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ST JOHN RIVER DISTRICT HOSPITAL – EAST CHINA

The first Auxiliary Board was formed June 15, 1965 by 30 women of the River District area. This Board was formed three months prior to the hospital's incorporation!

The hospital's first baby was born on September 15, 1965. The new baby girl was named Samantha Jean and weighed in at 7 pounds and 6 ounces. Samantha attended the 50th Anniversary celebration held at the hospital in 2015.

In January 1966 the River District Hospital Auxiliary Board voted to donate \$400.00 to the hospital for needed equipment. The Auxiliary at this time had \$591.24 in the treasury. It was also reported that the Auxiliary had 847 members.

Today the St John River District Hospital Auxiliary has 65 active members to serve the hospital's 68-bed acute care patients, emergency room, maternal child health, outpatient surgery, rehabilitation, information desk, spiritual care, pet therapy and gift shop departments. The Auxiliary is led by five Directors, a Secretary and a Treasurer, all who are elected by the membership for a two-year term.

The Auxiliary's current commitment to the hospital is for \$36,000 to provide new televisions to the patients in all areas of care. St John River District Hospital is a part of the St John Providence/Ascension health care team.

St John River District Hospital Volunteers Mission Statement is "to provide outstanding and compassionate service to all who seek our support. Exceptional Service, without exception."