Delivering on a sermon of service
Rev. Mills and his parish donate to the George Bray Cancer Center

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It was 20 years ago, but Rev. Thomas A. Mills Jr., remembers well his first sermon as a Methodist minister at Christ CME Church in Waterbury. He read from the Book of James, Chapter 2.

“I talked about service and serving the word of God.” Mills said. “I talked about living out our faith in a way that significantly changes where you are and the people around you. It was a good sermon for a 17-year-old,” he recalled.

That message of service parallels many of Mills’ own roles as pastor at McCullough Temple in New Britain, as a probation officer, and now as a Hospital of Central Connecticut board member.

“I knew early on when I was a little boy that I wanted to be a minister,” says Mills, who grew up in Waterbury and now lives with his wife and their three daughters in Middletown. “My parents used to tell me that when I was a baby I used to pray for people.”

Senior pastor at McCullough Temple since 2003, Mills is currently in the cooperative master of divinity program at Hartford Seminary part-time. He also works full-time as an adult probation officer for the State of Connecticut, counseling offenders toward positive changes to help “them understand that they have to make the decision to better their lives,” he says.

“It’s a tough job but it’s rewarding,” notes Mills, who graduated from Providence College with a bachelor’s degree in social work and political science, and hopes to minister full-time within the next 10 years. “I wish I could do it now,” he adds.

Every Sunday at 10 a.m., Mills delivers a spiritual message at the Chapman Street Church where he ministers to about 250 parishioners. The service also includes weekly offerings, some of which have gone toward a $5,000 gift to the hospital’s George Bray Cancer Center, which provides comprehensive care for varied cancers.

Mills says the congregation, which has lost members to cancer, is very supportive of the gift earmarking to the cancer center. “We have a responsibility and an obligation to share with others,” says Mills.

“Through giving of our time, volunteering, serving the less fortunate, giving of our financial resources. The most important way is to do for others, for people that may never be able to do anything for you. That’s what giving is all about. They may never be able to say ‘thank you.’”

“I wish that more people would give to the hospital and realize it’s our hospital and if it’s going to be the best hospital we have to make some sacrifice.”

New Leadership Reception

On June 17, 2010 The Hospital of Central Connecticut hosted special reception for donors and community leaders to celebrate the hospital’s new leadership with the appointment of Clarence J. Silva as President and C E O and Steven D. Hanks, M.D. as Executive Vice President.

The event was held at the nearby New Britain Museum of American Art and also included remarks from Dr. Peter Byeff, medical director of the George Bray Cancer Center. Dr. Byeff shared the hospital’s vision for its George Bray Cancer Center, which includes a new building to house cancer outpatient services, as well as a new Comprehensive Breast Center. Over 130 guests attended the event and congratulated Mr. Silva and Dr. Hanks in their new roles.

At left: The hospital’s new president and CEO, Clarence Silva

From left to right: Elliott and Marsha Cohen with Jan Neri and Susan Sadecki.

Steven Hanks, M.D., (left) with Sylvia Wilson Lucas.

Steven Hanks, M.D., (left) and Peter Byeff, M.D.

From left to right: Barbara and Phil Davidson with Elizabeth and Victor Fumiatti.

James Miller Wilson, M.D. Patient and Family Respite Room

On June 2, the hospital dedicated the James Miller Wilson M.D. Patient and Family Respite Room. This room, located on the hospital’s fifth floor and adjacent to the C5 inpatient unit, is named in honor of the late James Miller Wilson, M.D., and was made possible with a generous donation from Sylvia Wilson Lucas.

Dr. Wilson served as a physician at the hospital, and practiced internal medicine at the Grove Hill Medical Center in New Britain for 22 years. During his tenure as a physician at New Britain General Hospital, he was honored for his dedication and commitment when he became the first private physician to be elected in his own right to the hospital’s Board of Directors. Sadly, Dr. Wilson passed away in 1986, shortly after this appointment.

