



# COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

The E-Newsletter of the Chilton Medical Center Foundation

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## A MESSAGE FROM THE FOUNDATION

I hope this finds you having an enjoyable start to your summer! While we're looking forward to some time to refresh and renew, the Foundation continues to move ahead in our quest to raise funds for the expansion of the oncology infusion program in the Collins Pavilion and, an exciting new initiative, the Oncology Patient Assistance Fund.

Financial and other issues often create barriers to cancer care that can have devastating consequences for patients, families, and communities. While government and nonprofit agencies aim to help, resources available to those in need are limited and narrowly defined, leading to lower rates of treatment compliance, completion, and recovery among underserved oncology patients.

Chilton Medical Center's Oncology Patient Assistance Fund will support patients experiencing financial hardships that represent either direct or indirect barriers to care. This resource was created to meet the physical and emotional needs that enable patients to successfully complete their cancer treatments.

Funds will be given based on financial need and will be used for clinical purposes such as medication, physical therapy, at-home medical supplies, and specialized prosthetics; or for basic needs related to treatment such as transportation, nutrition, childcare, utilities, and clothing. The goal is to fill gaps that would impede the patient's care and recovery if left open.

We're proud of the positive difference Chilton Medical Center and the Foundation are making in the lives of our oncology patients and their families — and we hope that you — our donors — take great pride in this as well!

I look forward to sharing progress on the oncology expansion in the Collins Pavilion in our next newsletter. Until then, we hope you enjoy this issue of "Community Connections" and catching up on all that has been happening within the Foundation.

Wishing you and yours all the best — be well!

— **Megan Sandow, Chief Philanthropy Officer**  
*Chilton Medical Center Foundation  
Foundation for Hackettstown Medical Center  
Newton Medical Center Foundation*

## SAVE THESE DATES!

### DESIGNER HANDBAG BINGO

**Saturday, September 14, 2024**

Pompton Lakes Elks Lodge  
Pompton Lakes, NJ

<https://bit.ly/4elmO1R>

### QUEEN'S TEA EVENT

**Thursdays, October 3 and 10, 2024**

High SocieTea House  
Wayne, NJ

<https://bit.ly/4elmO1R>

### GOLF CLASSIC

**Monday, September 30, 2024**

Mountain Ridge Country Club  
West Caldwell, NJ

[atlantichealth.org/golfclassic](http://atlantichealth.org/golfclassic)

### FALL FOR CHILTON

**Thursday, October 24, 2024**

Mountain Ridge Country Club  
West Caldwell, NJ

[atlantichealth.org/fallforchilton](http://atlantichealth.org/fallforchilton)

## WEBINAR OFFERINGS

Tune in for webinars on a variety of topics, financial and otherwise.

For the latest offerings, visit

[atlantichealth.org/chiltonfoundation](http://atlantichealth.org/chiltonfoundation)  
and click on "Upcoming Webinars."



## COLLINS PAVILION UPDATE

The Chilton Medical Center Foundation is pleased to report that the Oncology Expansion campaign is off to a great start, having secured a generous leadership gift that will ensure a successful initiative! The campaign is a two-year project that meets an urgent community need in renovating and expanding the Collins Pavilion that houses the oncology and infusion center.

This vital initiative will help meet the needs of a growing number of patients who turn to Chilton Medical Center for infusion services and who find comfort and peace of mind in having those services available close to home.

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## DONOR SPOTLIGHT

### Chilton Medical Center Auxiliary



L-R: Bill Daniels, Director of Operations; Denise Quackenbush, Volunteer Services Coordinator; Mike Richetti, Chief Financial Officer; Joan Walker, Auxiliary President; Dr. Eric Perez, Chief Medical Officer; Anna DeLuca, Patient Experience Manager; Russell Miller, Foundation Director; and Megan Sandow, Chief Philanthropy Officer.

Chilton Medical Center is fortunate to be supported by a hardworking volunteer Auxiliary. This group hosts various fundraisers throughout the year and all proceeds benefit Chilton Medical Center.

Most recently, the Auxiliary generously donated \$40K to the hospital to be designated as follows:

- \$30,000 to support the Collins Pavilion renovation project
- \$4,100 for the Breast Center
- \$4,000 for the purchase of two patient wheelchairs
- \$2,000 to pastoral care for grief counseling

We thank this loyal group for continuing to make a positive impact on the future of health care in their community!

## ALL WERE WIDE-EYED AT SLEEP TALK

On June 11, nearly 90 residents of the Cedar Crest retirement community in Pompton Plains gathered for a program entitled, "Dreaming of a Good Night's Sleep? Here's Help!"

The program presenter, Federico Cerrone, MD, is board-certified in pulmonary, critical care, and sleep medicine by the American Board of Internal Medicine, with special interests in sleep disorders and pulmonary disease. He serves as medical director of the Lung Cancer Screening Program at Atlantic Health System and in administrative roles at Overlook Medical Center, as co-chair of the Atlantic Health System Pulmonary Integrated Care Committee and medical director of Sleep and Breathing Disorders.

Dr. Cerrone discussed strategies for improving sleep, how a lack of sleep impacts overall health, and new innovations that can help those struggling with issues related to sleep.

The program was a joint collaboration between the Chilton Medical Center Foundation and Community Health.



## CAMPAIGN UPDATE

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Positive projected outcomes for patients of the Collins Pavilion Infusion Center include:

- Access to a complete array of oncology outpatient services including radiation and immunotherapy, just a short distance from home
- Availability of the continuum of care, offered through Atlantic Health, to efficiently meet any/all of patients' health care needs

- Familiar surroundings and dedicated staff who live and work locally create a sense of community and comfort for patients and less disruption in their daily lives during treatment
  - Enhanced privacy in treatment areas
- Led by Lydia Nadeau, RN, MBA, Executive Director, Oncology Service Line, Atlantic Health, and Sandra Leo, RN, Nurse Manager, the Collins Pavilion Infusion Center staff is a dedicated team of health care professionals.

