



HEART AND SOUL – A COMMUNITY EVENT

A Community Celebration, hosted by Newton Medical Center and Atlantic Health System.

More than 270 guests were in attendance at Perona Farms on February 27, to celebrate the accomplishments of those who save lives and to honor the lives of those who have passed.

The sixth annual "Heart and Soul – A Community Celebration," hosted by the Newton Medical Center Foundation, welcomed dozens of EMS squads and police departments and also recognized the medical center foundation's automated external defibrillator program that helped to save the lives of five people in 2018.

Both the Byram Police Department and Blairstown ambulance squad were recognized for saving the lives of two people each using the machine, along with the Sparta ambulance squad, which used the

AED machine to save a life in July 2018. The Scott Danielson Heart of Saving Lives Award, given to those who have sacrificed their lives to volunteer and care for others, was presented to the family of Patrick Logan, an Atlantic Ambulance flight nurse who passed away at the age of 37 on Oct. 26, 2018. A flight paramedic for 15 years, Logan was also a former member of the Newton Rescue Squad.

In attendance to accept the award on Logan's behalf were his wife, Stephanie, and their two children, Connor, 12, and Kylie, 10, along with Patrick Logan's parents, Mary and Jeffrey Logan, and Stephanie Logan's mother, Donna Grant.

Among the stories of lives saved at the event were that of Pete McKenna, a 77-year-old who survived a heart attack thanks to the quick response of the Blairstown Ambulance Corps.



Special Events Highlights and Save the Date

The Frank Redfern Memorial Golf Open
7.8.19 Lake Mohawk Golf Club

C. Edward McCracken Festival of Lights honoring Brian Gragnolati, President and CEO, Atlantic Health System
11.16.19 Newton Medical Center

Newton Medical Center Auxiliary News

The Newton Medical Center Auxiliary recently gifted \$50,000 to the Transform Campaign supporting renovations to the 1 Hussey cardiac unit. Since the inception of the Auxiliary, over 80 years ago, over \$5.5 million has been donated to the hospital. Pictured from left to right, Stephen Flynn, Donor Relations Manager, Newton Medical Center Foundation, Linda Skellenger, President, Auxiliary of Newton Medical Center, Elaine Furfero, 2nd Vice President, Auxiliary of Newton Medical Center, Mary Waller, 1st Vice President, Auxiliary of Newton Medical Center and Megan Sandow, Chief Development Officer, Newton Medical Center Foundation.



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Members of Rockport Presbyterian Church donated toys for pediatric patients in the Advanced Care Unit.



The Stashluk Family donated card games, coloring sheets and crayons for pediatric patients in the Emergency Department during the holidays.

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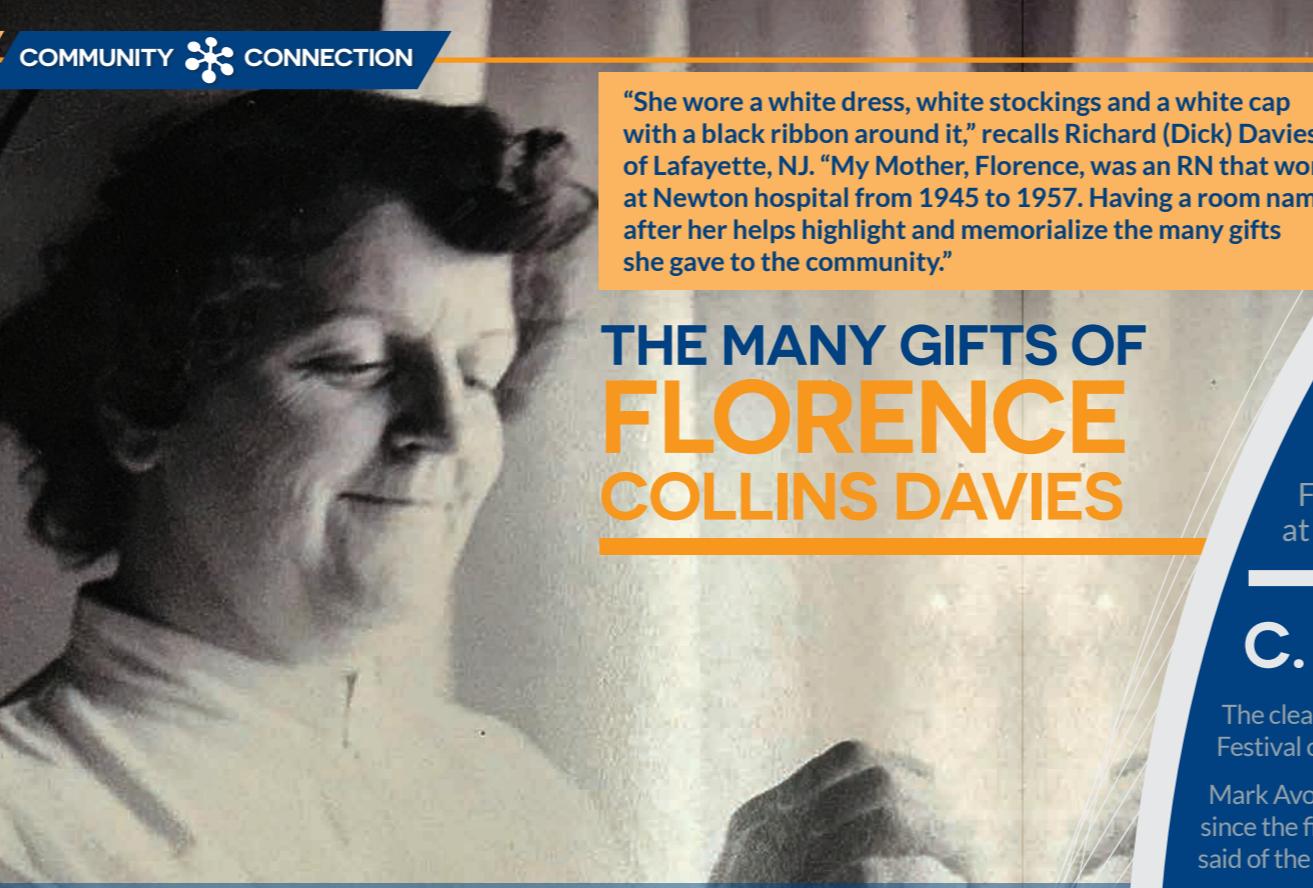
THE TRANSFORM PROJECT

