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Good Evening Ladies and Gentlemen,

Twenty five years ago I had the opportunity of opening this hospital and nursing home. I was privileged to serve as the administrator for all that time. During that time I worked through the many changes that these two institutions experienced. There were times of prosperity and times of challenge. There were times of great change as procedures, technologies and equipment changed. There were times when things went along at a pleasant lull, never boring, but running smoothly. I loved every minute of it. The times of challenge just made us appreciate the quiet times more than ever.

During that time I worked extensively with the Board Members: Name them here. I count it an honor to have worked with these people over the years. They have had great foresight in the planning of the organizations and a wonderful attitude of cooperation with each other and with the staff. I’m also thrilled to have worked with a wonderful group of employees over the years. Some have been here almost as long as I have, while some have only been there a short time. But, each one is hard working and dependable and sought to serve the community every day they worked. They can be very proud of the work they do for the patients and residents of these two organizations.

I always felt my position was more one of service than anything else, even as an administrator. Some look at that position and see someone who sits behind a desk and just oversees things, but never gets to know anyone under him. But, I always tried to get to know my employees and the patients, at least to some degree. I think it makes everyone happier all the way around if there is a more personal touch to leadership.

I had a vision when I first opened the nursing home and the hospital, so that patients and residents would have a warm and friendly place to receive treatment. It has been a wonderful experience to watch that vision form and grow over the years and serve our community. I am grateful for the experience and I am honored to have been able to watch it grow into such a wonderful place.

Being honored with this celebration by the board and my fellow workers is truly exciting for me. My heart is filled with gratitude for the experience of serving in both these organizations over the past twenty five years. To be able to see your work grow into something so rewarding is a celebration in itself. But, to have your peers honor you for following your heart into service makes the last twenty five years even more wonderful than the actual memories.

I am excited to see what comes next for these two organizations, the changes and improvements that will be made by the next administrator. It will be heartwarming to watch it continue to grow and change along with the community.

Thank you Everyone for this accolade.