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Fundraising News for Our Donors Who Are Making a Difference

Helping to Promote Awareness, Education and Early Detection of Breast Cancer

Breast Cancer Early Detection Program at HOCC

The Breast Cancer Early Detection Program at The Hospital of Central Connecticut (HOCC) helps low income, uninsured and under-served women gain access to life-saving screening programs for early detection of breast cancers.

A 40 year old patient's first baseline mammogram revealed an abnormality. The Women's Health Coordinator at HOCC was able to get her in to see the surgeon and arrange for biopsies that same day. The patient did not have insurance and did not qualify for Medicaid. She was extremely concerned about her breast health, and worried about how she would pay for all the diagnostic procedures that followed. After being referred to one of HOCC's social workers by the Women's Health Coordinator, the

Early Detection program coordinator was able to use grant funds to help offset the costs of her imaging and biopsies. The financial support and guidance she received through HOCC's coordinated care helped alleviate stress, so she could focus on what was most important, her health.

Donations to the Breast Cancer Early Detection Fund at The Hospital of Central Connecticut are accepted anytime throughout the year. Please visit, thocc.org/donate or call 860-224-5567 to give a life-changing gift.

HOCC has been fortunate to receive funding from various sources to support the Breast Cancer Early Detection program. In addition to individuals, the following organizations generously supported the program in 2019:

- The Charlotte Johnson Hollfelder Foundation Inc.
- Pink Aid, Inc.
- Breast Cancer Alliance, Inc.
- Susan G. Komen New England

Fighting the Opioid Crisis One Step at a Time

Grants Support Social Worker for Heroin Opioid Prevention and Education Initiative

The Hospital of Central Connecticut received funding from two grants to support a fulltime social worker focused on community initiatives.

American Savings Foundation

The Hospital of Central Connecticut received a \$20,000 grant from the American Savings Foundation. The grant supports the work of a social worker who will be dedicated to the Heroin Opioid Prevention and Education (H.O.P.E.) initiative. The H.O.P.E. program, in collaboration with the Hartford HealthCare Behavioral Health Network, The Hospital of Central Connecticut, the state's attorney's office and an array of community partners in Berlin, New Britain, Newington and Southington, offers an alternative to arrest when local law enforcement encounters an opioid user. Patients have the option of going directly to the HOCC Emergency Department if they agree to receive treatment. There, they are immediately provided a recovery coach and a comprehensive plan for treatment before leaving the hospital.

In this position, the social worker offers educational outreach and serves as a liaison to partnering agencies and local law enforcement. One component of this position includes data collection and reporting on data that can be used to analyze the progress of the initiative



further advancing the cause of reversing the opioid epidemic.

“We are grateful to the American Savings Foundation for recognizing the importance of the H.O.P.E. initiative,” said Gary Havican, President of The Hospital of Central Connecticut and MidState Medical Center. “The success of this program relies on community collaboration and treatment options that are readily accessible to patients.”

The Community Foundation of Greater New Britain

The Community Foundation of Greater New Britain awarded a \$13,000 grant to the New Britain Public Library, which will be applied to the funding of the same social worker. The individual will be stationed regularly at libraries throughout the city, meeting patrons and offering information about the H.O.P.E. initiative.

“Fighting the opioid epidemic starts by meeting patients where they are,” said Pat Rehmer, president of Hartford HealthCare Behavioral Health Network. “By having a social worker out in the community and supporting the work done within The Hospital of Central Connecticut’s Emergency Department, we are at the forefront of combatting the crisis that has claimed too many of our neighbors.”

The social worker will also provide outreach to the community including sharing preventive strategies and program information with local schools in an effort to target the adolescent population. In this position, the social worker will also develop and distribute educational materials to share with partnering agencies.

For more information about addiction treatment services, go online to <https://hhcbehavioralhealth.org/programs-services> or call 855.825.4026.

