

The History

In February of 1996, in keeping with an affiliation agreement, Myrtle Werth Medical Center of Menomonie merged with the Mayo Foundation of Rochester to become part of the Mayo Health System.

This agreement provided for the corporate members of the former Myrtle Werth Medical Center Association to form a foundation with the "limited purpose of supporting medical programs and related services that benefit people in the area served by Myrtle Werth."

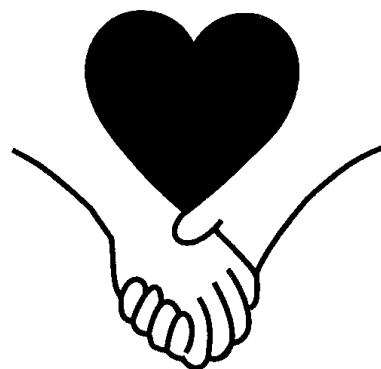
On April 30, 1997, the group adopted Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws creating the Menomonie Community Health Foundation, Inc. The former corporate members became the initial members of the Foundation, and the corporate membership of Myrtle Werth Hospital ceased to exist. A Foundation Board of Directors was elected and held its first meeting in June 1997.

As part of the agreement, once the Foundation was in place and its tax-exempt status obtained, three million dollars of the reserves belonging to Myrtle Werth at the time of the affiliation were transferred to the foundation as an endowment. The earnings are to be used for programs. It was stipulated that two-thirds of the funds must be used for programs and services provided directly by the hospital. The remaining one-third may be used for services provided by other groups.

The first grant applications were accepted in January 1998. A grant brochure is available to elaborate on details regarding the grants.

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