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Botsford Commons Hosts Early Hospital Reunion

Patients of early children's hospital welcomed back

On Saturday, July 11, 2009, Botsford Commons Senior Community will host "Welcome Home – A Reunion" for the former patients and staff of the Michigan Hospital School, Michigan Convalescent Home and the Sister Kenny Polio Hospital – which operated on the current site between 1919 and 1958.

This year's Reunion will culminate with the formal opening of the early hospital's archive with the Walter P. Reuther Library at Wayne State University. Botsford Commons will be donating its early photographic collection to the archive. Attendees are encouraged to bring memorabilia they wish to donate to the permanent collection. "Formalizing the archive for their hospital provides a permanent home and ensures their experience is long remembered," said Kimberly Gimmarro, Executive Assistant and event coordinator.

The challenge is finding those who were part of the children's hospital in Farmington – either as patients or staff, as there are no records from the hospital. Reunion information is available on-line at www.botsfordcommons.org/reunion. Individuals who are interested in attending should contact Kimberly Gimmarro at Botsford Commons Senior Community at (248) 426-6951.

Two of the early hospital's buildings were designed by Albert Kahn, and remain on the site today as Botsford Senior Living Center and the Clinical Services Building. In 2022, the campus will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the 1st of the two buildings.

Botsford Commons Senior Community is a non-profit corporation providing housing and service options for seniors. Located on a 30-acre campus in Farmington Hills, the Community offers a full continuum of care for the area's senior population including short stay rehabilitation, privately owned condominiums, senior apartments and assisted living suites. For more information visit the website at: www.botsfordcommons.org.