Diane Ramy Faulconer’s Generosity is Profound

We can all learn from Diane Ramy Faulconer, a friend and very generous supporter of The Hospital of Central Connecticut (HOCC), a prestige member of the New Britain community, and an advocate for all nurses. Because of Diane’s vast knowledge, vision and support, in March 2015, HOCC was able to create a scholarship program for nurses pursuing advanced degrees, certification and specialization in nursing practice. Diane’s vision in establishing this scholars program was to support HOCC nurses who are committed to furthering their education and to give back to the New Britain community.

The Hospital of Central Connecticut recently hosted its fifth Diane Ramy Faulconer Scholars Program reception. During the event, HOCC’s Professional Nursing Council proudly presented Diane with the 2019 Nursing Visionary Award. This award was granted in honor and appreciation for her infinite generosity and continued involvement in inspiring and supporting nurses in their professional advancements.

Diane’s strong belief in education and giving back to the community has earned her this prestigious award. Her vast knowledge and vision to help upcoming nurses advance their education so they could provide optimal care to HOCC patients is profound. As a New Britain native and former 1961 graduate and distinguished alumni of the former New Britain General Hospital School of Nursing, Diane recognizes the value of a strong educational foundation which has guided her own career in the nursing field.

Following her graduation, Diane relocated to Florida, spending most of her vocation at Mount Sinai Medical Center where she had an impressive nursing career, including many leadership roles as a surgical unit team leader; operating room supervisor, coordinator of ambulatory services for 52 specialty clinics and director of nursing for the operating room and post-anesthesia care unit. To add to this, she published many articles and nursing publications, and was active on selected editorial boards. Later on in her career, she worked as



Scholars Program recipients and nursing leadership pose for a picture with Diane Ramy Faulconer (pictured in back row, 4th from right)



Central Region President, Gary Havican and Diane Ramy Faulconer

an independent consultant specializing in healthcare operations, interim management and quality assurance.

Diane has always been passionate about nursing and is proud of her roots and of her community. For this reason, she has provided \$175,000 over the last several years in support of HOCC nurses. She recently donated \$50,000 in support of nursing education and simulation training equipment. She is very philanthropic, not only to The Hospital of Central Connecticut, but also to other academic institutions that align with her strong belief in education and giving back to the community.

In addition to Diane's ongoing support, she has included The Hospital of Central Connecticut in her estate plan and will leave a planned gift to continue her support of the nursing scholars program. She is a member of The Hospital of Central Connecticut's bequest society – the 1899 Society – recognizing individuals who have planned to include the hospital in their will or estate plans.



Sim Lab Grant from the Community Foundation of Greater New Britain

The Hospital of Central Connecticut received a grant for \$30,668 from the Community Foundation of Greater New Britain (CFGNB) to help support upgrades to the hospital's simulation lab (SIM Lab). The SIM Lab is used by nurses, providers and students as an advanced hands-on, realistic educational tool that uses manikins that act and talk like patients and can respond through programming to many emergency and non-emergent situations that occur at the point of care in healthcare. This training assists in continuing education and skills attainment, as well as, inter-professional team building.

The grant from the CFGNB helped to take the capabilities of the HOCC SIM Lab to a new level and increase their offerings and abilities to better train our staff. The upgrades included a Resuscitation Anne QCPR - Torso Manikin, SimView Mobile System, and a Transthoracic Echocardiography (TTE) Ultrasound Training Platform. The use of the Resuscitation Anne torso manikin and SIM mobile during nursing and medical orientation has already had a tremendous impact, allowing hospital health care educators to effectively create live scenarios in a safe environment that can replicate, with very high-fidelity, a patient care emergency. By using SIM mobile, the educators are no longer visible within the simulation. This in turn, maintains fidelity of the scenario and allows the participants to react, think out loud, and collaborate with other participants with the element of realism that was not present before receiving this generous grant. The hospital is grateful to the Community Foundation of Greater New Britain for supporting the new SIM Lab equipment and recognizing the importance of having education technologies available to improve safety, communication and interprofessional teamwork.



