

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS IN THE HISTORY AND “PRE-HISTORY” OF THE BLANCHARD VALLEY HEALTH SYSTEM

JUNE, 1891

Findlay’s first hospital is incorporated. Located at 1217 North Main Street, it is known as the “Findlay Home for Friendless Women and Children.”

1893

Hospital moves to the West Park area, near the Findlay Airport.

1895

Purchase of French Estate in south Findlay for \$10,000. (This is the present site of Blanchard Valley Hospital.) Name changed to Home & Hospital of the City of Findlay.

1949

Women’s Auxiliary incorporated.

JUNE, 1958

New 170-bed hospital completed and dedicated. Financed through local bond issue and contributions.

1963

Nursing home opens in the Donnell Wing with 39 beds, later expands to 43 beds. The nursing home closed in 1977.

OCTOBER, 1967

\$2 million, 60-bed east wing expansion. Increases Blanchard Valley Hospital capacity to 230 beds.

AUGUST, 1972

Emergency Department and ambulatory services expansion - \$1,700,000.

NOVEMBER, 1974

BVH becomes the first hospital in the nation to guarantee its services. Articles appear in *The Wall Street Journal* and *Ladies Home Journal*.

JUNE, 1977

Community passes \$4 million bond issue for surgery and intensive and coronary care unit expansion.

1977

Same-day surgery program developed.

SEPTEMBER, 1979

East tower, surgical suites, and special care units dedicated. Construction and equipment cost - \$11 million.

1981

BVH begins home health services.

JANUARY, 1983

The Blanchard Valley Health Association is formed as a parent corporation of Blanchard Valley Hospital and Blanchard Valley Health Services.

FEBRUARY, 1983

BVH opens medical center in Carey, Ohio.

APRIL, 1984

Hospice of Hancock County joins BVHA.

1984

Ambassador program established

1986

Apples replace smoking at BVH.

FEBRUARY, 1988

WomanWise Mammography Center opens.

AUGUST, 1988

BVH opens physician's office in McComb, Ohio.

SEPTEMBER, 1989

Center for Diagnostic Studies (CDS) opens. Construction cost of \$6 million. Building is devoted entirely to outpatient services.

APRIL, 1990

Blanchard Valley Radiation Therapy Center opens.

NOVEMBER, 1990

BVHA opens the Lake Cascades Professional Office Complex at 300 W. Wallace Street, Findlay. These offices are occupied by several physician specialists.

FEBRUARY, 1991

The Health Bank corporate wellness program is launched, providing approximately \$45,000 annually in free wellness-related services to area businesses.

JUNE, 1991

Happy 100th Birthday to Blanchard Valley Hospital! Year long centennial celebration features an on-site "museum" in the CDS building.

SEPTEMBER, 1991

Occupational health practice opens in Findlay. Will ultimately become part of BVHA.

NOVEMBER, 1991

\$1,000,000 renovation and expansion of Obstetrics Department completed.

MARCH, 1992

Blanchard Valley Sports Medicine Center opens in the Center for Diagnostic Studies. Appointments by physician and self-referral.

MARCH, 1993

BVHA purchases the Sherman House, a 71-unit independent living complex in downtown Findlay.

OCTOBER, 1993

Blanchard Valley Hospital opens cardiac catheterization lab in the Center for Diagnostic Studies.

SEPTEMBER, 1994

Northwest Ohio Health Partnership managed care plan developed.

OCTOBER, 1994

Caughman Health Clinic opens with sliding-scale fees based on income. Since its opening, more than 15,000 patients have been treated at the clinic.

DECEMBER, 1994

Creighton Dialysis Center opens at Blanchard Valley Hospital. Provides hemodialysis and "home" dialysis services.

JUNE, 1995

BVHA hits cyberspace! Web site launched...<http://www.bvha.org>.

JULY, 1995

Blanchard Valley Hospital and Bluffton Community Hospital merge to become Blanchard Valley Regional Health Center.

JANUARY, 1996

Bridge Hospice Care Center merges with Blanchard Valley Health Services to form entity known as Bridge Home Health & Hospice.

FEBRUARY, 1996

On-site rehabilitation services established at Findlay's Whirlpool Corporation.

OCTOBER, 1996

Nurses Plus telephone triage service opens—a program developed with Fostoria Community Hospital.

DECEMBER, 1996

BVRHC announces "record setting" year for physician recruitment, with 19 physician specialists joining the active medical staff.

JANUARY, 1997

BVRHC announces plans to bring outpatient rehab and sports medicine services to the University of Findlay campus, occupying 4,000 sq.ft. in the Edward and Joyce Brewer Health Sciences Building.

JANUARY, 1997

Pain Management Center opens.

APRIL, 1997

Plans for Physicians Plus Urgent Care Center announced at press conference. Physicians Plus will be located in north Findlay and feature state-of-the-art computer technology and drive-thru laboratory.

MAY, 1997

BVH, in cooperation with Lima Memorial Hospital and Hardin Memorial Hospital, opens new medical building in Ada, Ohio.

