Why I Give to The Hospital of Central Connecticut

Robert (Bob) Flade has worked at The Hospital of Central Connecticut for 22 years. He started his career in the Intensive Care Unit as a new Registered Nurse graduate. From there he worked in the North building (N-2), and then in the emergency department where he is now the Regional Director of Emergency Nursing. Bob has given to the Employee Giving Campaign, supporting the emergency department, for over 13 years. He says he often thinks of the John F. Kennedy quote, “To those whom much is given, much is expected.” He believes too often we get wrapped up in our own concerns but when we realize exactly how much we have been given, we owe it to others to help.

Bob feels that no matter our circumstances there is always someone we can help. “As employees we want to make sure we provide the best for our patients and we can only do that when we have the resources.” He understands that Hartford HealthCare (HHC) provides an environment that allows personal growth and the tools we need every day to improve. Although he doesn’t perform clinical care any longer, he recognizes that patients benefit coming to our HHC facilities for their care. “We are able to leverage a more comprehensive system of health care so we can have better outcomes for our patients.”

“I feel a spiritual need to assist those who need help and I feel that I receive so much more than I ever give.” It is clear from Bob’s story that he is passionate about his work. Moreover, his spiritual need to help others is his constant reward – and OURS is having Bob as an employee!

When Bob is not being rewarded by his work or his drive to help others, he spends a great deal of his spare time weaving. Bob purchased a large loom many years ago – making anything from scarves and floor runners to bedspreads. Although using the loom requires great math skills, he finds weaving to be incredibly satisfying and relaxing.
**Special thanks** to the Development Committee for their continued commitment to the success of The Hospital of Central Connecticut’s fundraising efforts.

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**Sugar Plums and Holly**

On Dec. 3, The Hospital of Central Connecticut, Bradley Memorial Campus Auxiliary held a Sugar Plums and Holly holiday event at the First Baptist Church in Southington. This fun and interactive afternoon included lessons for creating beautiful floral arrangements and festive holiday shopping. A special thanks to all of the sponsors and donors who supported this successful event!

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**HOCC Cancer Institute Receives Donation in Honor of Navigant Employee**

The Hartford HealthCare Cancer Institute at The Hospital of Central Connecticut received a donation of 24 chemo bags from Eric Goldman, a senior consultant with Navigant, a global construction practice in Fairfield. Goldman and his team donated the bags in memory of a colleague who was treated at the HOCC Cancer Institute.

Eric Goldman (left), senior consultant at Navigant, and Denise Jones-Gagne (right), Central Region cancer center program coordinator.

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**Donated Gift Cards Provide Shop Therapy for HOCC Cancer Center Patients**

The Hartford HealthCare Cancer Institute at The Hospital of Central Connecticut received more than 100 gift cards valued in excess of $2,300 for its cancer patients from You Can Love Life, an organization that was founded in 2016 by Tammy Campanelli and her family. This is the second year You Can Love Life has donated to the patients at the HOCC Cancer Institute.

Pictured from left to right: Tammy Campanelli; Tom Campanelli, Jr.; and Erin Stocking, Central Region Oncology Social Worker.

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**Bank of America Donates Gift Baskets to Families in NICU**

The Hospital of Central Connecticut Neonatal Intensive Care Unit received 18 donated gift baskets filled with baby items and $10 Dunkin Donuts gift cards from the Bank of America in Farmington. Carolyn Rossi, RN, said the donations were sent to the parents of premature babies in the hospital on Friday, November 17, which is recognized as World Prematurity Day.

Amy Kelleher, Central Region Director Women and Infants, Nicole Morales, Clinical Manager of Women and Infants, Dr. AnnMarie Golitoto, - Bank of America employees Diana Lombardo, Tracy Howe, Andrea R. Joseph, Jayne Roski, Jacqueline Burey, Ayla Allegreth. Seated in front, Carolyn Rossi and Dr. Semih Gork.
A Special Thank You to Our Donors

The chairman’s donor recognition reception was held on April 5, 2017 at Stanley Black & Decker in New Britain. This annual celebration of support and generosity is our way of honoring our generous donors.

Pictured left to right - Janice and Harry Mazadoorian and Elliot and Marsha Cohen

1899 Society

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 intention during their lifetime. We are grateful to our 1899 Society members for their vision and generosity.

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Sorelle d’Italia in America Supports HOCC Cancer Center

The Sorelle d’Italia in America organization made a $2,500 donation in memory of Anna Lopreiato, one of their founders, to the Hartford HealthCare Cancer Institute at The Hospital of Central Connecticut. With this donation, The Sorelle d’Italia in America organization has donated a total of $14,000 to The Hospital of Central Connecticut since 2010 when they began holding their fundraising gala.

