

PLANNED GIVING: THE KEY TO KEEPING THE SPIRIT ALIVE

It is still all about the mission...



"From the first day I came to Saint Joseph's 26 years ago, I knew there was something special about this place and the people who work here. Whether you are cared for by Saint Joseph's Hospital or Saint Joseph's Mercy Care Services, the commitment to compassionate care and clinical excellence is unparalleled in our region."

—Dr. Eugene Davidson

Our challenge is to continue to provide the Saint Joseph's experience for the sickest and often the poorest patients in a complex medical environment. The foundation, therefore, offers a powerful gift planning opportunity designed to sustain medical excellence and the compassionate care programs that so clearly distinguish Saint Joseph's, and... We invite you to participate!



Father Steve Yander praying with a patient.

A TRIBUTE TO SAINT JOSEPH'S FIRST BENEFACTOR

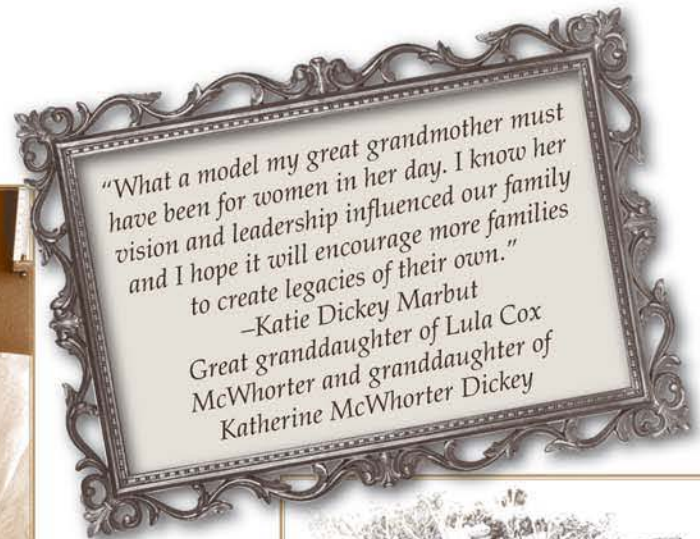
Saint Joseph's Mercy Foundation renamed its Heritage Society the Lula Cox McWhorter Society to honor Saint Joseph's first major benefactor whose kindness, foresight and generosity officially started Saint Joseph's Infirmary in 1885—the precursor of Saint Joseph's Hospital, recognized

as one of the leading adult, acute-care, specialty-referral hospitals in the southeast.

Lula Cox McWhorter, widow of Civil War Major J.H. McWhorter, gave the Sisters of Mercy the land on Courtland Street and \$5,000 to construct a three-story wing onto the original brick house called Atlanta Hospital and founded by the Sisters in 1880. This gift was the first of such magnitude to the Sisters from an outside source, and truly transformational in nature. Mrs. McWhorter's contribution not only took Atlanta's first medical facility to a new level of service to the Atlanta community, but it also paved the way for additional major gifts that have played vital roles in the hospital's development through the years. Such support included gifts from the Spalding, Haverty, Rich and Dickey families.



Lula Cox McWhorter



Saint Joseph's Infirmary, 1885

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