Additional aspects of the project include:

- Updating the Atlantic Medical Group (AMG) Medical Oncology Suite
- Enlarging the on-site pharmacy
- Creating new conference space and offices
- Establishing a satellite of the Glasser Brain Tumor Center

You can help bring the best care, comfort, and experience to patients in the Chilton community.

To learn more, please contact the Foundation Office, 973-831-5165 or visit [atlantichealth.org/chiltonfoundation](http://atlantichealth.org/chiltonfoundation).

# CHILTON MEDICAL CENTER BENEFITS FROM WOMEN'S VISION FOR HEALTH CARE COUNCIL

The Women's Vision for Health Care Council is a group of volunteers who offer their support for initiatives and programs to benefit patients served by Chilton Medical Center. Members pledge a two-year gift commitment of \$1,000 per year, which they individually designate for the project that is most meaningful. Recently funded projects have included support for Chilton's Nursing Scholars' program and for the expansion of the infusion center in the Collins Pavilion.

The centerpiece of the group's March meeting was a presentation by Sandy Leo, Nurse Manager for the Infusion Center, who demonstrated the use of Paxman cold cap technology, an innovation that helps prevent hair loss in chemotherapy patients. Since patients who are under-insured or uninsured may not have the means to access the benefits of Paxman



Pictured, left to right, is Sandy Leo, Nurse Manager of the Chilton Infusion Center, and members of the Women's Vision for Health Care Council: Isobel Wayrick, Leslie Little, Alma Newton, Gail Washburn, and Willa Everson. Not pictured: Bonnie Holmes, Nancy Grimmbilas, Nancy Schwartz, Barbara Cook, Sharon Bojick, and Sally Struble.

technology, the Foundation seeks to establish a fund to cover the cost of an individual kit so that all patients who want to take advantage of this intervention can do so.

For more information about the Women's Vision for Health Care Council, please call the Chilton Medical Center Foundation at 973-831-5165 or email [chilton.foundation@atlanticehealth.org](mailto:chilton.foundation@atlanticehealth.org)

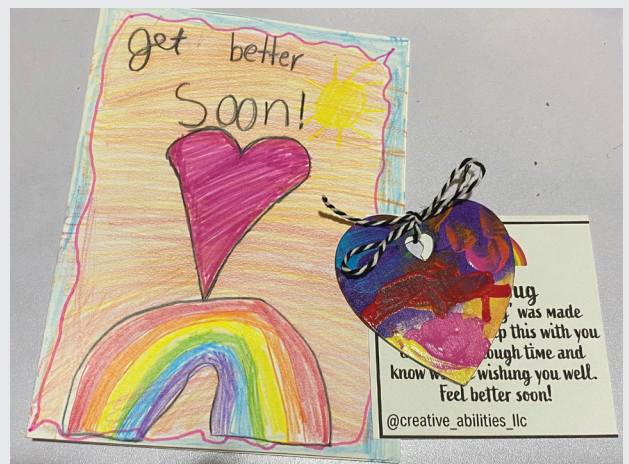


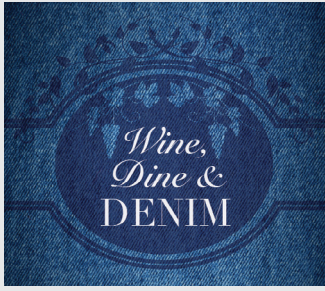
## OUR GENEROUS COMMUNITY

Volunteer Services celebrated Chilton Medical Center's many amazing volunteers during Volunteer Appreciation Week in April. Our volunteers are a vital part of our hospital and we appreciate all you do for our patients and staff throughout the year!

Sahana, a high school student at Montville High School, recently donated several original paintings to Chilton Medical Center. Her beautiful creations are hung in the East Entrance Hallway (five sold within the first two hours!) and all proceeds will benefit the Chilton Medical Center Foundation. Thank you, Sahana!

Liana Chetnik, owner of Creative Abilities, hosts a monthly class at the Bloomingdale Library. Every few months, she has her young artists do a service-based project. Liana recently delivered 30 cards and "pocket hugs" that children thoughtfully made for Chilton Medical Center patients.





Top, clockwise: Chilton Medical Center Foundation team members Kim Walsh, Foundation Event Manager; and Patty Dunn, Data Analyst, enjoy an evening at Wine, Dine & Denim.

Megan Sandow, Chief Philanthropy Officer and Russell Miller, Foundation Director enjoyed the opportunity to meet and greet Foundation supporters.

Fine wines and delectable delicacies are a part of the Chilton Medical Center Foundation's Wine, Dine & Denim experience.

The Chilton Medical Center Foundation team and Board of Trustees would like to thank everyone who participated in our 2024 Wine, Dine & Denim fundraising event held at Preakness Hills Country Club. Thanks to the generosity of our many sponsors and attendees, we're pleased to report that we welcomed over 150 attendees and raised over \$86,000 for Chilton Medical Center!



## CATH LAB RENOVATIONS CELEBRATED

As Chilton Medical Center senior leaders and the Chilton Medical Center Cardiac Catheterization Lab team look on, President Maureen Schneider, Cardiology Nurse Manager Dina Tortorelli, and Dr. Lawrence Blitz cut the ribbon to celebrate the opening of the newly renovated Cardiac Catheterization Lab. Foundation funds contributed to this project, and the new lab will more than double the number of patients who can receive cardiac care at Chilton Medical Center.



**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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