



**PRESBYTERIAN HOSPITAL'S PROPOSED
Diagnostic And Treatment Center**

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Center Under Construction**

Presbyterian Hospital is about to begin construction of a three-story, \$12.5 million addition to its Diagnostic and Treatment Center of Fourth Street.

When the project is completed in late 1985, Presbyterian for the first time will offer open-heart surgery supported by a new heart catheterization laboratory and acute psychiatric services. The new addition also will house a new labor and delivery suite, a new neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) and an enlarged Respiratory Therapy Department.

"We are extremely pleased that we will soon be offering these new and improved services," says Presbyterian Hospital President Byron L. Bullard. "Services like these demonstrate our commitment to superior patient care and our flexibility to meet changing demands in a cost effective way."

With almost 5,000 births annually, Presbyterian has the second largest obstetric service in the state. The existing labor and delivery suite, which opened in 1976, is overcrowded and located on a separate floor from the post-partum unit and the nursery.

With the new suite, all newborn services will be on the sixth floor. The new suite is designed to promote family centered maternity care. In the low

risk area, all rooms will be designed so that labor, delivery, recovery and bonding may take place in the same location.

There also will be a special high risk area for cesarean and complicated deliveries located adjacent to an expanded 16-bed intensive care nursery for critically ill newborns.

During the three-stage construction period, expected to take about 16 months, all services will continue as usual in the existing areas. The Diagnostic and Treatment Center currently houses Presbyterian's inpatient and outpatient surgery suites, the Emergency Department, the labor and delivery suites and intensive and coronary care units.

Stage one involves site preparation. In stage two, two high tower cranes will sweep over the building from their positions at 4th Street and near the hos-

pital's auditorium entrance, facing Caswell Street. At times, one lane of Fourth Street may be blocked between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. weekdays. During this stage, the roof of the existing building will be removed.

In stage three, the outer wall structures will be completed and the building will be sealed and finished.

General contractor is P.C. Godfrey. The Heat Electric Company of Mooresville is the electrical contractor.

Presbyterian CarePlus Schedules Open House

Residents of Southeast Charlotte-Mecklenburg and Southwest Union County are invited to a ribbon cutting and grand opening on Sunday, May 27, for Presbyterian CarePlus, an Urgent Care Medical Center in Matthews.

Officials of Presbyterian Hospital and the Town of Matthews will participate in the ribbon cutting ceremony at 2 p.m. Open House will be held until 5 p.m.

Presbyterian CarePlus, which opens for business on Monday, May 28, at 8 a.m., will offer treatment for minor to moderate illnesses and injuries. It is located in the Medical Center of Matthews at the intersection of Highway 51 (Matthews Street) and Sam Newell Street.

The Presbyterian CarePlus staff and physicians will be doing free blood pressure checks, giving balloons to children and providing refreshments to everyone. Also available will be free "Authorizations For Medical Treatment of Minors" forms for use by grandparents or babysitters in case children need unexpected medical treatment and parents or guardians are not available.

"We are tremendously excited about expanding our services to this fast growing part of our community," said Byron L. Bullard, Presbyterian Hos-

pital president. "As a branch of one of Charlotte's oldest and most trusted health care institutions, Presbyterian CarePlus is dedicated to providing the same high quality of care, professional service and experience."

Services at Presbyterian CarePlus will be offered on a walk-in, no appointment basis with minimum waiting time.

Some of the illnesses and injuries that will be treated are flu, sore throats, earaches, allergic reactions, colds, minor infections, sprains, etc.

"We encourage patients with major emergencies to go directly to a hospital emergency department," said Bullard. "We are, however, equipped to deal with life-threatening emergencies including cardiac and respiratory arrest for those people who find we are the closest medical care available."

At all times, Presbyterian CarePlus will have on staff an emergency physician, a specialist in emergency medicine. In addition, it will have on duty at all times registered nurses and other support personnel. If patients prefer, however, the staff at Presbyterian CarePlus will call a family physician.