L to R: David J. Obedzinski, CFGNB President; Elizabeth Szymanoski, Manager of Philanthropy; Roxanne Aldi, Director of Nursing; Ewelina Ledas, Regional Manager of Nursing Education; Linda Dalessio, Ed.D., APRN, Clinical Educator; Dr. Sharon Weintraub, Director of Surgical and Critical Care; and Dr. Steven Prunk, Central Region Director of Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine



Virginia Bieluch, MD It's just a part of who she is

By Cheryl J. Belomizi

When speaking to Dr. Virginia Bieluch about her 30 year career at The Hospital of Central Connecticut (HOCC), two things were very clear – She is proud of her career and feels a sense of purpose by giving back to the community. Dr. Bieluch is a caring, upbeat, and positive member of the hospital staff who feels a sense of family every time she walks through the hospital doors. Her level of commitment to the hospital and to her patients is truly inspiring. In addition to her service, she gives back by providing philanthropic support of hospital programs and initiatives.

Dr. Bieluch is HOCC's Chief of the Division of Infectious Diseases. She graduated from UCONN School of Medicine, did her residency in Internal Medicine at Yale New Haven Hospital, and a fellowship in Infectious Diseases at Tufts New England Medical Center. Because of her fascination with bacteria and her passion for medicine and helping others, Dr. Bieluch knew she wanted to be a doctor since high school. When she came to HOCC from the Medical College of Ohio 30 years ago, she didn't know then that she would find her

second home. The people at HOCC are like family, she asserts. There is a "team spirit" while we take care of our patients and I feel that we work in a "very supportive environment."

In addition to her role as the Chief of Infectious Diseases at HOCC, Dr. Bieluch has served on numerous committees. She is Co-leader of Hartford HealthCare's Antimicrobial Stewardship Council; former Chairperson of Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee at HOCC; Site Director for the ID fellowship at HOCC, and Chairperson of UCONN's ID fellowship Clinical Competency Committee. She was recently appointed to the Leadership Development Committee of the Infectious Diseases Society of America. Dr. Bieluch has been involved in teaching medical students, residents and ID fellows and has been recognized for her vast knowledge and skills by both Primary Care Internal Medicine Residents and Infectious Diseases Fellows at the UCONN School of Medicine.

Dr. Bieluch is descendant from a religious family and holds core beliefs of which she is very proud. Her beliefs are a part of her, and a driving force of her altruism. Dr. Bieluch had breakfast with Pope John Paul in Rome when he was a Cardinal. This was a huge honor and a gratifying moment in her life. The middle child of two brothers, she was raised by hard-working parents who wholeheartedly believed in solid work ethics and a good education. Her grandparents were immigrants from Poland who instilled these values through the generations. Dr. Bieluch's father received financial aid and worked very hard to advance his way through college and law school. To this day, she considers herself very fortunate to have grown up in a family that encouraged the importance of education and work ethic.

In addition to her successful career, Dr. Bieluch, a Hartford native, enjoys traveling and spending time with her daughter. Being a proud mother of a beautiful 25-year-old is more than

enough for this modest, yet very accomplished physician. She shared that raising her daughter to be the woman that she is today is one of her greatest accomplishments in life. Emilia, a skilled Special Education Teacher, also has a passion for helping others and giving back. The mother-daughter duo and a team of volunteers has traveled to Bolivia to assist at an orphanage. Each time, they brought along supplies, toys, dolls and other items to help support the children, and to put a smile on their faces.

Dr. Bieluch is also a woman of adventure who likes to test her limits. She has had the opportunity to work at a small hospital in rural Uganda. While there, she courageously trekked to observe gorillas in the wild. This was quite a physical challenge, involving several hours of hiking through jungles at high altitudes and trudging through thick vegetation. Being in close proximity



Dr. Bieluch observing a gorilla

to the largest living primates in the wild may be out of most people's comfort zone. Thankfully, she jokes, gorillas stick to a mainly vegetarian diet. They function in a well-developed social structure, often exhibiting behavior and emotions similar to humans. Adult male gorillas can weigh up to 440 pounds and reach a height of six feet when standing on two legs.

