

# Hospital chopper makes first landing

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Carolina Air Care, The N.C. Memorial Hospital's medical helicopter rescue service, made its debut Tuesday, landing in front of a cheering crowd of over 300.

"Isn't she pretty?" the hospital's executive director, Eric B. Munson said, as the blue and white helicopter circled the hospital before landing on the helipad in front of the hospital. "This is a joyous occasion in the history of North Carolina Memorial Hospital," he said.

The helicopter is not entirely new to the hospital which had been served by the Military Assistance Safety Transport program for almost 15 years before suspending its service recently, Munson said. The new service is the hospital's own and is the fourth addition to the N.C. Aero-Medical Affiliation. The five hospital's helicopters, with a sixth to be added in Asheville later this summer, will be able to provide a critical care helicopter rescue service to the entire state.

"The debut of Carolina Air Care marks an important step toward a

statewide network of hospital helicopter services that can provide North Carolinians with quick access to emergency care and highly trained health care professionals," Munson said.

The helicopter service will be staffed by three pilots, a 14-member team of critical care nurses and paramedics for adult care, and a 14-member neonatal and pediatric care team, said Robert Harrison, N.C. Memorial Hospital's aeromedical coordinator. "Our plan is to provide a 24-hour critical care and emergency transport system to serve as an extension of the unique capabilities of the hospital," he said.

The helicopter is a \$1.5 million Messerschmidt Bolkow Blohm that can serve a 150-mile radius without refueling. It is fully equipped for critical care during transport and can hold two patients. Its top speed of 150 mph enables it to travel to Raleigh in 10 minutes.

Carolina Air Care should be in full operation by mid-July. Harrison estimates that the helicopter will transport 500 patients during its first year.



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New Carolina Air Care helicopter lands at N.C. Memorial Hospital Tuesday

# Friday to head Kenan Fund

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William C. Friday, former UNC system president, has been elected president of the new William R. Kenan Jr. Fund, it was announced Friday.

The announcement was made by Frank H. Kenan, a trustee of the William R. Kenan Jr. Charitable Trust of New York City. Kenan was also named chairman of the board of directors.

The Kenan Fund will be headquartered in the new Kenan Center, an eight million dollar facility under construction near the Student Activity Center.

"Bill Friday is one of North Carolina's most valuable resources," Kenan said. "He has contributed greatly to the cultural and economic development of this state as president of the UNC system for the past 30 years."

"The William R. Kenan Jr. Charitable Trust of New York counted on Bill Friday's advice for many years in making grants to both the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and other institutions of higher

learning throughout the country," Kenan said.

Other officers elected were Thomas S. Kenan III of Chapel Hill, vice president, and Braxton Schell of Greensboro, secretary and treasurer.

Owen Kenan of Chapel Hill, Betty P. Kenan of Durham and Thomas Sweeney and Harry Barbee of New Jersey, were elected to the board of directors.

Friday, who was named a consultant to the Fund earlier this year, said he appreciated the opportunity to be associated with the Kenans' interest. "The Kenans have been major supporters of the University over the years and I know that many exciting and worthwhile possibilities lie ahead," he said.

The Institute for Private Enterprise was established in 1984 with headquarters in the UNC School of Business Administration. The Institute will join the Kenan Fund in the Kenan Center upon completion of the new building.

"We expect Bill Friday to assist the Institute for Private Enterprise in devising programs that will implement the purposes for which the Institute was created," Kenan said. "We hope he will use his great ability to bring to Chapel Hill noted scholars, statesmen and business leaders to relate to both faculty and students to their mutual benefit."

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