

The Sarah Wey Tompkins Legacy Society

The Sarah Wey Tompkins Society recognizes individuals who have chosen to support the mission of Arnot Health through charitable bequests and other planned gifts.

Sarah Wey Tompkins (1867-1929) was a civic minded Elmira native who took a special interest in Arnot Ogden Medical Center. She grew up the daughter of Dr. William C. Wey, a notable Civil War surgeon, and the first manager of Arnot Ogden Medical Center when it first opened in 1888. Sarah understood the importance of healthcare in the community and lived her life in a way that spoke of that.

During her lifetime, Sarah donated her time and resources to a variety of fundraising campaigns that were vital to the growth and success of Arnot Ogden. Due, in large part, to Sarah's generosity, Arnot was able to expand its services and establish itself as the premier medical center of the area, growing its patient care facilities from twenty-five to over one hundred beds.

Sarah's final accomplishment was placing the cornerstone for the C-Wing in 1924, just a few years before her death. This wing remains the oldest section of Arnot Ogden Medical Center. A replica of the silver trowel used to spread the mortar engraved with Sarah's name and the date of the ceremony is on display at the Medical Center.

Sarah's benevolent spirit and her commitment to the well-being of others continued after her death when she bequeathed \$1.2 million from her estate to Arnot Ogden. During her funeral, she was eulogized for her charity to the hospital throughout her lifetime.


In 1996, the legacy society at Arnot was renamed in honor of Sarah.


Planned Gifts have accounted for a significant portion of the gifts received by the Foundation over the years. The Sarah Wey Tompkins Society membership provides Arnot Health a way to recognize and express their gratitude to those community members who have included Arnot Health in their will.

By joining today, you can leave a lasting legacy for the future.



Contact us today to learn more.

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