

**BRIGHTON AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

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**BRIGHTON HOSPITAL**

**A PIONEER IN ITS FIELD – Conclusion**

In 2001, Brighton Hospital became partners with St. John Providence and in 2011 became fully affiliated with Providence Hospital, which was renamed Ascension Brighton Center for Recovery.

Brighton Hospital is continuing to improve. Through Ascension fundraising, a new half-way house for recovering addicts will be built in 2022 with 2 separate wings for men and women and will be able to house 32 people, replacing an older building on site.

Ford Motor Company donated a Martha and Mary Chapel in 1960. (See Trail Tales December 2021 issue for the story of the chapel.) Harry Henderson found out that the chapel was not being used at Camp Legion which had closed in 1952. Harry notified the Ford Motor Company and said Brighton Hospital could use it. Ford Motor Company then had it moved in one piece to Brighton from Dearborn. It is still a presence on the complex and can be seen from Grand River.

A chandelier was donated by Cliff Bell, a saloon keeper that hung in the main dining area that became the main lobby. It was removed during renovations in 2008.

Senators, scientists, doctors, and executives, are among the people that have sought recovery at Brighton Hospital. The files are full of success stories, but like all diseases, not all are healed.

Brighton Hospital treats the patient’s physical, mental, social and spiritual problems. They give them the tools in which to help themselves. The hospital also offers free support for family and friends through programs. A children’s support program is very popular and helpful for children affected by addiction in their family.

Some Brighton personnel have written books (Nan Reynolds and Jeff Jay) that carry on the understanding of addiction.

A newsletter was published monthly called the Brighton Beacon. The Hospital also has an alumni group.

Brighton Hospital works closely with Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous to help its patients after treatment. They also support Alanon and Alateen for the family members and friends. In addition, they also support many other 12 step programs.

Brighton Hospital is not a hospital for everyone, but it is good to know that there is such a high caliber facility available in our community.

*Submitted by Mindy Kinsey (Information from BAHS files, the Brighton Argus, Jacque Fuller, a nurse for 35 years at Brighton, Kelly Rogers and Cory Swann, Resident Historians and hospital support team for 15 years ea. Mark Mullinax of Brighton Library and Lee Gough, local attorney )*

