



MARY FREE BED HISTORY OVER 100 YEARS OF RECOVERY

In 1891, a small group of Grand Rapids women recognized the need to help patients with limited financial means pay for health care. They passed a little black purse asking anyone named Mary — or who knew a woman named Mary — to donate 10 cents. Mary was the most popular female name at the time, so the women quickly raised enough money to endow one hospital bed, which became known as the “Mary free bed.”

With an increasing need for support and services, the growing group of women formed the Mary Free Bed Guild in 1911 and have been responding to community needs ever since.

- The Mary Free Bed Guild brought the first physical therapist to Grand Rapids.
- Working with Grand Rapids Public Schools officials, educational services were developed for children with disabilities.
- The Brace Shop, a precursor to Orthotics & Prosthetics, was established in 1938.
- Developed in 1946, the Juvenile Amputee Training Program became a national model and was featured in Life magazine.
- In 1953, Mary Free Bed began providing adult rehabilitation.
- In 2015, a state-of-the-art hospital specifically for rehabilitation opened as part of a \$66 million expansion and renovation project.



STATISTICAL PORTRAIT

From one humble bed in 1891, Mary Free Bed is now Michigan's most comprehensive rehabilitation provider and one of the largest in the nation. Kent Riddle became Mary Free Bed's CEO in 2011.

Here's a synopsis of our system track record. The Mary Free Bed System includes the main Grand Rapids campus plus nine Michigan hospitals where we manage care or provide treatment:

- There are more than 1,600 employees — a 119% increase since 2011.
- We have more than 30 board-certified physiatrists.
- The number of inpatient beds on the main campus more than doubled from 80 to 167.
- The Mary Free Bed Rehabilitation Network was created in 2011 and now has 38 members across Michigan. The system total equals 351 licensed beds.
- Established in 2012, the Mary Free Bed Foundation has raised \$29 million.
- We are home to a fully accredited Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Residency Program.
- But clearly the most important accomplishment is the dramatic increase in the number of patients served. In fiscal year 2019, we treated more than 46,000 patients, up 635% from 2011.

Mary Free Bed is a not-for-profit hospital accredited by the Joint Commission and holds multiple accreditations from the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities.

MISSION

Restore hope and freedom through rehabilitation.

VISION

To be a national leader in high-value rehabilitation and post-acute care, and to develop an integrated system of care.

VALUES

In order to restore hope and freedom, we'll:

- **W**ork collaboratively
- **I**nnovate to offer unique possibilities
- Be **T**ruthful and respectful
- **H**eal with our hands and treat with our hearts
- Approach our work with **joy**

Acronym: WITH JOY



SCOPE OF SERVICES

Mary Free Bed has the luxury of focusing exclusively on rehabilitation, enabling us to hone our expertise and programmatic offerings. These include:

- Acute and sub-acute inpatient treatment
- Specialized outpatient programs
- Home care services
- Orthotics & Prosthetics + Bionics
- Assistive Technology
- OrthoSEAT (customized wheelchair seating)
- Vocational Rehabilitation
- Driver's Rehabilitation
- Wheelchair & Adaptive Sports

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