



A Brief History

In Philadelphia in 1875, 18-year old Annie Inglis knew she was dying and gave her mother her prized possession – a gold dollar – and extracted a promise from her. She asked that the coin be used to raise funds to help establish a home for children with disabilities. Within two years her mother and a group of interested women had re-sold that coin over and over raising enough money to charter a “home for incurables” – as it was called then.

From those early beginnings in 1877, Inglis House has evolved into a skilled nursing facility and residential community for 297 adults with multiple sclerosis, cerebral palsy, spinal cord injury, cerebrovascular accident and a variety of other conditions causing physical disabilities. For over 130 years, Inglis has been known for providing quality care and services for people with disabilities, many of little means or options. The parent organization – **Inglis Foundation** – has been extending this mission of care and service to people with physical disabilities living outside of Inglis House.

In 1974, the first group of independent living apartments was built adjacent to Inglis House. Since then, Inglis has steadily expanded community-based services and programs in Philadelphia and the surrounding area. The mission of Inglis Foundation is to work with people with physical disabilities to create and provide practical solutions so they may pursue their life goals.

Today, **Inglis House** is joined by:

- **Inglis Housing Corporation**, providing independent living opportunities and developing accessible, affordable housing. (1974)
- **Inglis Adult Day Program**, providing services to local community clients with disabilities. (1984)
- **Inglis Drink-Aide®**, a patented hands-free water bottle developed by Inglis House residents and staff for wheelchair users. (Patented July 4, 2000)
- **Inglis Community Employment Services**, developing and seeking meaningful employment opportunities for adults with physical disabilities, and providing job coaching and support. (2002)
- **Inglis Care Management**, helping people with complex care and service needs to navigate the complicated delivery and funding systems related to disability. (2002)