



COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

The Newsletter of the Chilton Medical Center Foundation
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A MESSAGE FROM THE FOUNDATION

Happy New Year from the Chilton Medical Center Foundation to you and yours!

This is an energizing time of year, full of fresh starts, new plans and the promise of exciting opportunities during the next 12 months.

The Chilton Medical Center Foundation team is looking forward to a great year ahead, and we're poised to put our plans into action to continue to support Atlantic Health Chilton Medical Center.

I'm excited to report that our fundraising priority for 2026 is funding a Patient and Family Caregivers Center at Atlantic Health Chilton Medical Center. The center will provide a tranquil environment and offer free support services for families managing stress and special needs associated with caring for a critically, chronically or terminally ill loved one during a hospital stay. Our hope is that the Patient and Family Caregivers Center will make the lives of those closest to our critically ill patients a bit easier.

The foundation is proud to help raise funds for this important project through time-honored annual events like Wine, Dine & Denim, the Chilton Golf Classic and Fall for Chilton. I look forward to sharing great news of our fundraising progress in future communications.

Please read on to see more foundation news and examples of your gifts and support in action. Thank you for your continued interest in Atlantic Health Chilton Medical Center and the foundation – we look forward to seeing you in 2026!

Thank you for your continued support!

— **Megan Sandow**
Chief Philanthropy Officer
Chilton Medical Center Foundation

SAVE THESE DATES!



WINE, DINE & DENIM

Thursday, April 30, 2026

Preakness Hills Country Club
Wayne, NJ

atlantichealth.org/winetasting

GOLF CLASSIC

Monday, September 28, 2026

Mountain Ridge Country Club
West Caldwell, NJ

atlantichealth.org/golfclassic

FALL FOR CHILTON

Thursday, October 22, 2026

Mountain Ridge Country Club
West Caldwell, NJ

atlantichealth.org/fallforchilton



FALL FOR CHILTON HONORS PHYSICIAN AND AUXILIARY FUNDRAISERS

What a night! The Chilton Medical Center Foundation thanks the many Atlantic Health team members, sponsors and supporters who joined us on October 23 at Mountain Ridge Country Club in West Caldwell for **Fall for Chilton**. Over \$100,000 was raised for the new Patient and Family Caregivers Center at Atlantic Health Chilton Medical Center!

This fundraiser highlighted four seasons of excellence at Atlantic Health Chilton Medical Center and celebrated two very deserving

honorees – Physician Honoree Steven W. Domnitz, MD, and Community Honoree the Chilton Medical Center Auxiliary.

Dr. Domnitz is board-certified in obstetrics and gynecology by the American Board of Obstetrics & Gynecology and is a fellow with the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology. Among his many honors and appointments, Dr. Domnitz has served as a member and officer of the Atlantic Health Chilton Medical Center

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Board of Trustees, a member of the Chilton Medical Center Foundation Board of Trustees and President of Atlantic Health Chilton Medical Center's medical staff.

A published author, Dr. Domnitz is particularly accomplished in the world of minimally invasive surgery, and he has been featured as a medical expert in various print publications and in segments on CBS and NBC News.

Joining Dr. Domnitz in the honors portion of the evening was the Community Honoree, the Chilton Medical Center Auxiliary.

What began in 1949 with 20 charter members has evolved into a thriving organization that continues to drive the hospital's philanthropy. Over the last half century, the auxiliary has raised more than \$6 million for Atlantic Health Chilton Medical Center.

Their efforts have funded life-saving medical equipment, expansions and modernizations, surgical innovations and vital enhancements that have impacted most every program and service provided by Atlantic Health Chilton Medical Center. Most recently, the auxiliary funded a patient treatment room in the Infusion Therapy Suite in the Oncology Department within the Collins Pavilion. Capping off the evening was the auxiliary's surprise presentation to the foundation – a check for \$30,000 from their most recent fundraising efforts.

"The foundation was so pleased to honor Dr. Domnitz and the Chilton Medical Center Auxiliary at this year's Fall for Chilton," said Megan Sandow, chief philanthropy officer. "Their significant contributions to Atlantic Health Chilton Medical Center have helped make this hospital the cherished community resource and go-to destination for safe, high-quality health care that it is today."



DONOR SPOTLIGHT

Women's Vision for Health Care Council



The Chilton Medical Center Foundation's Women's Vision for Health Care Council strives to raise awareness and inspire community philanthropy to advance exceptional health care for patients

at Atlantic Health Chilton Medical Center. Its objective is to give women a voice to help shape how health care is delivered to families in the communities that Chilton serves.

