



I stand with WISHARD

WILLIAM G. MAYS
President
Mays Chemical Company

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Wishard provides extremely cost-effective care and has achieved the 90th percentile in terms of cost per discharge. And, while healthcare inflation rose more than 20 percent in four years on a national basis, Wishard's increase in expenses has been only 8 percent over four years.

One of Indianapolis' most successful businessmen, William G. Mays, is also one of the city's most generous donors, contributing both hundreds of thousands of dollars each year to charity and countless hours helping young people and small businesses succeed.

Bill's involvement with Wishard began after he learned about the hospital's plans to open a much-needed regional burn center in 2003. Realizing that the Richard M. Fairbanks Burn Center at Wishard would be one of the finest and most progressive in the nation, he wanted to "step up and contribute."

"Wishard does an outstanding job in the community," he says, "and the Burn Center is second to none. Others need to step up and realize there is the need to improve the health of our community and to ensure the success of Wishard."

"I have heard people say, 'If I were shot, I'd go to Wishard.' But Wishard is much more than that. Over time, I have grown more and more respectful of the organization. Wishard provides outstanding care to the community, and it does this without regard to a person's financial resources."

Born in Evansville, Indiana, Bill is the son of two schoolteachers. He earned both a B.A. and an M.B.A. from Indiana University and then strategically applied his education to the business world.

After serving in two executive positions, Bill founded Mays Chemical Company at the age of thirty-five.

What began as a one-person operation – with Bill personally processing and filling every order – has grown to be the 13th leading chemical distributor in North America. He has a financial interest in about 20 other businesses and is also the owner of *The Indianapolis Recorder*. He holds honorary doctorate degrees from Indiana University and the University of Evansville, and was the first African-American chairman of the Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce.

In addition to supporting the Burn Center, Bill has also been a generous supporter of the George H. Rawls, M.D. Scholarship Fund because he recognizes the great need for more minority physicians in our state.

"Wishard fulfills a vital role in our community," he says. "I stand for excellence and Wishard represents excellence. I'm proud to help." ●