



*The Best Care is Close to Home*



## History and Mission

Skiff Medical Center's vision is to be firmly established as a treasured community asset reaching beyond the medical center walls to demonstrate our dedication to wellness, the healing of the sick and the relief of suffering.

Mary Frances Skiff Memorial Hospital was dedicated on May 30, 1921, and named in honor of the late wife of Vernon W. Skiff, a prominent Newton business owner.

The hospital has grown from a nine-bed facility to a 68-bed facility as a result of many additions and remodeling projects over the years. Hospital revenue, federal grants, local fundraising, and a voter-approved bond issue have been used to fund Skiff's building projects.

Skiff Medical Center is a standalone, not-for-profit organization. It is owned by the city of Newton, Iowa, county seat of Jasper County. Located on Interstate 80, the nation's only east/west transcontinental interstate highway, Newton is about 30 miles east of the Des Moines metropolitan area, which has a population in excess of 400,00.

The medical center is governed by a five-member Board of Trustees elected to four-year overlapping terms by Newton voters. Skiff has a well-deserved reputation for bucking the trend of diminished health care in rural America by enhancing the quantity and quality of its services during the last two decades. This has been accomplished by expanding, remodeling and providing technological improvements to its physical facilities and by adding new physicians.

Skiff's main campus in Newton has 68 beds and about 200,000 square feet of space. Attached to the hospital is a 50,000-square-foot medical office building containing local physician practices and the hospital's physical medicine and rehabilitation center. Freestanding medical clinics owned by Skiff are located

## Our Values:

### Compassion and respect

We provide care and service with compassion, sensitivity and respect for the patient's needs, expectations and individual differences.

### Dignity

We value the dignity and worth of each individual we serve and all who devote time, effort and resources to participate in our mission.

### Stewardship

All the resources at our disposal are entrusted to us by the people we serve. We seek to preserve our long heritage of fiscal responsibility through the effective and efficient use of these resources.

### Quality

Quality is the cornerstone of all we do. We strive always to do the right things and do them well.

in nearby communities Colfax, Baxter and Monroe. In six separate building or renovation projects since the early 1990s, the hospital has invested more than \$20 million in its facilities.

With more than 350 employees, Skiff is the third largest employer in Jasper County, behind the local school system and the county government. It has an annual operating budget of about \$40 million.

Skiff has long been a model for other community hospitals due to its cohesive team-oriented approach to dealing with organizational matters that has produced outstanding financial results and patient satisfaction. In recent years, Skiff has averaged in the 84th percentile in patient satisfaction from among 1,700 hospitals in the Press Ganey database. As recognition of Skiff's many accomplishments, Skiff and its employees have received at least 10 awards for their professional excellence in recent years from various federal and state associations and agencies.

Skiff employees and local physicians are known for their highly productive "Iowa work ethic," emphasis on compassion and quality patient service, and loyalty to Skiff and the community.



## A Message from Our CEO

At Skiff Medical Center, our sole purpose is to care for you and your family. Our vision of being a treasured community asset is not a catchy slogan, it is the essence of who we are and the focus of our effort each and every day.

Skiff is a cornerstone in the foundation of our community and has been since its beginning nearly 90 years ago. Through these many years, Skiff has been more than a hospital for Newton and Jasper County ... it has been the embodiment of caring and hope. I have spoken with many members of the community in the twilight years of their life who regale me with their stories of growing up and living in our area, and the instances where Skiff played a major role in their life.

At first, I was surprised that so many folks indicated that not only did they use Skiff now, they have used it since birth. Later I learned that more than 23,000 babies have been born at Skiff over the years, and now it makes sense!

At Skiff, our caregivers are not just employees; they are your friends, your neighbors and your family. Skiff is, and will remain, a vibrant part of the community. Our caregivers will continue providing exceptional quality and delivering outstanding patient satisfaction. We will continue to take care of the members of our community in every stage of life. We will continue earning that distinction of being a "treasured community asset" and proving that the best care really is close to home.

– Steve Long, CEO and President



## About Newton Clinic

Skiff is proud to work closely with Newton Clinic, an independent multi-specialty practice housed within the hospital's medical arts building. Their 15 providers offer health-care services in the areas of family medicine, obstetrics, gynecology, internal medicine and podiatry. Newton Clinic is owned by the member physicians and employs about 60 full-time employees. The 17,000-square-foot facility includes a full-service laboratory, full-service X-ray department, obstetric ultrasound unit, fetal non-stress testing unit, video flexible sigmoidoscope unit, treadmill, and three surgical procedure/casting rooms. The physicians of the Newton Clinic primarily admit patients to Skiff Medical Center.