JUNE, 1997

BVHA purchases Winebrenner Village long-term care facility. Winebrenner becomes a subsidiary of Health Association.

JANUARY, 1998

Durable medical equipment (DME) business purchased. New business under BVHA will be located at 117 E. Wallace Street.

APRIL, 1998

Karrington and Winebrenner Village enter into a 50/50 partnership of the Karrington assisted living facility in Findlay.

JUNE, 1998

Physicians Plus Urgent Care/Medical Mall opens.

JULY, 1998

BVRHC receives its highest score and first accreditation with commendation rating from the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations.

SEPTEMBER, 1998

Blanchard Valley Health Association and ProMedica are chosen as Lima Memorial Hospital's new partners. A new joint operating company is formed, with 50% ownership by Lima Memorial; 25% ownership by BVHA; and 25% by ProMedica.

OCTOBER, 1998

Development of stereotactic breast biopsy and bone densitometry capability.

DECEMBER, 1998

First employee attitude survey provided for all BVHA staff. Results to follow in 1999.

MARCH, 1999

MIS Department starts preparation for Y2K computer dilemma.

APRIL, 1999

BVHA partners with 30 local physicians to build and operate the Findlay Surgical Center, which will be located on the west bank of Lake Cascades.

JULY, 1999

BVH Cafeteria is remodeled to provide better and faster service.

AUGUST, 1999

Sleep lab opened by Dr. Wahan Aslanian.

OCTOBER, 1999

Ottawa Medical & Diagnostic Center opens in Ottawa.

JANUARY, 2000

Service Excellence Department developed.

APRIL, 2000

Genesis 2000 project for new emergency department, underground parking garage, cardiology services, and outpatient services commences.

MAY, 2000

Valet parking provided for patients and visitors

JUNE, 2000

Private rooms provided for all oncology patients.

FEBRUARY, 2001

First Distinguished Physician of the Year Award goes to William Alcott, MD

MARCH, 2001

BVHA launches NEW & improved web site.
Advertising Campaign for Bluffton Campus is released – “We Treat You Like Family”

MAY, 2001

Auxiliary Nearly New Shop Moves to Lima Avenue

JULY, 2001

North Baltimore Medical & Diagnostic Center Office Building opens

NOVEMBER, 2001

BVRHC Bluffton expansion complete. The \$2.85 million renovation project includes a new lobby and registration area, gift shop, expanded cardiopulmonary unit, CT scan and bone densitometry equipment, complementary medicine offices and new physical therapy and occupational therapy areas as well as renovation of the OB department.

FEBRUARY, 2002

Second Distinguished Physician of the Year Award goes to Bill Kose, MD.

MAY, 2002

William E. Ruse Center facility opens at the BVRHC Findlay campus. Houses: new ER, imaging services, same day surgery, HeartCare Center, helipad, and a third floor for future expansion

FEBRUARY, 2003

Third Distinguished Physician of the Year Award goes to LeRoy Schroeder, MD.

MARCH, 2003

BVH partners with Hardin Memorial Hospital to open the Valley Health Center, Kenton, Ohio

JUNE, 2003

Opening of Birchaven Retirement Village at Eastern Woods. Services include: congregate living, long-term care, Bridge Home Health and Hospice, Adult Day Center and Intergenerational Program.

AUGUST, 2003

Opening of new Blanchard Valley Regional Cancer Center (formerly Radiation Therapy Center) at Eastern Woods.

Board approves construction of a new inpatient pavilion on the Findlay campus. The six-story, 200,000 square foot, \$95 million project will include 148 inpatient beds, and also renovation and expansion of the surgery department.

FEBRUARY, 2004

Fourth Distinguished Physician of the Year Award goes to Ronald Pohlmyer, MD

MAY, 2004

Bariatric Solutions opens, offering Findlay's first medical and surgical weight loss center.

OCTOBER, 2004

Groundbreaking for new 148-bed inpatient pavilion on the Findlay Campus.

NOVEMBER, 2004

Groundbreaking for the new Birchaven Condominium development (Birchaven Estates) at EasternWoods.

FEBRUARY, 2005

Fifth Distinguished Physician of the Year Award goes to Oliver Lugibihl, MD

JULY, 2005

BVH expands its partnership with Hardin Memorial with the inclusion of the Forest Community Health Center, Forest, Ohio

NOVEMBER, 2005

First Open Heart Surgery performed on the Findlay Campus on November 15.

FEBRUARY, 2006

Sixth Distinguished Physician of the Year Award goes to Marv Rower, MD

JANUARY, 2007

Blanchard Valley Health Association changes its name to Blanchard Valley Health System.

Blanchard Valley Regional Health Center changes to Blanchard Valley Hospital and Bluffton Hospital.

Address of BVH and BVHS changes to 1900 South Main Street (from 145 W. Wallace Street).

FEBRUARY, 2007

The Creighton Dialysis Center moves to Riverside Suites and begins accepting patients on February 12.

Inpatients are moved into the Thomas B. and Kathleen M. Donnell Patient Pavilion on February 17.

MARCH, 2007

Seventh Distinguished Physician of the Year Award goes to Rick Watson, MD.