

# Wawa Coffee & Care Cart History



- The Wawa Coffee & Care Cart starting rolling in 1992 with the goal of giving parents of children being treated at The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia a chance to take a break without leaving their child's inpatient room.
- The cart is manned by Wawa associates, Wawa managers and other volunteers, including CHOP employees.
- Some volunteers from Wawa, the CHOPioneers, have been bringing beverages to CHOP patient families since the program started.
- The cart serves an average of 22,464 cups of Wawa coffee a year.
- Over its 23-plus years at CHOP, more than half a million cups of Wawa coffee have been served.
- The cart also stocks other Wawa hot and cold beverages, giving parents plenty of choices.
- The cart travels 7.5 miles per week, 390 miles per year. So over 23 full years in operation, that's 8,970 miles — the distance from Philadelphia to Rome and back.
- The goal is to have three Wawa Coffee & Care Carts in operation each shift, three shifts a day, seven days a week.

# CHOP/Wood Family History

- 1803:** Wawa has its roots in the Wood family's manufacture of cast-iron water pipes and decorative firebacks.
- 1855:** The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia is founded.
- 1856:** Dr. George B. Wood is listed as manager and contributor on Children's Hospital's first annual report and by will made a bequest of \$5,000 to CHOP at his death in 1879.
- 1862:** Richard Wood is appointed to CHOP's Board, serving on the Finance Committee from its inception in 1884 through 1888.
- 1863:** Mrs. Richard D. Wood (Julianna) is listed as a member of the Ladies' Visiting Committee. Upon her death in 1885, her daughter serves on the committee through 1890.
- 1865:** The Wood family's textile business, Millville Manufacturing Co., is incorporated.
- 1902:** The Wood's Wawa Dairy Farms begin operating in Middletown Township, Delaware County, Pa.
- 1950:** Richard D. Wood Sr. joins CHOP's Board as a director. He serves as president of the Board of Managers from 1954 to 1957 and director from 1957 to 1963. In 1963, he commits his full-time focus to CHOP when he is named as the Hospital's first full-time president, a post he holds until 1972. As president, Mr. Wood leads the project to move the Hospital from South Philadelphia to its present site in University City. He returns to the Board as chair in 1972.
- 1964:** The first Wawa Food Market opens in April.
- 1977:** Wawa contributes \$1,000 toward the National Association of Children's Hospitals and Related Institutions (NACHRI) Uniqueness Study (a study describing the uniqueness of children's hospitals).
- 1979:** A portrait of Richard D. Wood Sr. by Nelson Shanks is unveiled at CHOP by then-Surgeon-in-Chief C. Everett Koop, M.D., Sc.D. Dr. Koop notes: "Richard Wood, you have served this Hospital and community very well. You had the vision of the new hospital. You helped us with the transition from the old hospital to the new. . . . It is with great pride and affection that we present this portrait." The outpatient specialty care facility connected to the Main Building was named the Richard D. Wood Ambulatory Care Center in his honor.
- 1989:** Richard D. Wood Jr. is elected to the CHOP Board of Trustees.
- 1990:** The first of many years that Richard D. Wood Jr. serves as chairman of the Program Book for the Hospital's Carousel Ball.
- 1992:** Associate volunteerism, a well-known part of Wawa's commitment to the community, takes place in the form of the Wawa Coffee & Care Cart, which starts rolling in CHOP's hallways. Wawa associates help staff the cart, and members of Wawa's management team also volunteer on a regular basis.

- 1993:** Wawa makes a significant pledge of \$100,000 toward capital contributions at the Hospital.
- 1995:** Wawa family patriarch and past CHOP President Richard D. Wood Sr. passes away at the age of 89. His son, Richard D. Wood Jr., the fifth generation of Wood family members to lead the company, continues his father's legacy both with Wawa and at the Hospital.
- 1996:** Thanks to contributions from Wawa and Mr. and Mrs. Richard D. Wood Jr., the International Adoption Health Program team, made up of physicians and occupational therapists, receives support for a new program coordinator.
- 1998:** Wawa and Mr. and Mrs. Richard D. Wood Jr. establish the Wawa Endowed Chair in International Adoption.
- 1998:** Wawa and CHOP celebrate the opening of the Wawa Waiting Room and Wawa Family Sleep Suite in the Harriet and Ronald Newborn/Infant Intensive Care Unit.
- 2004:** *Wawa* — a history of the company — is published by Arcadia Publishing. Wawa historian Maria M. Thompson and retired executive vice president Donald H. Price tell the Wawa story using images from the company archives, local collections and family scrapbooks. Richard D. Wood Jr. deems that royalties from book sales will be donated to CHOP.
- 2005:** Wawa makes an additional pledge to the Wawa Endowed Chair in International Adoption, first established by Mr. and Mrs. Wood almost a decade earlier.
- 2009:** Mr. and Mrs. Richard D. Wood Jr. establish the Richard D. Wood Jr. and Jeanette A. Wood Endowed Chair in Pediatric Diagnostic Medicine at CHOP.
- 2010:** Wawa celebrates 40 years of business at its Belmont Avenue store in Bala Cynwyd, Pa. (This location alone served more than 21 million customers during those years.) In celebration of this landmark occasion, Wawa presents a check for more than \$154,000 to the Children's Miracle Network, which in turn donated much of the money to CHOP.
- 2013:** In what it calls "a milestone in the company's history," Wawa holds a grand re-opening of its Center City location, at 17th and Arch streets, which had been open for 35 years prior to major renovations. In honor of the event, Wawa presents Children's Hospital with a giant ceremonial check for \$50,000.
- 2014:** Wawa celebrates 50 years in retail by launching The Wawa Foundation to support "Health, Hunger and Everyday Heroes" in its communities — and among its first commitments is a \$50,000 gift to CHOP.
- 2015:** Wawa joins other top Delaware Valley companies comprising CHOP's inaugural Corporate Council in November.
- 2016:** Currently, the Wawa Coffee & Care Cart serves more than 20,000 cups of Wawa coffee a year, plus other Wawa beverages, to parents of CHOP patients.
- 2016:** Dedication and Naming Ceremony for the Wawa Volunteer Center is held on April 12. The goal for fiscal year 2017 is to grow Wawa Volunteer Services to at least 1,000 volunteers. CHOP currently has 600 active volunteers, with an additional 200 in the onboarding process who will be ready to start May 1. The goal is to operate three Coffee & Care Carts per shift, three shifts per day, seven days per week.