

Daughters of Wisdom Honored at St. Charles Hospital's 100th Anniversary

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On February 27, 1907, 27 children with various illnesses and disabilities boarded a train in Brooklyn with Port Jefferson as their destination. The children were met in Port Jefferson by four Sisters representing the Daughters of Wisdom, who staffed what was then known as the Brooklyn Home for Blind, Crippled and Defective Children. The Sisters lovingly cared for their young charges, providing medical care, education, and a home.

On February 27, 2007, administrators, board members, Daughters of Wisdom and other invited guests of St.

Charles Hospital, Port Jefferson, kicked off the healthcare facility's year-long centennial anniversary celebration by riding a Long Island Rail Road train to commemorate the arrival of the hospital's first patients 100 years ago. A reserved car on a regularly-scheduled diesel train transported the group from Huntington to Port Jefferson, where Sister Ann Gray, DW Provincial, and others offered words of welcome and gratitude.

In addition to the commemorative train ride, St. Charles Hospital hosted a reception in its lobby to acknowledge the dedicated and compassionate efforts of everyone who has worked at the hospital throughout its history.



Photo above, right: Daughters of Wisdom gather on the LIRR platform to ride to Port Jefferson

Photo above, left: Sister Ann Gray, DW Provincial, and Sister Evelyn Eckhardt at the Port Jefferson station

Photo right: Sister Martha Winum, DW, chats with Sister Virginia Cunniff, DW. Sister Martha cared for Sister Virginia at St. Charles when she was a child.

