



Lake Chelan Health Hospital

The new Lake Chelan Health (LCH) hospital facility is a gift come true for the growing Lake Chelan Valley. After World War II, as veterans returned to the Lake Chelan valley, a group of local businessmen formed the Lake Chelan Hospital Association with the intent of providing hospital facilities to the public.

The community banded together and the first hospital in Chelan opened on August 9, 1948. Again in 1968, the community came together to form a hospital district, which opened the doors for preparing the way for a

hospital construction bond that passed by a 92 percent vote in 1969. Construction of the new hospital, that was on Highland Avenue, began in early 1971. Tours took place in May of 1972, before officially opening for services.

Roughly 30 years later, it was beginning to show its age and with the growing population and need for space, it was recognized that a replacement hospital would be needed. Acquiring new technology and medical equipment, physical access, and keeping-up with current regulations would require intense remodeling or a replacement facility. It took almost 20 years and several bond campaigns to get the needed 60 percent supermajority to pass. In April of 2017, the hospital district received 64.6 percent approval from voters for a \$20 million bond to help build a new hospital at a new location. The new hospital would cost a total of \$44.5 million, of which \$22.5 million came from a loan to the hospital and \$2 million donated by the Lake Chelan Health and Wellness Foundation. In April of 2021 construction began at 110 South Apple Blossom Drive. The new hospital opened with a heartfelt message and video shared with the staff and community on December 5, 2022—video available at lakechelanhealth.org/news.

Since the new LCH hospital opened not enough can be said about its ease of access, comfortable spaces and healing environment that the new building provides. In 2023, Lake Chelan Health proudly celebrated 75 years of caring for residents and visitors of the Lake Chelan Valley.

Today, LCH offers a wide range of hospital and outpatient services, including 24-hour emergency care, general surgery, orthopedics and pain management, inpatient care, skilled recovery and rehabilitation, physical, occupational and speech therapy, wound and lymphedema care, OB labor and delivery, pelvic floor health, laboratory and radiology services—including MRI.

LCH also operates three clinics: Primary Care, Specialty Care, and Express Care (walk-in). With the opening of our new facility, we've expanded our team of providers and introduced new specialties such as dermatology, pediatrics, ENT, and cardiac care—enhancing access to high-quality healthcare throughout the valley.

To learn more about services provided by Lake Chelan Health, visit lakechelanhealth.org.



OPENED August 9, 1948



OPENED May 1972



OPENED December 5, 2022