Dr. Bieluch's altruistic nature and work ethic follow her through her life and work at The Hospital of Central Connecticut. She exudes these values every day through interactions with her patients, colleagues and her surrounding community. She has personally made donations to HOCC since 1991 and has contributed her time and talent for over 30 years. She was very humble when asked what inspires her to give. In short, it is just a part of who she is.

A Day of Reflection and Celebration

Last June, The Hospital of Central Connecticut celebrated Cancer Survivors Day with a breakfast at the Aqua Turf in Plantsville. Guests spent the morning catching up with old friends, making new acquaintances, and being inspired by guest speaker Paul Long, whose philosophy of "Fundamism" is based on F.U.N., an acronym for foundation, understanding, and next steps injected with humor and positivity.



Spreading Kindness and Joy

You Can Love Life, a local non-profit organization from Berlin Connecticut, made a generous donation of over \$5,500 in gift cards to the Hartford HealthCare Cancer Institute at The Hospital of Central Connecticut. The gift cards will be given, as an unexpected gesture and gift, to cancer patients undergoing treatment. You Can Love Life hopes to encourage patients to take some time out for themselves and enjoy the little things in life; watch a movie, go out to dinner, or go shopping for something just for them. The Hospital of Central Connecticut is grateful to You Can Love Life for their commitment to helping those facing cancer and for the work they do to spread kindness and joy. This is the third year You Can Love Life has donated to patients at the HOCC Cancer Institute.



Pictured above, 1 to R: Elizabeth Szymanoski, Manager of Philanthropy; Erin Stocking, Oncology Social Worker; Tammy Campanelli, Co-Founder, You Can Love Life; and Denise Jones-Gagne, Community Outreach and Program Manager

HOCC Community Forum

New Britain community and civic leaders recently visited The Hospital of Central Connecticut for a community engagement forum, learning about the newest additions, renovations, and growth at HOCC. Guests toured newly updated and renovated areas including the Spine Center, maternal fetal medicine, physical therapy, cardiac rehabilitation, Ambulatory Pavilion West, and the hybrid operating room.



Employees Supporting Patients in More Ways Than One

Hartford HealthCARES Central Region Employee Giving Campaign is a fundraising effort that offers The Hospital of Central Connecticut and MidState Medical Center employees the opportunity to make a personal contribution of any amount to the hospital(s) of their choice. In Fiscal Year 2019, the Central Region received more than \$66,000 from employee contributions!

“One Person CAN Make a Difference”, was the theme which told of a story how one boy tried saving thousands of starfish after a storm that were washed up on shore and dying. As he threw one at a time back into the ocean, an old man asked him why, “You’re not saving enough to make a difference!” The young boy picked up another one, threw it back into the water, and said – “I MADE A DIFFERENCE TO THAT ONE!”

Throughout the campaign, employee contributors received a starfish pin and were invited to an appreciation breakfast where they enjoyed coffee and Neil’s Donuts, voted as one of the “Best of Connecticut 2018” doughnut shops in Connecticut Magazine and “Best Donuts 2018” by the Record-Journal Readers’ Choice! Other gestures of appreciation were offered throughout the year.

A special THANK YOU to our employees for your generous contributions to The Hospital of Central Connecticut and MidState Medical Center in Fiscal Year 2019!



Together we made a difference.

A Special Thank You to Our Donors

The chairman’s donor recognition reception was held on April 10, at Stanley Black & Decker in New Britain. This annual celebration of support and generosity is one way we express our gratitude to our steadfast contributors.



Rita Carrier, Michael Carrier, Gail Byeff, Lee Schreiner and Dr. Peter Byeff



HOCC Bradley Memorial Auxiliary



Michael Tomasso, Nancy Judd and Bill Tomasso.

1899 Society

Since its inception in 1899, The Hospital of Central Connecticut has been built on the foundation of generous support from individuals through bequests and other planned gifts. It's thanks to visionary planning and forward thinking individuals that the hospital has benefitted and been able to support growth and technology of today to ensure the best care is available to friends, family and all in our communities.

If you would like more information about the hospital's 1899 Society, or if you have already included the hospital in your estate plan and would like to speak with someone from the Philanthropy team, please call us at 860.224.5567.