Family, former colleagues, hospital staff and friends gathered for the dedication of this room. The room reflects the care and commitment Dr. Wilson had for his patients, and carries forward his legacy and desire to provide a quiet space of peace and comfort for patients and families facing a serious illness.
Employee Appeal

Under humid but dry skies, 280 donors to the Employee Appeal made their gift today.

A Tribute to Dr. George H. Bray

More than 35 years ago, the George Bray Cancer Center in New Britain was dedicated to serve the needs of children and adults with cancer.

The 2010 Employee Appeal, themed promoting community outreach, education compassion to patients though diagnosis, treatment, care, and prevention of cancer, while promoting community outreach, education and research.

Philanthropy has always remained an integral part of The George Bray Cancer Center. Over 56 million in donations have been received to support cancer programs, patient care services and clinical research since The Center opened its doors. Future gifts will play a critical role as the Hospital embarks on ambitious plans to create a premiere cancer facility which will allow us to advance patient care treatment options and pursue new avenues of cancer clinical research.

The Hospital of Central Connecticut is proud to carry forward the legacy of the late Dr. Bray and all he encompassed. We also convey our heartfelt gratitude to the caring individuals, businesses and organizations throughout the region, and beyond, who generously support the mission of The George Bray Cancer Center, and continue to do so each year.

Hospital receives $7,500 grant for asthma initiative

The TD Charitable Foundation has awarded The Hospital of Central Connecticut a $7,500 grant for its New Britain Asthma Initiative (NBAI), which helps children and parents better understand and manage children’s asthma.

The grant will help pay for a variety of initiative services, including education for participating families, tools parents can use to help manage their child’s asthma; and mentoring to ensure families can recognize asthma symptoms and learn to keep a child’s asthma under control.

“We are extremely grateful for the TD Charitable Foundation’s support,” says NBAI Coordinator Loreen E. Gawel, MPH. “The Foundation’s generous grant will help the NBAI give children with asthma and their families the support they need to manage their asthma appropriately.”

The NBAI is a case management program that is free and open to any child 18 or younger. Only a referral from the child’s primary care physician is required. For program information, call (860) 224-5900, x422.

More than 22 million Americans have asthma, a chronic affliction of the airways in the lungs that can cause gasping, coughing or wheezing. Nationwide, over seven million asthma sufferers are under 18.

Children’s Charities Tennis Classic

The 31st Annual Children’s Charities Tennis Classic was held August 13-15 at Walnut Hill Park. The event raises funds for the Pediatric Child-Life programs at The Hospital of Central Connecticut. Over the last three decades of the event’s existence, more than $150,000 has been raised. This year’s event raised a record $17,500 to purchase items such as toys, games, and books to help make a child’s hospital experience a little easier.

New this year was “The Mayor’s Challenge” tennis match between Tim Stewart and Adam Salina, the mayors of New Britain and Berlin. The two graciously agreed to play a one-set match to support the tournament and ultimately benefit children in the region during their hospital stay.

The Breast Health Navigation Program

The Breast Health Navigation Program, which includes a breast nurse navigator, patient navigator and a program coordinator, is now in its fourth year. Since 2007, the program has served over 2,000 patients, primarily helping women with breast cancer.

The program’s goal is to ease the burden of patients, and provide them with the most current information and resources available to assist them in their care.

Phil Weigert, M.D., Director of Breast Health Program, will discuss the program and the services offered.

HCC awarded $60,000 in grants by Connecticut Breast Health Initiative

The Hospital of Central Connecticut (HCC) has been awarded two grants totaling $60,000 from the Connecticut Breast Health Initiative (CBHI), Inc. The grants will support The Hospital’s breast cancer program, which includes prevention, education and research.

The first grant is $30,000 to The Hospital’s Breast Health Navigation Program, which is dedicated to helping breast cancer patients navigate the healthcare system.

The second grant is $30,000 to The Hospital’s Breast Health Education Program, which includes educational initiatives and research.

