Mount Sinai shows how older civic organizations can stay vital.

Remember women's auxiliaries? Many of Minnesota's major hospitals, like those benefited from the fundraiser, had them and benefited from the fundraising and raising capacity women brought to their communities. Women in women's auxiliaries, whether they belonged in their own hospital or in others, can serve a vital role.

But some auxiliaries made it to the 21st century in modified form, often with new names, and are thriving. They can serve new needs, such as awareness workshops or help for women who have breast cancer.

The story of one is on display through Thursday at the Sabes Jewish Community Center in St. Louis Park. A hardcover exhibit, "Mount Sinai: Looking Back, Looking Forward," tells more than 40 years of history of Mount Sinai Hospital. It's also about a women's auxiliary that celebrated its 75th anniversary last year. It held its annual spring meeting and 75th anniversary celebration.

Mount Sinainesia is the name the city's older hospital was known by, a reference to the hospital's origins in the 1920s as a Jewish community hospital. It's now a part of the Mount Sinai Health System.

Almost from the start, Mount Sinai Women's Auxiliary was at the service of the hospital's patients and community members. It has grown to more than 500 members, with the number of participants increasing every year. The auxiliary has been active since 1937 and has been a key player in the hospital's success.

In addition to providing support for patients, the auxiliary also helps with fundraising efforts and community outreach. They host an annual luncheon and sell handmade items, which are used to purchase medical equipment for the hospital.

The auxiliary also raises funds for research and equipment, such as a new MRI machine for the hospital. The funds come from events like the Auxiliary's annual bazaar and auction.

Change has led to opportunities for Mount Sinai's Women's Auxiliary to grow and evolve. As the hospital's mission has expanded, so have the auxiliary's opportunities to provide support.

The auxiliary's contributions have not gone unnoticed. In 2018, the hospital recognized the auxiliary's contributions with a special award. The hospital's staff has praised the auxiliary for its commitment to the hospital and its patients.

The auxiliary continues to play a key role in the hospital's success, providing support and resources to the patients and community members it serves. As Mount Sinai continues to grow and evolve, the auxiliary will continue to be a vital part of the hospital's success story.