The 1899 Society recognizes individuals and families who have planned to make a gift through their will or other estate plans to benefit The Hospital of Central Connecticut and have informed us of their intension during their lifetime. We are grateful to our 1899 Society members for their vision and generosity.

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Community Fundraising

Each year, many of our generous friends and partners hold fundraisers of their own, raising thousands of dollars to support The Hospital of Central Connecticut.

These special events help raise funds that directly impact the programs and services The Hospital of Central Connecticut provides to the community. It is because of our compassionate supporters that we can continue to provide world-class health care every single day.

These events have:

- Supported area(s) of greatest need at The Hospital of Central Connecticut and go directly where it is needed most.
- Memorialized the loss of a loved one; honored a friend, family member or colleague who received great care at The Hospital of Central Connecticut.
- Raised awareness for a specific health condition or area of the hospital.

If you would like to host a fundraiser to support The Hospital of Central Connecticut, please call the Philanthropy Department (860.224.5567). We are here to help you with any questions you have during the planning of your event.

Gift Provides Integrative Therapy For Cancer Patients

The Hartford HealthCare Cancer Institutes at MidState Medical Center and The Hospital of Central Connecticut received a \$17,000 grant from After the Storm to support integrative therapy services, such as gentle yoga, one-to-one integrative therapy sessions, and art therapy.

Integrative therapies are an integral part of coping with a breast cancer diagnosis, supporting the body's natural ability to heal by reducing stress, strengthening the immune system, and promoting a state of relaxation and positive well-being.



Left to right: Denise Jones-Gagne, Community Outreach and Program Manager, HHC Cancer Institute, Central Region; Christine Willett, President, After the Storm; Gary Havican, President, Central Region; Elizabeth Szymanoski, Manager of Philanthropy, Central Region

Petit Family Foundation Plants Flowers at HOCC Cancer Institute Michaela's Garden Project Promotes Youth Community Service

In its fourth year, the Hartford HealthCare Cancer Institute at The Hospital of Central Connecticut teamed up with Dr. William Petit, Jr. and members of the Petit Family Foundation to spend a morning planting clusters of Four O'Clock flowers in the Healing Garden at the Cancer Institute for cancer patients to enjoy.

In 2015, the Petit Family Foundation pledged a gift to the Cancer Center building campaign, and every year, in honor of Michaela Petit, the foundation plants her favorite Four O'Clock flowers.

In conjunction with Michaela's Garden Project, the Foundation raises funds to help promote youth participation in community services, the education of young people, especially women in the sciences; to improve the lives of those affected by chronic illnesses; and to support efforts to protect and help those affected by violence.



Above: left to right: Liz Szymanoski, Manager of Philanthropy; Karen Patrocino and Susan Turkehaub, Petit Family Foundation Volunteers; Dr. William Petit, Jr., Petit Family Foundation President; Kim Petit, Petit Family Foundation Office Assistant

Central Region Gets Fit at Race in the Park and Raises Thousands

Central Region Gets Fit, a community of colleagues from The Hospital of Central Connecticut and MidState Medical Center dedicated to getting and staying fit together, participated in the 2019 CT Breast Health Initiative Race in the Park at Walnut Hill Park in New Britain. Fifty-five team members participated, raising \$3,260 for the CT Breast Health Initiative, which supports breast cancer research across the state of Connecticut. This year's CT Breast Health Initiative Race is May 9, 2020. Please visit www.ctbhi.org to register.



Central Region Gets Fit team at the Race in the Park



Running with Scissors Raising Awareness About Heart Disease

The Hospital of Central Connecticut's (HOCC) Women's Heart Wellness Center received a \$5,500 donation from the fifth annual 5k Run/Walk, "Running with Scissors" hosted by Run for Karen at Sears Park in East Hampton. To date, this event has raised more than \$66,500. Proceeds help support The Hospital of Central Connecticut's (HOCC) Women's Heart Wellness Center to raise awareness about the risks of heart disease in women.



