



COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

The Newsletter of the Foundation for Hackettstown Medical Center

SUMMER 2025

A MESSAGE FROM THE FOUNDATION

Happy summer! It has been wonderful seeing many of you at recent events, including An Evening of Wine and Roses and the 38th Annual Foundation Golf Classic!

You'll find a full recap of those events in this issue—it's gratifying to see so many smiling faces showing their support for Hackettstown Medical Center and safe, high-quality health care in this region. The success of our fundraising efforts is a direct result of the continued support of YOU—our sponsors, donors, board members, volunteers and friends.

So, what is the next fundraising focus for the Foundation for Hackettstown Medical Center? In addition to supporting the growth of oncology and behavioral health services, we are thrilled to announce that a \$6.5 million Emergency Department renovation/expansion project at Hackettstown Medical Center was given the go-ahead earlier this month. We'll begin raising funds for that exciting new project immediately.

The project will be done in phases, and the current footprint of the Emergency Department will be expanded into an underutilized section of the Diagnostic Imaging Department. The result will be 20 patient treatment rooms up from the current 11, and a total of six treatment rooms that will be specially equipped to care for behavioral health patients, including a new nurses' station and an expanded waiting room.

We're grateful to a very generous community for its support of the Foundation and our mission-driven hospital, making projects like this possible. We have more exciting events and initiatives planned this year, so be sure to stay tuned!

Thank you and best wishes to you and yours for a safe, enjoyable, healthy summer and fall!

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

SAVE THESE DATES!

Shining the Light

Thursday, October 9, 2025

Panther Valley Golf & Country Club
Allamuchy, NJ

atlantichealth.org/shiningthelight

Webinars

In conjunction with OneTeam Financial

Call 908-850-6876 for more info

Estate Planning

Protecting and Maximizing Your Estate

Wednesday, October 22, 2025 • 8:30am

End of the Year Tax Strategies

Wednesday, November 12, 2025 • 8:30am

COMPASSIONATE PATIENT CARE AWARD

On behalf of the Philipp family, the Foundation for Hackettstown Medical Center was pleased to recently present **Michele Ciaburri RN**, in the Vascular Lab with a certificate naming her the 2025 recipient of the Barbara May Philipp Compassionate Patient Care Award.



Michele Ciaburri, RN, receives her award from Foundation Director **Stephen Flynn**.

In 2016, area resident Ron Philipp established the Barbara May Philipp Compassionate Patient Care Award in memory of his late wife Barbara.

The Philipp family was immensely grateful for the exceptionally compassionate and quality nursing care that Barbara received during her time at Hackettstown Medical Center.

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Physician Honorees



Dr. Suvid Chaudhari
and the Hackettstown
Medical Center
Emergency Department
Physicians

Community Honoree



Greg Stewart
Area business and
community leader
and Foundation
Board member

FOUNDATION BOARD SPOTLIGHT

Bob Wanamaker



In the summer of 2022, area resident and business owner Bob Wanamaker was approached by his longtime friend and business acquaintance Pete Olivieri about a local foundation board opportunity. Pete, a vice president with Huntington Mortgage, had been a volunteer member of the Foundation for Hackettstown Medical Center Board of Directors for over 15 years and thought Bob would be a great addition to the group.

Bob, along with his wife Susan, has been principle and co-founder of Green Hill Title, LLC for 18 years, offering title insurance and settlement services for residential and commercial properties out of offices in Mt. Olive and Morristown.

Intrigued, Bob met with Foundation leaders and was soon invited to join the Foundation for Hackettstown Medical Center Board of Directors, officially becoming a member in November 2022. Bob said he was immediately impressed

by the open, transparent, and cooperative environment of the all-volunteer Foundation board and quickly became active, sponsoring various events and serving on the Golf Classic and Radio Auction committees.

"At this stage of my life, to be involved with something not to generate business, but to support my local hospital and interact with other professionals in the

area who want to work together for the good of the community and hopefully make a difference raising funds for local health care means a great deal to me," explained Bob.

"Living in this area for 20-plus years and in Morris County all my life, I've seen that the local community

hospitals can sometimes be overlooked and misunderstood because they're smaller," said Bob.

"As a Foundation board member, I now have a better sense of the exceptional

capabilities and high quality of Hackettstown Medical Center's dedicated health care team," explained Bob. "I also have a better understanding of what happens behind the scenes and what a positive impact Atlantic Health System continues to have on health care in this area—that has been invaluable," he added.

Bob said he finds it especially rewarding to see the Foundation helping fund important programs and services that make an impact in the community, such as the expansion of oncology infusion services and the relocation of Hackettstown Medical Center's Outpatient Behavioral Health Center to a larger, more modern space on the hospital's main campus from their former location in a much smaller space, off-site.

"Behavioral health services being brought on-site is fantastic—those services are sorely needed—we all know that. The fact that the Foundation was able to contribute to that project is very gratifying," said Bob.

Would he encourage others to get involved with the Foundation in some way, whether it be as a volunteer, a sponsor or donor?

"Absolutely," said Bob. "To give back when you're able and be involved in supporting health care at a very local level is a wonderful thing—from my own experience, I would highly recommend it."

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OUR GENEROUS COMMUNITY

Atlantic Health System's Hackettstown and Newton medical centers thank our incredible community partner, Hackettstown-based **Mars Wrigley**, for their generous donation of multiple cases of M&M's Peanut Chocolate Candies in honor of Nurses Week at both hospitals!