Walk with a Doc

Please join us for the hospital’s new Walk with a Doc program, starting 9 a.m. (8:30 a.m. registration) Saturday, Nov. 6, Farmington River Trail.

The event is sponsored by The Mill Foundation Latha Dulipsingh, M.D., will discuss risk factors for diabetes.

Cardiologist Robert Borkowski, M.D., will talk about ways to prevent heart disease.

To register, call 1-877-914-WALK; or visit www.thocc.org/services/breast/nurse.aspx.
Berlin families’ “labor of love” brings comfort to dialysis patients

Our Tribute Gift Program is very important and we appreciate all gifts made in honor or in memory of loved ones. Tribute gifts can also be made in honor of an event or occasion, such as an anniversary or any birthday, and all gifts directly support programs at our hospital.

When you provide us with the names of appropriate contacts we will notify those individuals that a tribute gift has been given. The gift envelope in the center of this publication can be used to make a tribute gift. You can also make a Tribute Gift online at www.tdccc.org/tribute.

The following donors made tribute gifts to numerous funds and programs at The Hospital of Central Connecticut between January 1–July 31, 2010. If your name is inadvertently misspelled or omitted, please accept our apologies and notify us by calling our DeVolpe office at 860-224-5567. Thank you.
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To benefit the Hospital of Central Connecticut

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All of these gifts are important part of our fundraising program. They support the hospital’s mission to serve the healthcare needs of the community. When a tribute gift is designated to a particular campus or program, it is planting the seed of hope for better health for our future. Donors reap the satisfaction of knowing their gift commemorates a special person or occasion, and has a lasting impact in helping the hospital and its patients.

Tribute Gifts: Seeds of hope for healing

Tribute gifts to The Hospital of Central Connecticut are an integral part of our fundraising program. Life’s special events — birth, marriage, graduation, and other milestones — deserve special attention. A tribute gift to the hospital commemorates an event forever, while supporting our hospital’s mission to serve the healthcare needs of the community. When a tribute gift is designated to a particular campus or program, it is planting the seed of hope for better health for our future. Donors reap the satisfaction of knowing their gift commemorates a special person or occasion, and has a lasting impact in helping the hospital and its patients.

Dear friends,

My two years as president of the New Britain Campus Auxiliary have been filled with a momentum of change, growth, and new beginnings. With the support and hard work of the Board of Directors, we have set a course of growth that will forever guide our rich tradition of providing financial and service support to the hospital.

At a time when most hospitals are being forced to hire event planners to coordinate fundraising projects and consultants to run their gift shops, The Hospital of Central Connecticut, New Britain Campus Auxiliary is flourishing and exceeding its fundraising goals. This past year, we coordinated the “largest ball in our 111 year history.” It was in honor of Laurence A. Turner, former president and CEO of our hospital and the Central CT Health Alliance. We were thrilled to be able to donate proceeds totaling $15,000 toward a new Comprehensive Breast Center.

Our fundraising efforts continued with the first ever joint golf tournament with the Bradley Memorial Campus Auxiliary. Together, we coordinated another milestone event, raising $90,000 to also benefit the Comprehensive Breast Center.

For the past two years, my writings in this column have kept you apprised of the wonderful accomplishments of this incredible Board of Directors. I truly wish you could witness their selfless service to our hospital and our community. I’ve seen how hard they work, how relentlessly they give of themselves to their committee work and to our community.

Their extraordinary leadership and selflessness commit them to the hospital and the Central CT Health Alliance. They are responsible for the great success the Auxiliary enjoys today.

It has been an honor to serve as President of this remarkable Auxiliary. I extend my heartfelt thanks to everyone for their support and hard work and my best wishes to Annette Salina, President-elect. I know the Auxiliary will continue to flourish under her leadership.