Above, Front Row Left to Right: Cory Ucci, event organizer; Dorothy Winch, event organizer; Dr. Andre Ghantous, Chief of Cardiology, Central Region; Dr. Heather Swales, Director, Women's Heart Wellness Center, Division of Cardiology; Monica Turning, event organizer; Heather Sokolowski, Clinical Director, Cath Lab and Cardiac Rehab; Deb Margentino, Administrative Assistant, Cardiology; Elizabeth Szymanoski, Manager of Philanthropy

Back Row: Leyva Prete, Administrative Coordinator, Heart & Vascular Institute, Central Region and Sean Curtin, Vice President of Finance, Central Region

Bunnies for Hunnies!

Years after Suzy Vass gave birth to Julianna and Elaina at The Hospital of Central Connecticut, they returned with a special holiday gift for the families at HOCC's NICU. Fifty stuffed bunnies were distributed to newborns in the NICU as part of their "Bunnies for Hunnies" project. In gratitude for the care they received when the babies were born, the Vass family collects stuffed rabbits to share with other families at area hospitals and community organizations. The stop at HOCC's NICU was especially emotional for Suzy as it was here that Julianna and Elaina were delivered six weeks early, spending two weeks in the NICU. She'll always remember with fondness the little stuffed lambs given to the girls during their stay.

Suzy, Julianna and Elaina Vass deliver stuffed bunnies for newborns at HOCC



Smalley School is Inspiring Cancer Patients

As part of a school wide project to celebrate Friendship Day, 5th graders from Smalley School in New Britain decorated 50 "kindness rocks" with words of inspiration to share with cancer patients at the Hartford Health-Care Cancer Institute at The Hospital of Central Connecticut

Beautifully decorated "kindness rocks" on the hearth of the Cancer Institute at The Hospital of Central Connecticut



Family BirthPlace Receives Books for Babies

The ladies of the MU Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma generously donated 1,336 beautifully wrapped books to The Hospital of Central Connecticut Family BirthPlace for their Books for Babies project. Delta Kappa Gamma is an International honorary organization of women educators who are dedicated to improving literacy. The goal of the Books for Babies project is to provide parents and their children a positive start to future years of reading together; as daily reading from birth correlates to success in school. These important books have been donated for the past several years.

Pictured(L to R): Carmen Santiago, Nursing Technician; Nicole Morales, RN, Clinical Manager Woman and Infant's service line; Jan Schley, Co-chair, Books for Babies project; Suzanne Karelus, RN; Pamela Beach, Co-chair, Books for Babies project



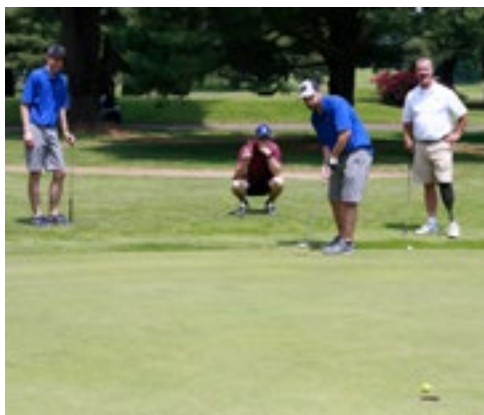
AuxiliaryNotes New Britain General & Bradley Campuses

New Britain General Campus Auxiliary

The Hospital of Central Connecticut Auxiliary at New Britain General has distinguished itself as an integral part of the hospital through their fundraising efforts, financial support and volunteerism to complement the growth and technological needs of healthcare.

HOCC Auxiliary Golf Tournament

The Hospital of Central Connecticut Auxiliary at New Britain General held its 29th Annual Golf Tournament at the Tunxis Country Club in Farmington. The tournament raised \$60,000. Proceeds from the tournament supported new diagnostic equipment for the Ferdinand Sauer, M.D. Family BirthPlace in the Tomasso Tower at The Hospital of Central Connecticut. Every year, thousands of dollars are raised for hospital equipment, patient programs and services through the Auxiliary's special events.



