

# *Caring for Life. Caring for the Future.*



*Dr. William Mayo —  
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**O**n April 16, 1877, William B. Mayo, an eager young doctor, opened his practice in the small town of Northfield, Vermont. From the very beginning, Dr. Mayo's work as a physician was focused on the health and welfare of his town and surrounding communities. For more than fifty years, he served the people in the town of Northfield and traveled over back roads to see patients on farms and in small villages. At the time of his death in 1930, *The Northfield News* wrote that Dr. Mayo "became not only a healer of physical ills, but also an usher at life's entrances and a soother of its rough exits...a confidant, guide, counselor, and friend to all who found the problems of life perplexing and its trials hard to bear."

Dr. Mayo committed his life to bringing quality health care to his community. His vision was to build an institution in Northfield that would provide — "care and treatment for the sick and injured." Although he did

not live to see his vision become a reality, others carried on with his mission. In 1939 Cordelia Delary and several doctors opened the doors of the Mayo Memorial Hospital. For nearly 30 years the hospital served the people of Northfield. By the 1960s, the hospital had become too small to accommodate the advances in medical technology and the facility transitioned into a nursing home. In 1972, Mayo Healthcare opened a new 50-bed nonprofit facility and eventually added a 44-bed residential care home to its campus. In 2012, Mayo Healthcare completed a major renovation of the continuing care facility to provide state-of-the-art rehabilitation services and accommodations.

For generations, Central Vermont families have trusted Mayo Healthcare to care for their loved ones. Today our award winning facility continues to build on Dr. Mayo's vision of providing his community with exceptional, high quality, resident-centered health care.

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