

Dedications

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Start Your Journey With Joy

This book came from a clown-like stirring in our hearts
to offer joy and hope. To be of service.
To give what we have and to share a laugh
– which is what clowning is all about.

We longed for simple, practical clarity.
To realize the importance of humor
and its healing potential.
The great joy of hospital clowning
is that there is SO much
to say, to learn and to celebrate.

Our goal is to offer an overview
of basic thoughts and principles of clowning in hospitals.
We hope to encourage, enlighten and guide.

May you find for yourself in these pages
some of the joy, hope and laughter
that your clown character gives so caringly to others.

Start with Joy



I serve with joy: I clown

*"God has brought me joy and laughter;
Whoever hears of this will laugh with me"*
Genesis 21: 6

*"There is not much laughter
in medicine,
but there is much medicine
in laughter"*

—Bud "Buddy the Clown" Salloum
Co-Founder,
Edmonton, Canada Caring Clowns



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