



3101 GARRETT DR. ■ PERRYTON, TX 79070

## CASE FOR SUPPORT

Ochiltree General Hospital has provided comprehensive healthcare services to residents in Ochiltree County and surrounding areas since 1967.

The Hospital is a 25-bed healthcare facility that offers a wealth of medical services including:

- 24-Hour Emergency Care
- Advanced Radiology Services (CT Scans and MRI's)
- Certified Level IV Trauma Center
- Ochiltree General Hospital Home Health and Hospice
- Clinical Lab with Large Test Menu
- Respiratory Therapy
- Physical Therapy
- Social Services
- Women's Health and Obstetric Services
- The Crossroads Program: Adult Behavioral Health
- The Seasons Assisted Living
- Perryton Health Clinic & DeWitt Family Practice

Ochiltree General Hospital is a certified critical access hospital. This, combined with OGH's experienced and professional staff, showcases the high-level of care provided to patients in the Northern Texas Panhandle and surrounding states of Oklahoma and Kansas.

However, as our community grows, so do our healthcare needs. That's why OGH has teamed up with Parkhill, Smith & Cooper, an architecture and engineering firm in Amarillo, to evaluate current facilities and plan for future growth accordingly.

In order to meet future needs of the community, OGH is currently engaged in a master planning process to update services, facilities and equipment but most importantly to best optimize the hospital for the next 50 years. This master plan includes vital updates to the surgical suite, clinic space and ancillary services.

It is our vision to create a group practice environment to not only provide outstanding continuous health care coverage, but to help boost quality of life and the local economy.

With the modernization and expansion of the surgical suite, ancillary services and rural health clinic, in addition to the arrival of Dr. Blake DeWitt in 2018 and Dr. Jay Blasingame in 2020, OGH will continue providing hope and healing at home, helping vitalize Perryton and surrounding communities for decades to come.

## ECONOMIC IMPACT OF OGH

- Number of Employees | 171
- Annual Payroll | \$7,827,750.11
- Annual Supplies Purchased Locally | \$1.5 million/yr.

## ECONOMIC HIGHLIGHTS OF EXPANSION PROJECT

- Number of Employees | 25+
- Annual Payroll | \$1,700,000
- Ripple Effect from Employees | Payroll Turns Over 2.5 Times Annually
- Ripple Effect from OGH | Every Dollar Spent by OGH supports \$2.30 of additional business activity

## BACKGROUND AND HISTORY

The idea of a public hospital in Ochiltree County became popular in the early 1960's as Perryton's population was rapidly growing and stretching the capabilities of the two existing private hospitals in the community. The original bond issue was made with the assumption that the new hospital district would receive funds from the Hill-Burton program. However, when the funds did not materialize, an additional bond issue of \$500,000 was approved by the voters in December 1964.

Once construction was underway, many area families donated the furnishings for various patient rooms within the new hospital while Mr. and Mrs. George Swingle and Mr. and Mrs. Addison Cutter donated the 10 acres. Ochiltree General was originally designed to be a 65-bed, full-service hospital with the capability to expand to 100 beds.

When the very first patients were admitted to OGH in January 1967, Ochiltree General was the largest and most complete hospital in the North Plains area. At that time, the cost of a deluxe private room was \$30 per day while a private room went for \$22.50, a semi-private room was charged at \$18 and a bed in the ward cost only \$14.

R.D. Stephenson Jr., M.D. served as the president of the original Board of Directors for Ochiltree General. Other Board Members included W.C. Sanders, Paul Shrader, Clarence Neufeld and Audie Conley. Mr. Conley passed away before the construction of the hospital could be completed and was replaced on the Board of Directors by Clarence Harr.

The original medical staff of Ochiltree General Hospital included Zoel Allen, D.D.S., Manse Wood, D.D.S., M.G. Wood, D.D.S., J. Bluford Johnson, M.D., R.D. Stephenson, M.D., G.L. Kengle, M.D., Roy Sanford, M.D., E. Burns Gray, M.D., Ansel McDowell, M.D., C. Dean Monroe, M.D. and Eugene Waide, M.D.

The first administrator of OGH was Gerald F. Geyer and key employees included Ruth Hill, R.N., Director of Nursing Services, Charles Neas, Chief X-Ray Technician, Howard Roach, Chief Laboratory Technician and Marvin Smith, Chief Engineer.