"It's important to inform, empower and support women who are the primary health care decision-makers for families, giving them the necessary tools to care for themselves and their loved ones," explained Chief Philanthropy Officer Megan Sandow. "The foundation is proud to say that the Women's Vision for Health Care Council at Atlantic Health Chilton Medical Center has made a positive difference by influencing the services and care the hospital provides the community in the areas of cancer, cardiac health, pediatrics and women's health, among others."

The council meets quarterly for educational sessions with various hospital service lines to learn more about high-priority initiatives and needs. These presentations help

guide the council to make decisions regarding funding initiatives. The council then votes on the preferred area to which it will designate its funds.

In the past 10 years, the Women's Vision for Health Care Council has designated substantial funding for cold cap therapy and integrative medicine through the Infusion Center, the Nursing Scholars Program, Rehabilitative Ultrasound Imaging, Nursing Education, the Oncology Patient Assistance Fund, the Intensive Care Unit, the Mother/Baby Unit, the Breast Center, the Cardiac Rehabilitation Center, Patient Amenity Kits, the Neuroscience/Stroke Program and the Cancer Center.

The Chilton Medical Center Foundation thanks the Women's Vision for Health Care Council for its generous donations, genuine interest and tireless dedication to Atlantic Health Chilton Medical Center and patients in this region!

OUR GENEROUS COMMUNITY



Clockwise, starting top left:

Wayne Subaru generously donated 80 comforting fleece blankets for Atlantic Health Chilton Medical Center oncology patients.

In the fall, **Alps at Wayne** provided an ice cream truck to serve sweet treats to Atlantic Health Chilton Medical Center team members.

The team from **Alps at Wayne** also visited Atlantic Health Chilton Medical Center to view its sponsor plaque in the Emergency Department Nurses Station. During its visit, it distributed hats and hoodies that it brought along for Chilton team members.

Creative Abilities Studio & Tutoring Center in Butler recently donated gift bags filled with art supplies and goodies for Chilton's youngest patients. The artwork on the bags was thoughtfully created by students at the center.



FOUNDATION FUNDING IN ACTION

Chilton Medical Center Foundation Awards Scholarships

Each year, the Chilton Medical Center Foundation awards up to 15 \$2,500 scholarships to full- or part-time Chilton Medical Center team members who have been employed at the medical center for at least one year.

Applicants must be accepted into or currently enrolled in a full- or part-time BSN, MSN, DNP or PhD program at an accredited four-year college or university for an entire academic year and have a minimum grade point average of 2.0.

The scholarship application process occurs each spring. The listing on the right shows the latest Chilton Medical Center Foundation scholarship recipients – congratulations to all!

Andria Benham – Registered Nurse, Family Care Center

Alyssa DeCataldo – Registered Nurse, Post Anesthesia Care Unit

Kayla Gill – Registered Nurse, Labor and Delivery

Karen Jabara – Registered Nurse, Radiology

Megan Keaveney – Clinical Nurse, Cardiac Progressive Care Unit

Shannon Kuehm – Registered Nurse, Maternity

Janet Pagulayan – Nursing Informatics Manager, Nursing Informatics

Buffy Reilly – Nurse Educator, Nursing Education

Scott Rosen – Registered Nurse, Emergency Department

Kenny Salamea – Emergency Medical Technician, Emergency Medical Services

Kerry Seugling – Registered Nurse, Post Anesthesia Care Unit

Theresa Shultis – Registered Nurse, Pre-Admission Testing

Meagan Steines – Registered Nurse, Emergency Department

Nancy Wasiuk – Nurse Manager, Ambulatory Services

Brianne Whalen – Registered Nurse, Intensive Care Unit



GOLF CLASSIC RAISES FUNDS

It was a beautiful day and the numbers are in...18 holes of golf, 104 golfers and over \$132,000 raised for Chilton Medical Center. Thanks to all who attended the Chilton Medical Center Foundation's 41st annual Golf Classic at Mountain Ridge Country Club in West Caldwell.

The Chilton Medical Center Foundation team appreciates the many sponsors, donors and volunteers who helped make this event possible. As always, all event proceeds will support Chilton Medical Center.

The foundation is proud to support Atlantic Health Chilton Medical Center, which boasts the following badges and accolades, among many others!



DID YOU KNOW? The work of the Chilton Medical Center Foundation is supported and enriched by a dedicated group of volunteer board members. Thank you to the following who so generously offer their time and talents as members of the Chilton Medical Center Foundation Board of Directors:



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