These are minutes of meetings, printed newsletters, and scrapbooks of the Phelps County Regional Medical Center Auxiliary at Rolla, Missouri. Organized in 1950 as a women’s auxiliary to the Phelps County Memorial Hospital, the Auxiliary grew to coordinate a number of programs including volunteer services, fundraising, programs for youths, and nursing scholarships.

Formation of a women’s auxiliary began as the Phelps County Memorial Hospital was under construction at Rolla. On 13 December 1949 a group including the heads of all women’s organizations in Phelps County met at the home of Mrs. H. H. Davis to discuss formation of a hospital auxiliary. As a result of that preliminary meeting, seventy-eight women became charter members of the Women’s Auxiliary to the Phelps County Memorial Hospital, formally organized 13 February 1950 at the Uptown Theatre in Rolla. Mrs. G. A. Mullenburg was elected president of the group, which hosted its first meeting at the new hospital on 2 March 1951, and hosted an open house in the days before the institution opened 11 March 1951. The Auxiliary changed its name when men began volunteering at the hospital, and again in December 1980 when the hospital was renamed the Phelps County Regional Medical Center.

In the beginning, the Auxiliary helped furnish patient rooms and made draperies, robes and towels. By various fundraisers, income from a gift shop and gift cart, memorial contributions, and other means, the volunteer group has raised thousands of dollars to benefit the hospital, helping to purchase everything from operating tables to orthopedic drills. In addition, the Auxiliary coordinates the scheduling and activities of volunteers in a wide range of programs such as Senior Companion and the transportation service, hosts receptions for the hospital, helps with health fairs and school tours, sponsors programs for young volunteers, and offers scholarships to nursing schools.

The records of the Auxiliary consist of minutes of general and board meetings, newsletters, and scrapbooks. They begin with organization in 1950 and continue through 2001. A brief history of the organization to 1969 by Emma Jenson, updated to 1985 by Louise Britton, appears in volume 1. Volumes 2-11 include minutes of general meetings and board meetings, 1950-2000, and a series of printed newsletters, 1974-2001. There are no minutes for 1980-1981. Volumes 12-32 are scrapbooks containing newspaper clippings, printed material, photographs and miscellaneous items pertaining to the Auxiliary’s various activities and some of its most noteworthy volunteers. The scrapbook for 1990 is missing. Volume 31 (marked “Teens” on the cover) is devoted to teenage volunteers at the hospital.
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