Presbyterian CarePlus is staffed by the same group of emergency physicians who have been at Presbyterian Hospital's own

Emergency Department since 1976 - the Mecklenburg Medical Emergency Associates. They are all board-certified or board-qualified emergency physicians.

"Our cost will be substantially less than those at a hospital emergency department," said Bullard. "One reason is that our overhead will be less, another is that we will ask that services be paid for when they are rendered. This will eliminate the added cost of billing." Cash, check, Visa and other major cards will be accepted.

"Another advantage of Presbyterian CarePlus will be the cooperation of the Emergency Department at Presbyterian Hospital," Bullard said. "If you have an emergency that requires hospitalization or further treatment beyond what Presbyterian CarePlus can give, we can make arrangements for

you to be transferred immediately to our own Emergency Department at Presbyterian Hospital. Testing will not be duplicated. The same group of physicians staff both. The lesser of two basic charges will be waived."

The basic service area for Presbyterian CarePlus is southeast Charlotte, Matthews, Mint Hill, Stallings, Indian Trail, Weddington, Waxhaw and nearby parts of Union and Mecklenburg Counties.

Larry Moore, RN, will be manager of Presbyterian

CarePlus. A native of Weddington, he graduated from the School of Nursing at Lenoir-Rhyne College. Mr. Moore has been a charge nurse in the Emergency Department at Presbyterian Hospital where he has worked since 1976.

Presbyterian CarePlus is owned and operated by The Presbyterian Medical Care Corporation, an affiliate of Presbyterian Health Services Corporation, a not-for-profit holding company which also owns Presbyterian Hospital.

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INVITATION FOR BIDS

The City of Charlotte will receive bids for **NEELY STREET AND SKYLAND AVENUE DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS** until 2:00 P.M. (DST) on the 20th day of June, 1984, in the fourth floor conference room of the Cameron-Brown Building, 301 South McDowell Street, Charlotte, North Carolina 28204, at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Bids are invited on the several items and quantities of work as follows:

- 15", 18", 24", 30", 36" R.C. Pipe Culverts, Class III
- 4" Concrete Paved Ditch
- Brick Masonry Drainage Structures
- Other Related Items

Contract Documents, including Drawings and Technical Specifications, are on file at the office of the City Engineer at 301 South McDowell Street, the local A.G.C. office, and the Dodge Plan Room.

Copies of the Contract Documents may be obtained by paying \$25.00 to the City of Charlotte for each set of documents obtained.

A certified check or bank draft, payable to the Order of the City of Charlotte, negotiable U.S. Government bonds (at par value), or a satisfactory Bid Bond executed by the Bidder and an acceptable surety, in an amount equal to five percent (5 percent) of the total bid shall be submitted with each bid.

Attention is called to the fact that the contractor must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of their race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.

Bids may be held by the City of Charlotte for a period not to exceed sixty (60) days from the date of the opening of bids for the purpose of reviewing the bids and investigating the qualifications of bidders, prior to awarding of the Contract.

The City of Charlotte reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any informalities in the bidding.

All Bidders are hereby notified that they must have proper licenses as required by State law at the time of submittal of bids.

Bidders are advised that this contract contains provisions requiring the contractor to document that sufficient good faith efforts have been made to provide equal opportunity for Minority and Women Business Enterprises to participate in the sub-contracting and material supplier opportunities available under this contract.

A pre-bid conference will be held on June 13, 1984, at 10:00 A.M. in the fourth floor conference room of the Cameron-Brown Building, 301 South McDowell Street, Charlotte, North Carolina, for the purpose of discussion of questions pertaining to the project. Bidders, prospective bidders, and other interested parties are encouraged to attend. An Addendum will be issued subsequent to this meeting for clarification or revision of bid documents as required.

**CITY OF CHARLOTTE
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