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50 years and counting

Monique Paulhus was only a teenager when she started working in Misericordia's laundry department.

"You won't stay here very long," she recalls co-workers telling her. "It's such hard work."

Flash forward 50 years and Paulhus is still a laundry attendant at Misericordia Health Centre.

"I remember my first day on the job. We had a coffee break, lunch and then another coffee break. It was heaven. I couldn't believe it," says Paulhus. "I grew up on a farm in Winnipeg and there were never any breaks."

"I felt right away Misericordia was my second home. I always felt that way and still do."

Paulhus has seen lots of changes over the years – the Sisters of Misericordia used to help put the linen through the ironer. Nowadays, linen cleaning is centralized and Misericordia staff only washes residents' clothes.



Monique Paulhus: 1964

INTERVIEW/PHOTO OP:

Monday, December 13 is the actual anniversary of Paulhus's 50th year on the job. Staff has arranged for a limousine to bring Paulhus to work, but a **6:45 a.m.** arrival at MHC is likely too early for a media photo op!

So, Paulhus and her supervisor Marc Rivard – who was born the year Paulhus started working at Misericordia – are available for interviews 7 a.m. - 3 p.m.

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