



THE VILLAGE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION OF DOYLESTOWN
V.I.A.

A Capsule History

- The V.I.A. is a women's organization that was founded by 14 Doylestown women in 1895 to help improve the health/welfare of the residents of the community.
- It is the only nationally recognized women's club to own and operate a community hospital, Doylestown Hospital, which opened in 1923.
- The underlying vision and purpose of the hospital continues to be determined by the women of the V.I.A., now 400 strong. The Chairman of the Hospital Board of Directors is a V.I.A. member and other members are appointed to serve on the Board.
- V.I.A. supports the hospital financially through various fundraisers, primarily the Bucks County Designer House & Gardens now in its 35th year.
- Since its founding the V.I.A. Health System has grown from 8 beds to 443 in 2009.
- In 1992, the V.I.A. acquired the Pine Run Community and Health Center in Doylestown, adding a separate assisted living complex known as Pine Run Lakeview in 1998.
- In 2001 the Health & Wellness Center of Doylestown Hospital was opened as a separate facility in Warrington, housing: physician offices, diagnostic services, fitness center and outpatient surgery.
- Doylestown Hospital is rated the top hospital in Bucks and Montgomery counties, and among the best in the Philadelphia region, by the 2009-2010 Hospital Value Index, which provides an independent analysis of quality, affordability, efficiency and patient satisfaction.
- Doylestown Hospital is the ONLY Philadelphia-area hospital to receive all three 2009 cardiac specialty excellence awards—cardiac care, cardiac surgery and coronary intervention—from HealthGrades[®], the leading independent healthcare ratings company.