



COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

The Newsletter of the Newton Medical Center Foundation

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!

You'll find a full recap in this issue—it's gratifying to see so many smiling faces showing their support for Newton 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 Newton Medical Center Foundation? We're thrilled to announce that we're in the midst of a special initiative to raise \$1 million toward a \$6.65 million investment in oncology services. Newton Medical Center's Sparta Oncology Expansion project will renovate and expand Newton Medical Center's Outpatient Infusion Center located in the Sparta Health and Wellness building to:

- Create four new infusion bays for a total of nine infusion bays and one private treatment room
- Create a new, dedicated mixing pharmacy for preparation of chemotherapy and other drugs
- Relocate and expand the Atlantic Medical Group (AMG) Medical Oncology Suite

We're grateful to our very generous community for your 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**
Newton Medical Center Foundation

SAVE THESE DATES!

Newton Rotary Golf Outing

Wednesday, September 24, 2025

Newton Country Club, Newton, NJ

Call 973-579-8309 for more info

34th Annual C. Edward McCracken Festival of Lights

Saturday, November 15, 2025

Newton Medical Center, Newton, NJ

atlantichealth.org/festivaloflights

Webinars

In conjunction with OneTeam Financial

Call 973-579-8309 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

FOUNDATION-FUNDED MATERNITY RENOVATIONS COMPLETE

Newton Medical Center has officially opened its newly renovated maternity unit with a ribbon cutting, completing a project designed to improve comfort and care for mothers and babies in Sussex and Warren counties.

The updated unit includes 17 private maternity suites with upgraded features like sleeping couches, quiet workspaces, lounge chairs and storage, making it more comfortable for partners, visitors, and families.

Supported by the Newton Medical Center Foundation as part of a broader \$3.5 million investment, the renovation marks a significant milestone in the hospital's

ongoing efforts to enhance patient experience and clinical excellence.

The maternity unit renovation marks the final phase of the Foundation's Your Care, Our Future campaign, which funded three key facility projects, also including the renovation and redesign of the Behavioral Health Patient Unit in the Emergency Department and a newly designed and enhanced Intensive Care Unit (ICU).

We thank all those who contributed to the Foundation's Your Care,



Our Future campaign. As you can see, your donations continue to make a significant, positive difference to health care in this community!

FOUNDATION BOARD SPOTLIGHT

E. Jane Brown

Note: While generally very lowkey about touting her involvement and preferring to remain behind-the-scenes, Jane has agreed to share her story to hopefully encourage others to consider volunteering to a cause that's close to their heart.

For Sparta resident E. Jane Brown, supporting Newton Medical Center has been an integral part of her life since 1973 when she and her husband Bruce moved to Sparta to start a family. 52 years, three sons and eight grandchildren later, Jane—who was born and raised in New York City—reflects fondly on her long history with Newton Medical Center, the Foundation, and the Auxiliary.

Jane's first foray into giving her time and talents to the hospital began by volunteering in the hospital's hospitality/gift shop, helping in Radiology, giving school tours and more. Jane joined the hospital Auxiliary and served a term as Auxiliary president.

Appointed to the Newton Memorial Hospital Board in 1983, Jane is a past chair of the hospital board as well as the Newton Medical Center Community Advisory Board. Jane has also chaired the Board's Planning, Governance, and Finance committees for several terms, and was instrumental in creating the Sparta Health & Wellness Center and the Milford Health & Wellness Center in the 1990s.

"To see the Foundation focusing on raising funds for expansion of oncology services at the Sparta Health & Wellness Center these many years later is very rewarding," said Jane.

Jane was an inaugural member of the Newton Memorial Hospital Foundation upon its founding in 1985. A past chair of



the Foundation Board, Jane still serves as a Foundation Board member and is a member of the Foundation's Finance and Festival of Lights committees.

In addition to raising a family, Jane enjoyed a career in international banking and educational leadership. Jane's interest in health care was further strengthened through involvement as a member of the New Jersey Hospital Association Board of Governors, the American Hospital Association Health Forum Fellowship to create healthier communities, and the American Hospital Association Council on Governance.

