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Longmont United Hospital Marks 50 Years of Healthcare Service

(Longmont, CO) On March 21, 1959, Longmont Community Hospital officially opened as a 50-bed hospital serving the community of 11,000 residents. Owned and operated by the community, the non-profit hospital employed 87 full time equivalent employees and had a medical staff of 13 physicians.

In 1971, Longmont Community Hospital merged with Longs Peak Osteopathic Hospital and became Longmont United Hospital. Henry Amicarella, retired hospital administrator of Longmont Community Hospital/Longmont United Hospital (1959-1977), remarked at his retirement, "Our hospital could not have been a reality without the dedication and commitment, interest and efforts of countless volunteers, community citizens and leaders...All exemplified the value and importance of community involvement and support, making it a truly hospital-community partnership."

This hospital-community partnership is evident today. Mitchell C. Carson, President and CEO of Longmont United Hospital, commented, "We are thankful for the commitment of the communities we serve, which continue to provide excellent support for the hospital. We are dedicated to building better communities and providing patient centered high-quality care locally."

Currently, the hospital is licensed for 201 beds, and provides a broad range of comprehensive services such as Women's and Children's, Cardiac, Surgical, Cancer, Emergency, Trauma, and other Medical Specialties. "Looking ahead, the hospital will continue to make patient safety a priority, focusing on incorporating technological advancements that are less invasive and safer for patients," adds Mr. Carson.

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