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Local business celebrates 50 years in Elkins



Submitted photo The old Elkins Convalescent Hospital was established as part of Memorial General Hospital in 1968. Elkins Convalescent Hospital was the forerunner of Elkins Regional Convalescent Center in 1988 and eventually became Elkins Rehabilitation & Care Center in 2011.

ELKINS — Although 2018 is coming to a close, the year brought a milestone for a local care facility that has served countless area residents.

The Elkins Rehabilitation & Care Center, located along the Beverly Five-lane in Elkins, celebrated five decades of providing “*complete compassionate care*” to its residents in 2018.

Although the times, location and staff have changed, the facility's commitment to providing the best possible care to residents has not, Tara Shaver, ERCC administrator, said.

"We treat everyone like we would want our family members to be treated," Shaver said in a release. "That attitude goes a long way when it comes to caring for our residents."

Elkins Rehabilitation & Care Center began serving the community in 1968; in those days it was known as the Elkins Convalescent Center.

Since then, the agency's name was changed to Elkins Regional Convalescent Center in 1988. It has also changed locations, having moved to its new facility at 1175 Beverly Pike in 1994.

In 2011, the facility began doing business as Elkins Rehabilitation & Care Center, and in 2014 underwent a major renovation that allowed officials to provide additional services, offered both to residents and outpatients.

Shaver said the organization has grown in all aspects, from rehabilitation services, respite care and the new LSVT BIG and LSVT LOUD programs for people suffering from Parkinson's Disease, to the addition of a memory care wing with specialized programming for those who suffer from memory loss issues.

"We want to provide rehabilitation services for everyone, from pediatric to geriatric," she said. "We're the only facility in the area that offers all three therapy disciplines, physical therapy, occupational therapy and speech therapy, on both an inpatient and outpatient basis."

Respite Care is now also offered in conjunction with Hospice for at-home caregivers who may need a hand. This program allows ERCC to offer complete, compassionate care to a patient so the at-home caregiver can have some much-deserved rest, the press release indicates.

"We try to do whatever we can to help not only our residents and those who are delivering their care which is usually a family member," Shaver said. "Respite Care is just one of our many programs that allows us to offer a helping hand to our community."

While ERCC continues to provide exceptional service to its residents, the Board of Directors, administration, Leadership Team and staff members are showing no signs of stopping as they are already looking into plans of future expansion at the facility, to include new programs and facilities that will enhance the quality of life for residents and patients, officials said.

Plans are in the works for both an assisted living facility and an independent living facility, Shaver added.

“For 50 years now, we have delivered outstanding service,” she said. “We want to continue to look to future opportunities and growth so that we may continue to help everyone we possibly can.”

Elkins Rehabilitation & Care Center is a 111-bed, non-profit, short and long-term skilled and intermediate care and rehabilitation facility located in Elkins. A wide range of care and rehabilitation services is provided at the facility by more than 150 full-time and part time employees. For more information go to ercc.biz.
