

THE HOSPITAL

The new buildings of the EHPAD Saint Sebastien are the successor of the cantonal shelter home, created here in 1864. The starting point was the buying of the Kettler propriety by the charity office of Rixheim, as can be seen on the left of the above picture, taken in 1907. This buying was made possible by the gift from the Zuber family. If the management of the shelter home was made by the charity office, the care to the sick was operated by a congregation of sisters of "Très Haut Sauveur" from Niederbronn. They took care of the sick from 1864 to 1976 and put the hospital under the protection of Saint Sebastien, secondary patron of the Rixheim parish. They pushed for a building of a chapel in the hospital. This chapel, built in 1901, which you can see before you, is now the only remains of the old hospital.



During its long history, the hospital underwent multiple transformations and enlargements, made possible by the buying of surrounding lands, as the old grocery Keller, built in 1911 (above), or the old restaurant of Nicolas Schaub in 1962 at the cross of the "rue leclerc" (Leclerc Street) (picture on the left). The hospital held a maternity unit from 1934 to 1966 and the medicine service was closed in 1989. Since 2008, the building is an EHPAD (a housing unit for old and dependant people).



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