

ONE DAY

AT PHOENIX CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL



THIRTY YEARS OF MEMORIES

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Arizonans have a lot to be proud of. Our great state is home to innovative companies, remarkable educational institutions and some of the most inspiring medical experts in the country.

As a native Arizonan, and Arizona's first female governor, I dedicated my career to improving this state in any way I could. I never had children of my own, so I always considered all the children of Arizona my family. My involvement with Phoenix Children's was one of the most rewarding experiences of my life. As a member of the Blue Ribbon Committee formed in 1981

to explore the notion of a children's hospital for Arizona, I am proud to have been a part of their story from the very beginning. Our committee, comprised of respected business and civic leaders, was established to determine the need for a children's hospital in the Valley and to decide where it would be located. It was clear to us that families in our community deserved a dedicated pediatric hospital. And on September 18, 1983, Phoenix Children's opened as a hospital-within-a-hospital, occupying two floors inside Good Samaritan. Within 10 years, that space just wasn't large enough to accommodate the growing medical staff, new clinical programs and sheer patient demand.

Phoenix Children's continued to serve the growing population of the Phoenix metropolitan area — as well as children from around the state — but community pediatricians and hospital leaders knew it was time to build a new hospital.

Today, Phoenix Children's has more than fulfilled the vision of the Blue Ribbon Committee. I am honored to have been a small part of building this institution that helps make our children healthier.

Reflecting back on the last 30 years, I couldn't be more proud of the many contributions Phoenix Children's Hospital has made to our community. And I can't wait to see what's next.