Pictured left to right: Antonietta Barbato, President, Sorelle d’Italia in America, Stacey Barber, Operations Manager, HHC Cancer Institute at HOCC, and Josephine DeMarco, Vice President, Sorelle d’Italia in America

The 1899 Society is The Hospital of Central Connecticut’s bequest society. If you are interested in information about the 1899 Society, or if you have already included the hospital in your estate plan and need additional information, please contact the Development Office at 860.224.5567.
New Britain General
Campus Auxiliary

Since its inception in 1899, The Hospital of Central Connecticut Auxiliary at New Britain General has distinguished itself as an integral part of the hospital by providing ideas, financial support and volunteerism to complement the ever-spiraling growth and technological needs of healthcare. The Auxiliary’s multi-million dollar fundraising efforts have been responsible for contributions to major undertakings at the New Britain General Campus, including the Cardiac Catheterization Suite, the ED Expansion and Renovation Project, and recently completed a $1 million donation to the Hartford HealthCare Cancer Institute at The Hospital of Central Connecticut.

Projects funded in 2017 include:

- $5,415 Surgical Oncology Inpatient Care packages
- $28,896 NicView Cameras
- $74,099 Staxi Transport Chairs

Bradley Memorial
Campus Auxiliary

The goal of The Hospital of Central Connecticut Auxiliary at Bradley Memorial is to provide long-term commitment of emotional and medical support to the hospital and community. Due to the generosity of the local doctors, Auxiliary membership and all of the Southington community who support our programs, we have been able to purchase equipment for our Cardiology Department and Emergency Department as well as support other programs in various areas of the hospital. Annually, they recognize our employees and volunteers with a continental breakfast and decorate the hospital for the holidays.

Auxiliary Donation of NicView Cameras Puts New Parents at Ease

The camera system, known as NicView, was made possible by a generous donation from the HOCC Auxiliary at New Britain General. The system allows parents, family and friends to view their infant in real-time, 24/7, through a secure online portal. Parents receive a link and password they can easily access on phones, laptops and tablets, allowing them to keep tabs on their babies, even when they cannot be present in the NICU.

Rebecca and Joe Jalowiecki trusted the nurses at The Hospital of Central Connecticut (HOCC) to take great care of their premature newborn in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) while mom recuperated from a pregnancy complication elsewhere in the hospital.

But being able to watch their tiny boy, Paxton, in his bassinet from a bedside video monitor made the separation much easier thanks to a generous donation by The Hospital of Central Connecticut’s Auxiliary at New Britain General by proceeds generated from their annual golf tournament last fall.

Rebecca Jalowiecki’s pregnancy was going well until a routine stress test two months before her due date revealed that she had pre-eclampsia, a pregnancy complication characterized by dangerously high blood pressure.

“When we first found out, it was a lot to take in and then it ended up being a crazy stressful delivery,” said Rebecca.

Paxton was delivered two months early and whisked off to the NICU. “As soon as they took him, I told Joe to go and be with the baby. I’ll be fine, but I just wanted him to be there for our baby,” said Rebecca.

Immediately after the delivery, Rebecca was heavily medicated to restore her blood pressure to normal. When she woke up, her husband showed her the bedside monitor that was hooked up to a camera focused on Paxton in the NICU. While it would be a little while until she could hold her first child, she was able to see that he was doing fine.

“Being able to see my son was a huge positive moment, because all I wanted to do was see him,” said Rebecca. “Even though I couldn’t hold him, it was very uplifting to see him at least. He was my motivation to get better as soon as possible and I would look at that camera multiple times every day.”

Joe and Rebecca shared their link and password with close family members. The system proved to be a big help for everyone.

Rebecca and Joe Jalowiecki with their new son, Paxton, and the NicView monitor. continued on page 5
**HOCC Auxiliary Hosts Annual Auxiliary Golf Tournament**


Proceeds from the tournament supported The Hospital of Central Connecticut, including the purchase of 55 Staxi medical transport chairs for the New Britain campus.

The state-of-the-art wheel chairs are used in all areas of the hospital for ergonomically correct and comfortable transportation. To ensure optimal customer service and increase patient satisfaction, the chair is a “one-size-fits-all” that accommodates up to 500 pounds. It also features an automatic braking system and moveable arm and foot rests to allow for easy and safe access throughout the hospital.

“Once the immediate need for the Staxi medical transport chairs was presented at a recent board meeting, the auxiliary board unanimously approved this project,” said Auxiliary President, Laura Napoletano. “The chairs have an impact on our many volunteers at the information desk whose job it is to safely transport patients and visitors throughout the hospital.”

**SAVE the DATE**

The Hospital of Central Connecticut Auxiliary Golf Tournament will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 3, 2018 at Tunxis Country Club in Farmington.

**NicView Cameras (continued)**

The Jalowieckis say they will always be grateful that the NicView camera allowed them to remain connected to their child in the first days of his life.

“It’s one thing to hear that he is doing well or that a nurse is feeding and caring for him. It’s another thing to be able to see him doing well and it really does take all your worries away,” Rebecca said.

