

## BACKGROUND

Founded in 1877, Inglis enables people with disabilities, and those who care for them, to achieve their goals and live life to the fullest.

Serving more than 1,000 people daily throughout the Delaware Valley, **Inglis supports independent, community living by offering accessible, safe and affordable housing, innovative day programming, adapted technology and employment services.**

*Inglis is the largest provider of affordable accessible housing in the Greater Philadelphia region* with 300 housing units, and plans for more in the coming years.

**Inglis House** is a specialty nursing care facility providing long-term, residential care for **252 adults with physical disabilities, including multiple sclerosis, cerebral palsy, spinal cord injury and stroke, among others.**

Residents receive rehabilitative medical and nursing care; physical, occupational and speech therapies; and a selection of more than 20 social enrichment and therapeutic recreation programs every day.

Inglis assembles and markets a patented hands-free water bottle for wheelchair users called **Drink-Aide®** – sold both nationally and internationally.

All Inglis services and programs are designed to enable people with physical disabilities to enjoy life with the greatest amount of independence and mobility.

## HISTORY

The Inglis organization traces its roots to a young woman of extraordinary vision and a mother of exceptional determination. **Annie Inglis**, the daughter of an upper middle class Philadelphia family, contracted scarlet fever as a young child and was left permanently disabled.

Days before she died on May 4, 1875, seventeen-year-old Annie expressed her dream to her mother, “that a home for those who can't be cured will someday stand in the city.” Annie's dream was to found a home in Philadelphia to care for those of low income with disabilities during an era when the poor and infirm were dependent entirely on charity care.

Annie gave her mother, **Caroline Inglis**, a \$1 gold coin for auction to start a fundraising campaign. During the following two years, that gold coin was sold several times and ultimately Caroline opened the *Philadelphia Home for Incurables* (“incurable” was a clinical diagnosis in 1877) – now Inglis House – one of the first facilities in Philadelphia offering residential medical care for the poor.

Today, Inglis House is **just one part of Inglis** – Annie's dream has grown into a system of services and products designed to maximize the independence of adults with physical disabilities, for both those living independently in community settings as well as those who live in our long-term, residential care community. ***Through nearly a century and a half of caring, Inglis has evolved and now touches the lives of more than 1,000 people every day.***