Building a Foundation for Health Care As It Should Be.

The storied past of Eisenhower Medical Center had been prelude to our current — and future — success as a leading healthcare institution. But beneath the glamour of our not-so-humble beginnings lay the real root of our existence: a dedication to clinical excellence and the delivery of the highest quality, safe patient care, or what we call "Health Care As It Should Be."

1966

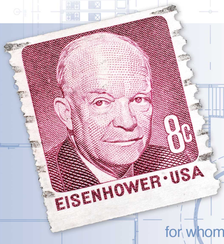
Rancho Mirage

It all began with bright promise and hope — 80 acres of prime desert donated by famed comedian Bob Hope and his wife Dolores as the future site of Eisenhower Medical Center in Rancho Mirage, Calif.

1969

1n 1969 Bob Hope served as Master of Ceremonies for the hospital's groundbreaking ceremony, which was attended by 4,000 people. It was the first of many dedications Hope would emcee.

4,000 people attended ceremony



A model of the hospital was designed by renowned architect Edward Durrell Stone, who also designed New York City's Museum of Modern Art and the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C.

Stone demonstrated his vision for the hospital to President Dwight D. Eisenhower, for whom the hospital was named, and Dolores Hope. The former president, a resident of the Coachella Valley following his service in the White House, passed away just months before the hospital's dedication. Dolores served on the hospital's board of directors and trustees until her death in 2011.

1971

Bob was back to emcee the dedication of Eisenhower Memorial Hospital with a host of dignitaries, including then Gov. Ronald Reagan and wife Nancy among the 15,000 invited guests.

20 physicians

225 employees

138 patient beds

President Richard Nixon toured the newly opened hospital that originally held 138 beds and was staffed by 20 physicans and 225 employees. In December of 1971, the state-of-the-art facility admitted its first patient.

How could we go wrong with this kind of backing? From former presidents (including President Gerald Ford), to sitting governors, the original Eisenhower Memorial Hospital enjoyed the support of a who's who of celebrity patrons. Powerhouses such as Frank and Barbara Sinatra, Bing Crosby, George Burns, Gene Autry, Lucille Ball, and Sammy Davis, Jr., also lent their time and talent to building the top-notch medical facility.

FRANK SINATRA

BING CROSBY

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SAMMY DAVIS JR.

LUCILLE BALL

GENE AUTRY

Top-ranked, award-winning Eisenhower Medical Center continues to build on the legacy of its founders with a commitment to compassionate care and clinical excellence.

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