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Jane said that she is proud to be involved with the Foundation because of "the way we respond to the needs of the hospital and the community. There are a lot of important projects that have been done and areas that have been funded because of the Foundation—things that make a tremendous difference in patient care and the health of this community."

Jane is pleased to note that in her time with the Newton Memorial Hospital / Newton Medical Center Foundation, over \$20 million has been donated to the hospital and that number continues to grow.

In addition to her Foundation Board involvement, Jane still volunteers in Newton Medical Center's gift/hospitality shop and is grateful that this has enabled her to experience a different side of patient care. "Patients and their families come in and they often want a listening ear," she said. "That is very important to me—to be there as someone they can talk to."

Jane has enjoyed getting to know the hospital team over the years, and is impressed by the dedication that she sees regularly.

"The staff—especially the nurses—are such a strength in this community. They're so compassionate," explained Jane. "Our nurses are outstanding—the empathy and care they show to the patient and their family is truly remarkable."

"It's been an interesting 50 years and I'm happy to remain involved!" said Jane.

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Celebrating Milestones in 2025!

The Newton Medical Center Auxiliary—Cheers to 90 Years!



The Beehive Thrift Store—50 Years Strong and Growing!



Join the Newton Medical Center Foundation as we celebrate these two area treasures during a celebration dinner to be held on **Thursday, September 25, 2025!**



Be on the lookout for more information, or visit atlantichealth.org/newtonfoundation

AN EVENING OF WINE & ROSES GETS MOTORS RUNNING

Atlantic Health System's Newton Medical Center and Hackettstown 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 year's fundraising focus for the Newton Medical Center Foundation is a \$1 million oncology expansion project at Sparta Health & Wellness. The Foundation for Hackettstown Medical Center's fundraising focus is the expansion and renovation of the Emergency Department.

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 is pleased to announce the receipt of a \$100,000 grant from the Douglas M. Noble Family Foundation to support two important fundraising initiatives for Atlantic Health System's Newton Medical Center—\$50,000 toward a \$1 million Oncology Expansion Project in Sparta and \$50,000 toward the creation of an Oncology Patient Assistance Fund for Newton Medical Center.

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



Left to right, Margie Maneri, representing the Douglas M. Noble Family Foundation and Megan Sandow, chief philanthropy officer, Newton Medical Center.

JOINT BOARDS' INFORMATION AND SOCIAL GATHERING

Members of Newton and Hackettstown 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, Newton and Hackettstown medical centers; Dr. David Bollard, CEO, Premier Health; and Doug Hayes, executive director, Innovation/Venture Studios, Atlantic Health.



**Save the Date for our
34th Annual**



Saturday, November 15, 2025

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Medical Center

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OUR GENEROUS COMMUNITY

Julianna S. from **Junior Girl Scout Troop 99067** of Vernon and her mother, Noelle, delivered Girl Scout Cookies to Newton Medical Center for Nurses Week. Nursing Supervisor Kristina Eggleston and Foundation Director Stephen Flynn happily accepted the donation.

Area resident **Jan Schmale** recently donated handmade baby quilts to the Maternity Center at Newton Medical Center. Jan, second from right, is pictured with nurses from Maternity. Jan has been making and donating quilts for the last four years, and to-date has donated 200 in total!

Recently, **Girl Scout Troop 99016**, part of the Newton Service Unit, held a donation drive for baby girl supplies so the scouts could create baskets to celebrate all girls born at Newton Medical Center on March 12, National Girl Scout Day. The **Zeta Kappa Chapter of Tri-Sigma Sorority at Montclair State University** also assisted by holding a donation drive to contribute to the effort. All the Newton Medical Center moms of newborn daughters were given a letter explaining the donation and the significance to scouting.

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

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



FOUNDATION FUNDING IN ACTION

Newton Medical Center's Center for Breast Health recently purchased a new robe warmer for women who come to the breast center for mammograms or other procedures. The funds from various local schools' Pink Out events and fundraisers were directly used to purchase the warming unit. This warmer will surely enhance the patient experience and add to the spa-like atmosphere of the Breast Center.



Left to right: Heather Lewis, radiology manager; Edna Murray, mammography technologist; Kristen VanWingerden, tech support; Lorraine Redlich, mammography technologist; and Stephen Flynn, foundation director.

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



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