Hanger Clinic's golf foursome sinking a putt



Above: Bill Tomasso, The Tomasso Group and Gary Havican, President of Hartford HealthCare Central Region



Above: Golfer foursome: David Girouard, Cory Ucci, Dorothy Winch and Kayla Foley



At right, HOCC Auxiliary at New Britain General Board Members and Golf Committee volunteers

Special thanks to our major sponsors of the 2019 Auxiliary Golf Tournament.

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SAVE the DATE

The 30th Annual Auxiliary Golf Tournament will take place **Wednesday, June 3, 2020** at Tunxis Country Club in Farmington.



Above: Suzanne Karelus, RN, HOCC Family Birth-Place; Dr. Linda Matonis, Chief of Obstetrics and Gynecology at HOCC; Gary Havican, HHC Central Region President; Judy Garro, Auxiliary Golf Tournament Co-Chair; Laura Napoletano, Auxiliary Golf Tournament Co-Chair; Liz Szymanoski, Manager of Philanthropy

Auxiliary Presents the Chrysanthemum Ball

The 2019 Chrysanthemum Ball was held on Saturday, Nov. 2 at the Aqua Turf Club. Presented by The Hospital of Central Connecticut and the Auxiliary at New Britain General, this year's event supported the purchase of Skytron operating tables for the HOCC New Britain campus.

Over 200 guests enjoyed the evening's highlights which included a "Vino Bella" table, silent auction, and dancing to the music of Bock and Blu.

Grateful to the many hospital vendors who supported the ball, HOCC and the Auxiliary were especially pleased to welcome back the presenting sponsor, Stanley Black & Decker and the Hillcrest sponsor, MidState Radiology/MRI of New Britain.

The Chrysanthemum Ball, first held in 1904, is one of the Auxiliary's major fundraising events. In its more than a "century of service," the Auxiliary has contributed nearly \$6 million to the New Britain General Campus.



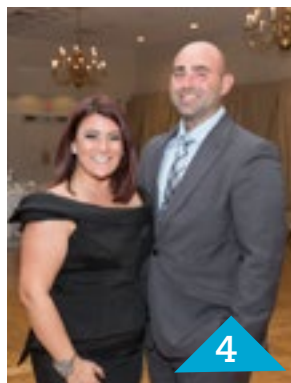
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Photo 1- HOCC Auxiliary at New Britain General 2019 Chrysanthemum Ball Committee

Photo 2- Gail and Dr. Peter Byeff enjoying the music at the Ball

Photo 3- (l to r) Meghan and Gary Havican with Dr. Robert and Laura Napoletano

Photo 4- Mayor Erin E. Stewart and Domenic Mutone

Photo 5- (l to r) Wendi Rumph, Louise Belkin and Paul Salina at the Ball's Vino Bella table



The 2019 Chrysanthemum Ball raised \$80,000 to support the purchase of Skytron Operating Room tables for the hospital's OR.

Left to right: Lee Schreiner, Chrysanthemum Ball co-chair, Annette Salina, Chrysanthemum Ball chair; Stacie Rulkowski, New Britain Auxiliary President; Kyle Veronneau, Central Region Director of Peri-op; Rekha Singh, Chief of Surgery; Sean Curtin, Central Region Vice President of Finance; Dr. Jennifer Sposito, Chief of Anesthesia with Integrated Anesthesia Associates; Gary Havican, Central Region President; Elizabeth Szymanoski, Manager of Philanthropy



New Britain Auxiliary Makes Donation of \$28,500 to Support Staxi Wheel Chairs for the Hartford HealthCare Cancer Institute at HOCC



At right (left to right): Sami Cardell, Lead Patient Ambassador; Stacey Barber, Operations Manager for the HHC Cancer Institute at HOCC; Liz Szymanoski, Manager of Philanthropy; New Britain Auxiliary Board Members Sadia Hodza, Stacie Rulkowski, New Britain Auxiliary President; Annette Salina, Christine Bruemmer, Laura Napoletano, Louise Belkin; and Kris Popovitch, Central Region Director of the HHC Cancer Institute

Bradley Memorial Campus Auxiliary

The goal of The Hospital of Central Connecticut Auxiliary at Bradley Memorial is to provide a long-term commitment of emotional and medical support to the hospital and community.