Teri Polelak
President of Auxiliary, New Britain General campus

Hospital Auxiliaries’ golf tournament raises $92,000

The 20th annual golf tournament held by The Hospital of Central Connecticut Auxiliary at Bradley Memorial and New Britain General raised $92,000 for the hospital’s Comprehensive Breast Center.

The June 6 event drew 188 golfers and many enthusiastic volunteers to Tunxis Plantation Country Club in Farmington.

“We are very grateful to the sponsors, players, volunteers and all involved for supporting this event,” said Wendy Loo, executive director of development for the hospital. “Funds raised through the tournament will help us provide the most advanced diagnosis, treatment and support to patients with breast disease.”

Previously, each campus held a golf tournament, but this year, the 21st anniversary, both campus auxiliaries joined together for an even bigger, better tournament.

Teri Polelak, president of the New Britain General Campus Auxiliary with Sharon Telford and Pat Allen of the Family Birthplace. Handbag giveaways made possible by a generous donation from the Auxiliary and are given to breast feeding mothers upon their discharge from the unit.

Golf tournament chairs Lucy Leahy, Audrey Zacch, Laura Napolitano and Jillian Ward presented a $50,000 check to Steven D. Harris, M.D., Executive Vice President of the hospital. More photos on page 12.
Thank you!
The Board of Directors of the Auxiliaries of The Hospital of Central Connecticut extend their grateful thanks to all sponsors, donors, advertisers and golfers who supported our 20th Anniversary Golf Tournament held at Tunxis Plantation Country Club. Proceeds will benefit the new Comprehensive Breast Center.

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New brachytherapy treatment available for some breast cancers
The Hospital of Central Connecticut now offers a new form of temporary brachytherapy, also called internal radiation, to treat some breast cancers. SenoRX Contura™ Multi-Lumen Balloon is a type of internal radiation treatment that follows lumpectomy. During treatment, a small balloon catheter is inserted into the lumpectomy cavity where a tumor was removed. Over five days, twice a day, a small, computer-controlled source delivers radiation through the catheter to the tumor site, where it stays for about 10 minutes before it is withdrawn. When the five-day regimen is complete, the balloon catheter is removed; no radiation traces remain. The Multi-Lumen Balloon allows for treatment that is more precise and can be conformed to treatment site shape. Contura is most appropriate for patients with early stage breast cancer.

Joslin Diabetes Affiliate opens Southington office; plans for Farmington office
The Joslin Diabetes Center Affiliate at The Hospital of Central Connecticut in May opened an office at the Bradley Memorial campus, 81 Meriden Ave., Southington. The office is open 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday. Endocrinologist Manmeet Kaur, M.D., sees patients by physician referral and appointment. In addition, a diabetes educator is available by appointment for individual consultations. Another Joslin office is scheduled to open this fall at 11 South St., Farmington.

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VP of Patient Care Services named
Maureen Fitzsimmons, RN, BSN, MPH, has been named vice president of Patient Care Services and chief nursing executive. She will be responsible for administrative and clinical operations at both campuses. “We are pleased to welcome Ms. Fitzsimmons to The Hospital of Central Connecticut,” said Clarence J. Silvia, HCC president and CEO.

Breast nurse navigator appointed
Bethany Carr, RN, BSN, was recently appointed breast nurse navigator with The Hospital of Central Connecticut’s Comprehensive Breast Center. Carr joins breast nurse navigator Donna Bothin, RN, MSN, MPH. Breast nurse navigators help patients diagnosed with cancer and other breast diseases throughout their treatment. The nurse navigators’ duties include educating patients and their loved ones, helping patients make informed care decisions; advocating for patients during treatment; working with healthcare professionals to coordinate patients’ care; and providing moral support.

