For 100 years, Maryland's medically vulnerable children have been treated, nurtured and healed at Baltimore's Mt. Washington Pediatric Hospital (MWPH). Thanks to a special joint partnership between the University of Maryland Medical System (UMMS) and Johns Hopkins Medicine (JHM), the care at MWPH is set to continue into its second century.

MWPH was founded in 1922 as Happy Hills Convalescent Home for Children, by Hortense Kahn Eliasberg, who sought to open a home where children could safely recover from illness and surgery. The hospital now treats more than 8,500 patients each year, helping them to heal, grow, and learn the skills that lead to happier, more independent lives.

MWPH is a jointly owned affiliate of the University of Maryland Medical System (UMMS) and Johns Hopkins Medicine (JHM). There is no other hospital in the country with this type of ownership. Two world-class academic medical centers came together in 2006 to create a shared ownership model for the benefit of our region's children. As stated in a *Baltimore Sun* article at the time, "Mt. Washington is an essential component of any full-delivery system for children," and the shared ownership was understood as "a way to guarantee its existence for the state of Maryland." With a wide variety of complex medical needs, the young patients are fortunate to receive excellent coordinated medical care as they transition from acute care to specialty care to their homes and communities.

We encourage you to <u>learn more about MWPH and its centennial</u>, and join in the celebration. Together, we look forward to providing excellent care to more children in the next 100 years.

Sincerely,



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