Mars Wrigley Site Director Michal Riha and associate Jennifer Bongiovanni personally delivered the pallet of sweet treats and took time to thank the nurses gathered for all they do to care for patients each and every day.

Thanks to Mars Wrigley's generosity, over 6,000 packs of M&M's were enjoyed by nurses and hospital support staff during Nurses Week 2025!

26TH ANNUAL RADIO AUCTION RAISES FUNDS

Thanks to donations from our very generous business community, as well as supportive sponsors, board members, and bidders, over \$30,000 was raised during the 26th annual WRNJ Radio Auction to benefit Hackettstown Medical Center!

The Foundation for Hackettstown Medical Center appreciates the online bidders and loyal listeners who tune in and keep this event going, year after year.

SAVE THE DATE FOR NEXT YEAR'S RADIO AUCTION – FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 2026!



AN EVENING OF WINE & ROSES GETS MOTORS RUNNING

Atlantic Health System's Hackettstown and Newton Medical Center foundations recently hosted over 500 attendees, sponsors and volunteers at An Evening of Wine & Roses at Perona Farms in Andover.

The Grand Prix celebration-themed event featured music, raffles, and a tasting of fine wines, spirits, and culinary specialties from several of Sussex and Warren counties' top restaurants. A VIP guest option took the experience to an even higher level, with special race-themed delicacies and signature drinks.

Over \$295,000 was raised and all proceeds from this popular annual event will remain local to support important projects at Newton and Hackettstown medical centers. This event was made possible through the support of lead sponsors RoNetco Supermarkets, Inc. and Atlantic Health, as well as many more individuals and businesses.

To view a video program of all the event sponsors, please visit atlantichealth.org/wineandroses.



FOUNDATION RECEIVES \$100,000 GRANT

The Foundation for Hackettstown Medical Center is pleased to announce the receipt of a \$100,000 grant from the Douglas M. Noble Family Foundation to support the creation of an Oncology Patient Assistance Fund at Atlantic Health System's Hackettstown Medical Center.

This fund provides vital assistance to vulnerable members of the community, offering oncology patients and their families some relief from financial hardships that may impede care. Hackettstown Medical Center hopes to grow the fund to provide meaningful assistance to those who need it most, when they need it most, ultimately reducing delays in care, ensuring accountability, and promoting successful treatment.

Our thanks to the Douglas M. Noble Family Foundation for this generous grant!



Douglas M. Noble Family Foundation representative Margie Maneri with Megan Sandow, chief philanthropy officer, Hackettstown Medical Center.

JOINT BOARDS' INFORMATION AND SOCIAL GATHERING

Members of Hackettstown and Newton medical centers' Foundation and Community Advisory Boards recently gathered at Perona Farms for a discussion of exciting regional and system updates and innovations within Atlantic Health System. Speakers included Bob Adams, president, Hackettstown and Newton medical centers; Dr. David Bollard, CEO, Premier Health; and Doug Hayes, executive director, Innovation/Venture Studios, Atlantic Health.



Happy 20th Anniversary to the Joan Knechel Cancer Center at Hackettstown Medical Center!

The exceptional, safe, high-quality, compassionate care delivered there continues to positively impact the lives of oncology patients and families in this region.

The Foundation is proud to help fund this essential facility. Whether it was two decades ago or yesterday, our donors continue to make it happen!

FOUNDATION GOLF CLASSIC SHINES

It was a great day at the Foundation for Hackettstown Medical Center's 38th annual Golf Classic at Panther Valley Golf & Country Club!

Thanks to our many sponsors, golfers and volunteers, over \$97,000 was raised for Hackettstown Medical Center.

The outing planning committee was led once again by John Johnson of John Johnson Automotive Group. Special guest, former Jets safety Erik Coleman, enjoyed mingling with the crowd as top awards were handed out to the foursomes from Foot Care Associates and the Hackettstown Medical Center Medical Staff.



SAVE THE DATE FOR THE AUXILIARY'S ANNUAL FALL HARVEST TRICKY TRAY

Saturday, September 20 • Doors open 4pm • Drawing begins 6pm
Independence Twp. Fire Dept., Cemetery Road, Great Meadows, NJ

Pre-sale General Admission includes four sheets of regular tickets.
Pre-sale General Admission encouraged, as space is limited.
All attendees must be 18 or older.

Additional tickets and food will be available for purchase at the event.

For more info, call 908-310-5084. All proceeds benefit Hackettstown Medical Center.

Do you want to stay "in the know" on the latest news and events related to the Foundation for Hackettstown Medical Center?

Join our growing email list today!

Simply email HMC.Foundation@atlantichealth.org and we'll take care of the rest. You can also unsubscribe via that same address, if you wish.

FOUNDATION FUNDING IN ACTION

We're pleased to share the latest funding initiative of the Foundation for Hackettstown Medical Center—a Rolascreen for our Intensive Care Unit. When a patient's circumstances don't allow for the use of the traditional privacy curtains in their ICU room, this high-quality, mobile privacy screen provides the appropriate dignity and respect for the patient and their family as needed. Our thanks to ICU Registered Nurse Teresa Polo for reaching out to the Foundation for Hackettstown Medical Center to pursue funding for this item that exemplifies compassionate care and will contribute greatly to positive patient experiences.



DID YOU KNOW? The work of the Foundation for Hackettstown Medical Center 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 Foundation for Hackettstown Medical Center Board of Directors:



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