Carr has more than eight years of nursing experience, including four years at The Hospital of Central Connecticut (HCC). She began her HCC career as a staff nurse on the oncology unit, then served as an oncology research nurse coordinator with HCC’s Cancer Clinical Research Program. Carr earned her bachelor’s degree in nursing from Villanova University, Villanova, Pa.
Medicine residency program accredited

Earlier this year, the University of Connecticut (UCONN) Primary Care Internal Medicine Residency Program, which includes rotation at The Hospital of Central Connecticut (HCC), was granted five-year reaccreditation, the longest possible accreditation cycle. Residency program director Thomas J. Lane, M.D., FACP, also HCC director, Division of General Medicine and Geriatrics, and Medical Education, coordinated UCONN’s accreditation preparation. Currently, HCC has about 25 primary care internal medicine residents on site. The UCONN Primary Care Internal Medicine Residency Program rotation places 51 residents through The Hospital of Central Connecticut, UCONN Health Center and other hospitals, including St. Francis and Hartford. HCC also participates in UCONN School of Medicine residency programs for obstetrics and gynecology, ophthalmology, and general surgery.

Hospital employees, physicians and local businesses donate gifts

Hospital of Central Connecticut employees, local physician practices and area businesses donated beautiful gift baskets and other prizes that helped make National Cancer Survivors Day a day extra special for cancer survivors. A random drawing for the baskets and other gifts was held June 6 at the hospital’s 18th annual National Cancer Survivors Day event at the Aqua Turf Club in Southington. More than 800 cancer survivors and guests attended the event, sponsored by the hospital’s George Bray Cancer Center.

New Britain General campus

Special Events
November 1 American Red Cross Blood Drive, Lecture Rooms 1 & 2, 1-4 p.m., 800-GME-BLOOD
November 6 Walk with a Doc: Risk Factors for Diabetes with Latha Dilipapragy, M.D., Farmington River Trail, Unionville, 8:30 a.m., 877-914-WALK, www.thocc.org/walk-with-a-doc
December 11 Walk with a Doc: Ways to Prevent Heart Disease with Robert Bartolikowski, M.D., Walnut Hill Park, New Britain, 8:30 a.m., 877-914-WALK

Wellness programs & classes
November 3 Family & Friends CPR, 5:30-9:30 p.m., Lecture Room 1, 860-224-5284
November 2, 4, 9, 18, 23, 30 December 2, 7, 9, 14, 16, 21, 23 Yoga, Dining Rooms B & C, 860-224-5243

Support / Therapy groups
November 3, December 2 Breast Cancer Support Group, 5-5:30 p.m., Radiation Therapy Waiting Room, light refreshments provided, reg. req’d, 860-224-5900, x6307

Health screenings
November 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 December 6, 15, 20, 27 Vascular Screenings, Mondays, 11:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., by appt only, 860-224-5913

Childbirth education
November 1, 3, 8, 10, 15, 17, 22, 24, 29 Lamee Class, reg. req’d, 7:30 p.m., 860-224-5433
November 20; December 18 Sibling Class, noon-1 p.m., 860-224-5433
November 21; December 19 Family BirthPlace Tour, 1:30-2:30 p.m., 860-224-5433

Bradley memorial campus
December 1 Friends and Family CPR, Conference Room A, 6-9 p.m., 860-224-5900 x4549

November 10 CPR re-certification Class, Conference Room A, 12-3 p.m., 860-224-5900 x4549

November 18 Lunch and Learn: Humor. 12 noon presented Center for Healthy Aging Marie Dibenedetto, RN, BS, registration req’d, 860-276-5283
November 24 Prostate Cancer Support Group, 3rd Thursday of every month, 6-7 p.m., Lecture Room 1, 860-224-5299, free parking
November 16 Sleep Center CPPS Support Group, 6:30-8 p.m., reg. req’d, 860-224-5538

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Our 1899 Society recognizes individuals and families who have planned to make a gift through their will or other estate plans to benefit our hospital and have informed us of their intention during their lifetime.

Thank you for remembering The Hospital of Central Connecticut in your will, trust, or through a gift of life insurance. We are grateful for your vision and for your generosity.

Please call the Development Office at 860-224-5367 for more information about our planned giving programs.