, auditorium, barbershop, library, sitting rooms, synagogue, laboratory and doctors offices. The Home offered classes, concerts and reading groups. Within a short time, it served about 220 residents who chose to spend their retirement years in an environment which reflected the values and philosophies of the Workmen's Circle Organization.*

*In 1961 the Home expanded. The south wing, a seven-story structure was added on and the building occupied the entire length of the city block on which it was built. This part of the wing served members who required nursing care to administer medications and assist with activities of daily living. This expansion led the Home to serve 482 residents.*

*With a high demand for beds, in 1982, the facility went on to open the George Meany Wing. This area was dedicated to the Skilled Nursing Facility providing around the clock licensed nurses and nurse's aides as well as a full medical department with physician services to all residents of the Home. From here on out, the Home increased more and more as the demand for more beds continued. In 1985 the census capacity increased by 16 beds for a total of 498.*

*Doctor's offices, a new radiology suite, a dental office, an expanded rehabilitation suite and a new medical records office were all moved to the new pavilion.*

*Since its inception in 1951 until now, the Workmen's Circle MultiCare Center has expanded and continues to grow. From the original 54 residents in 1951, the Home now has the capacity to fill 524 beds. The Home opened its doors to residents of all ethnic backgrounds. As the residents' needs increased, the Home expanded the scope of its medical, nursing, rehabilitation and other services.*

*In 2000, the Workmen's Circle MultiCare Center began an extensive 74 Million Dollar renovation project. Our beautifully modernized facility includes a comprehensive sub-acute floor, state of the art rehabilitation center, and dedicated resident and family rooms. The Workmen's Circle MultiCare Center is continuing to plan for the future in order to best meet the needs of our community.*