

Allegiance Health

Jackson, Michigan

Allegiance Health was founded in 1918 as **Foote Hospital** when a local citizen, Mrs. Ida Foote, donated land for construction of the new hospital in honor of her late husband W.A. Foote. The hospital became known as **W.A. Foote Memorial Hospital**.

In 1975, Foote Hospital merged with Mercy Hospital, which was operated by the Sisters of Mercy. Several years later the two hospitals combined into one facility. The current facility was completed in 1983 and is located near the site of the original hospital. The former hospital, now named the Charles Anderson Building is used for specialized practices, such as sleep disorders, behavioral health and volunteer services.

In July 2008, Foote Hospital was renamed **Allegiance Health**. The mission of Allegiance Health is to "*lead our community to better health and well being at every stage of life.*" Its vision is to create Michigan's healthiest community through exceptional health care and inspiring a passion for wellness.

Allegiance Health supports a 480 bed system with more than 400 physicians, 3,700 staff members and over 800 volunteers.

These volunteers offer their time either at home or in the hospital setting. The health system offers specialized services including a cancer center and a heart center with a 20-bed cardiac universal bed unit. A new specialty center combines services for the convenience of patients with brain, spine, neck, joint and bone conditions.

The specialty center also includes a new osteoporosis center, balance center and pain management center as well. Other health system features include an emergency room, urgent care centers, and pediatric and birthing care.

Primary health services are provided for the underserved, regardless of their ability to pay, through the Center for Family Health in Jackson.

Allegiance Hospice Home, a 20 bed facility is the only residence for end-of-life care in Jackson County is a warm and welcoming place dedicated to caring for the needs of patients at the end-of-life and their families. The home provides compassionate services in a beautiful wooded setting that supports a calming and peaceful experience.

Allegiance Health operates CareLink of Jackson to provide long-term acute care. The health system also provides care at family medical centers in Albion, Brooklyn, Grass Lake, Jackson, Leslie, Mason, Onsted and Spring Arbor.

Allegiance Health's Radiation and Oncology- Gayle Jacobs Center offers cancer care.

In 2010, Allegiance Health was presented with the **Foster G. McGaw Award**. It is awarded to only one hospital in the United States each year. The prize honors health delivery organizations who have demonstrated exceptional commitment to community service. It was awarded by the American Health and Hospital Association (AHA) at their Annual Meeting in Washington, DC for Excellence in Community Service."