The HOCC Auxiliary at New Britain General said they were “thrilled to be able to support our tiniest patients through this new technology.”

**Special thanks to our major sponsors of the 2017 Auxiliary Golf Tournament.**

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HOCC Family BirthPlace Receives Generous Book Donation

The MU Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma donated 1,200 gift-wrapped books to The Hospital of Central Connecticut’s Family BirthPlace. The sorority has donated children’s books to the hospital for many years, and is dedicated to improving literacy by stressing the importance of reading to children on a daily basis. This international honorary organization of women educators are from Avon, Canton, Farmington, New Britain, Newington, Plainville, and West Hartford.

Bev Kibbe (pictured front row, third from left) of the MU Delta Kappa Gamma society with staff members from HOCC’s Family BirthPlace.

Chrysanthemum Ball Raises $105,000 toward Hybrid Operating Room

The Hospital of Central Connecticut and the Auxiliary at New Britain General held its 2017 Chrysanthemum Ball on Saturday, Nov. 11, at the Farmington Club. The evening featured a gourmet dinner, silent auction, and dancing to the music of “Bock and Blu.” Proceeds from the gala will support the development of a Hybrid Operating Room, which will allow multiple disciplines to perform minimally invasive procedures with optimal outcomes. The Hybrid OR is planned to be in use this year at the HOCC New Britain General campus.
Central Region Cancer Institutes Receive Donations from ‘Love Promise’

The Hartford HealthCare Cancer Institute at The Hospital of Central Connecticut (HOCC) and MidState Medical Center received donations from the Love Promise Campaign, a partnership between the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society and Subaru, to support those fighting cancer. Two local Subaru dealerships chose the cancer institutes as the recipients of their donation, which featured blankets and arts and crafts kits, along with care cards that contain messages of hope and support for those undergoing treatment. The cancer institute at HOCC received this generous gift from Schaller Subaru in Berlin. MidState received their donation from Quality Subaru in Wallingford.

HOSPITAL NEWS

Hartford HealthCare and CCMC launch partnership

In April 2017, Hartford HealthCare (HHC) and Connecticut Children’s Medical Center (CCMC) officially launched their partnership to bring enhanced neonatal care to the Central Region.

This partnership brings opportunities for MidState Medical Center and The Hospital of Central Connecticut to provide expanded services to the community and enhanced learning experiences for clinicians. CCMC providers are known as experts in the field and have access to additional resources that will contribute to the outstanding care already provided in the Central Region every day. Our partnership with CCMC also will enable The Hospital of Central Connecticut and MidState Medical Center to optimize operational efficiencies, quality outcomes, and financial performance.

As part of HHC agreement with CCMC, all neonatal medicine physicians and neonatal mid-level providers at both The Hospital of Central Connecticut and MidState have become employees of CCMC.

Southington Surgery Center receives MAKO robot

MAKOplasty robotic technology is now featured at the Southington Surgery Center for partial knee resurfacing and total hip replacement. These procedures will be performed using the RIO Robotic Arm Interactive Orthopedic System, a surgeon-controlled robotic arm system that enables accurate alignment and placement of implants.

During a MAKOplasty total hip replacement surgery, RIO provides visualization of the joint and biomechanical data to guide the bone preparation and implant positioning to match the pre-surgical plan. After first preparing the femur or thigh bone, the surgeon uses the robotic arm to accurately shape the hip socket, and then implant the cup at the correct depth and orientation. The surgeon then adds the femoral implant.

For adults living with early to mid-stage osteoarthritis, MAKOplasty partial knee resurfacing is a viable treatment option. It is less invasive than traditional total knee surgery, allowing for a quicker recovery. A pre-surgical plan is created based on a CT scan of the patient’s knee. The surgeon uses the robotic arm during surgery to resurface the diseased portion of the knee, sparing healthy bone and surrounding tissue for a more natural-feeling knee. An implant is secured in the joint to allow the knee to move smoothly again.

HOCC has an Epic go-live

The Hospital of Central Connecticut joined MidState Medical Center and other Hartford HealthCare entities on the latest technology, EPIC, an Electronic Health Record system which will transform the ways we work together and with our patients.

SAVE the DATE

MidState Medical Center’s 20th Anniversary Gala Celebration will take place Saturday, Nov. 3, 2018 at the Toyota Oakdale Theatre in Wallingford. Look for more details to come!
We Need Your E-Mail!

The Development Department at The Hospital of Central Connecticut would appreciate your updated email address so we can keep you better informed in a more cost-effective manner. Please send an email to HOCCDevelopment@hhchealth.org. Use “Here is my email address” as the subject line and please include your full name so we can update our records.

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The advancements we have made can be attributed in many ways to people like you who have generously supported our mission to improve the health and healing of the people and communities we serve.

Please visit thocc.org/giving to see our October 1, 2016 through December 31, 2017 Honor Roll of Donors.

Thank you for your generous support!