- Service is Provident goal

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Provident administrators obtained funds from the National Institute of Mental Health and opened the **Provident Community Mental** Health Center.

Its top priority is the treatment of the mentally ill in the community. The second priority is the prevention of mental illness. The staff also spends a limited portion of its preventative programs designed to reduce environmental factors productive of mental illness.

Studies of the local community consistently reveal the presence of poverty with of its facets and ramifications.

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Provident sought to break the cycle of poverty in fighting health care problems and shoring up an area of great weakness — the family

In 1967, a \$2 million plus federal grant was awarded to and Provident Hospital was named as the agency. Provident Comprehensiv Neighborhood Health Center (PCNHC) opened in July, 1969 at 907 Edmondson Ave.

In applying for and being granted the \$2.5 million that now finances the program health care and communit leaders representing the City Healt Baltimore Department, Department Rehabilitation. Vocational -

Community Action Agency the University of Maryland Preventative Medicine, the community to be served, medical and denta socialites, clubs and organizations, state and local

performed.

government and others came together for the first time in a concentrated, coordinated Thus, the dream of building

new Provident Hospita became act one and the progression of activities that preceded the actual opening of the hospital became its subsequent acts. And when the curtain rose on Dec. 14 1970, and the ribbon was cut symbolized the opening of the new hospital and continuation of the drama.

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Federal, city and state grants and loans have provided the rest.

Nearly all the necessary \$16 million has been accounted for to completely pay for the

The hospital is now in the of raising ap proximately \$250,000 plus planning a program for continued financial support.

All health care institutions need support from the volunteer sector. Provident believes that it has a special role in health care. However.

in order to fulfill its goal of providing the finest health care, for everyone, to be found anywhere in the nation, it is essential to maintain an active and productive development and public relations program.

Contributions are continuously being sought and are being made. Such contributions are tax deductible.

Those wishing to continue their support should make their contributions payable to the Provident Complex, Inc. and forward them to Charles G. Tildon Jr. associate director for and public relations, 2600 Heights Ave., Baltimore, Md.

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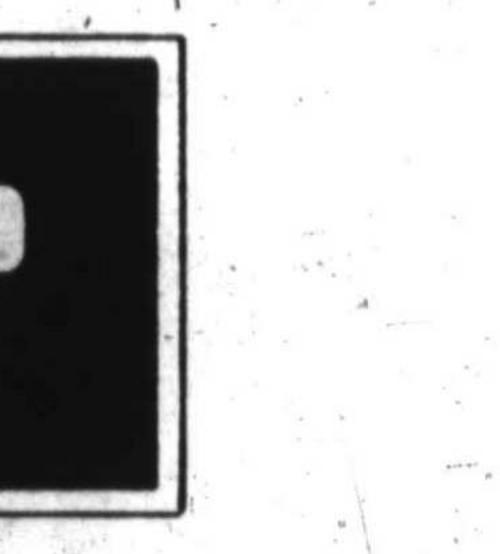
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"In fact, I think if one had to characterize that hospital with one word it would have to be 'responsiveness','
Davidson said, in a recent interview.

hospital's relocation last "textbook December, a example of how such a complicated procedure could be accomplished. He said many Provident projects

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Several organizations have ADAPT, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Monumental City Medical Society, Local No the Maryland Association and the Maryland Medical Association.

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directions" for health care in He also praised Provident Hospital Comple

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