Bradley Campus Celebrates Scholarship Recipients

The Auxiliary at Bradley Memorial Hospital held their annual scholarship dinner at Southington Country Club, where they awarded scholarships to four students from Southington High School. The recipients included the following seniors who attended college last fall; Owen Bouchard, Benjamin Hoffman, Jenna Martin and Samantha Przybylski. The Auxiliary at Bradley has been awarding scholarships to graduating Southington High School seniors pursuing careers in health care since 1966. Congratulations to this year's scholarship recipients!



Scholarship Fundraiser

In October, The Hospital of Central Connecticut, Bradley Memorial Campus Auxiliary held a Military Whist Scholarship Fundraiser at the First Lutheran Church in Southington. The evening included an interactive and easy card game, door prizes and refreshments. Fun was had by all who attended.

A Special Thanks to All of the Sponsors and Donors Who Supported This Successful Event!

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Recognizing Our Patients and Staff

Appreciation Breakfast

The Auxiliary at Bradley Memorial Hospital held an Employee Appreciation Breakfast for hospital employees and volunteers. Those who attended were treated to a special continental breakfast and offerings of appreciation.

Holiday Cheer

Once again this past year, patients who were admitted to the Bradley Memorial Campus on Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter found a special treat on their food trays. This small gift with a note of holiday wishes is a nice gesture The Hospital of Central Connecticut Auxiliary at Bradley Memorial looks forward to providing to all patients during the holidays.



HOSPITAL NEWS



Access & Growth at The Hospital of Central Connecticut

We have been growing and enhancing our facilities and services, all with the purpose of providing the right care, in the right place, at the right time.

Expanded Cardiac Rehab Center Enhances Recovery at HOCC

The 3,120-square-foot facility provides the latest equipment to aid in the treatment and recovery of cardiac patients. The center provides telemetry monitored exercise to patients who have had angioplasty, coronary artery bypass graph surgery, valve replacement or repair, heart transplant, and systolic congestive heart failure.

Patients have access to treadmills, recumbent steppers, stationary bikes, elliptical trainers, rowing machines, and an "arm cycle." The facility has a full complement of weight training equipment and can accommodate patients along a broad spectrum of needs and abilities.

HOCC Spine Center Serves Up Relief

Adults struggling with acute back and neck pain issues now have access to specialized care at The Hospital of Central Connecticut Spine Center. Patients can be treated for a variety of conditions, including back injuries, acute back and neck pain, spinal stenosis, degenerative discs, pinched nerves, bulging discs, and more. The center uses a multidisciplinary model, including clinicians from physiatry, behavioral health, pain management, spine surgery, emergency medicine, radiology, and more.

Piano Donation Provides Soothing Melodies at HOCC

The Hospital of Central Connecticut recently received a generous donation from the Tomasso Family to purchase a player piano for the hospital's main lobby. The piano provides a beautiful, calming, and relaxing atmosphere for our visitors. The donation was made in memory of Angelo Tomasso, Jr. The Tomasso Family has been a steadfast supporter of HOCC for decades and we are truly grateful for their ongoing commitment to our patients and the greater New Britain community.



Piano donated by the Tomasso Family in memory of Angelo Tomasso, Jr.

Maternal Fetal Medicine Center at HOCC Expands

The Hospital of Central Connecticut opened its expanded Maternal Fetal Medicine (MFM) program space to meet the increased need for high-risk prenatal testing. The new and expanded 2,390-square-foot area includes additional exam and procedure rooms on the New Britain campus. The new space boasts three ultrasound examination rooms as well as three non-stress test fetal monitoring procedure areas. MFM physicians, genetic counselors, and a team of sonographers use state-of-the-art ultrasound techniques, genetic testing, and procedures such as chorionic villus sampling, amniocentesis, and fetal echocardiography to diagnose and monitor complications in pregnancy.



Above: Expanded Maternal Fetal Medicine Center



At left: Expanded Cardiac Rehabilitation Center



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