Foundation Reaches Transform Campaign goal of \$1.2 million

Newton Medical Center Foundation is proud to announce the completion of the Transform Campaign which raised \$1.2 million to renovate and modernize the 1 Hussey Patient Unit. The 1 Hussey unit is a 25 bed unit which includes 7 private rooms and 9 semi-private rooms. The renovation project was designed to enhance the patient, family and clinician experience.

Immediately upon entering the unit, you are welcomed with a new open nurses' station. Additionally, a family lounge adjacent to the nurses' station has been added, giving family members and friends a quiet and comfortable space to use.

New upgrades and finishes were made to all existing rooms which has created a greater soothing and healing environment. Patient rooms include remodeled bathrooms and feature quality cabinetry and furniture as well as the latest medical technology and equipment. **The exceptional care and comfort that patients have come to expect at Newton Medical Center is now matched by a new warm, beautiful and welcoming setting.**



"She wore a white dress, white stockings and a white cap with a black ribbon around it," recalls Richard (Dick) Davies of Lafayette, NJ. "My Mother, Florence, was an RN that worked at Newton hospital from 1945 to 1957. Having a room named after her helps highlight and memorialize the many gifts she gave to the community."

THE MANY GIFTS OF FLORENCE COLLINS DAVIES

Florence Collins was born in Franklin, NJ in 1915. She graduated from Franklin High School in 1933 and went on to become a nurse in 1936. That same year she married John Davies from Franklin. As John went on to become a Merchant Marine, Florence began her nursing career. She worked as a midwife in the late 1930s, riding from house to house with several doctors in the Franklin area. In 1945, she joined the nursing staff at what was then Newton Memorial Hospital. Then for a short time, she worked at the Franklin Hospital, the first hospital built in Sussex County in 1908 to treat injured miners from the local mines. However, she returned to work at Newton until her death of acute hepatitis in 1957.

"I've thought about how to honor my mother for my entire adult life," stated Richard Davies, Florence's son. "I was only 14 when she passed away. When Newton began renovations in the Emergency Department in 2016, the opportunity to name a private room after her seemed like the perfect fit."

The Davies family have a long history with Newton Medical Center. Two out of five of Florence's children, six grandchildren and five great grandchildren were born in the maternity ward.

Pat, Dick's wife of 59 years, says that many family members have had treatments at Newton Medical Center. To her, supporting the hospital is as essential as supporting your local fire company, food pantry and church.

"The medical care...and the caring, were always

excellent. The hospital has been a reliable, stable and comforting health service resource for our family for more than 75 years," said Dick.

My oldest sister Judy passed away last year and the wonderful people at Newton took very good care of her until the end," said Dick. "She had been a kindergarten teacher in Franklin public schools for more than 25 years giving her love of education to the next generation of Sussex County. She was a physically active woman—kayaking and hiking on the waterways and mountain trails in northern New Jersey. Judy loved her family and her community and was chosen 'Franklin Senior Citizen of the Year' for 2018."

Judy Davies Postas will also have a room named after her on 1 South, newly renovated for the ultimate care of all patients. Pat and Dick's commitment to Sussex County and the health services of the community are a tribute to their positive experiences at Newton Medical Center and more importantly the people who represent the hospital every day.

"Our family is very close. My son and I have businesses in the county. We, my children and grandchildren, gather as a family every week to embrace the memories of our history and future here," said Dick.

"For years we have donated to the Festival of Lights—it's our way to say thank you to the staff for their high level of commitment to their patients. You can never do enough for those people. They have a tough job and we need to recognize it." □

AN EVENING OF WINE AND ROSES

Newton Medical Center Foundation and the Foundation for Hackettstown Medical Center host An Evening Of Wine And Roses on Thursday, May 16, 2019.

VIP Room with celebrity guest acclaimed author of 20 books and former *New York Times* columnist Mark Bittman.

VIP Room 5:30 to 7:00 pm. Wine and Cuisine Tasting 6:30 to 9:30 pm. David and Carol Lackland Center at Centenary University, 717 Grand Avenue, Hackettstown, NJ.

For more information and tickets call the Newton Medical Center Foundation at 973-579-8309. □

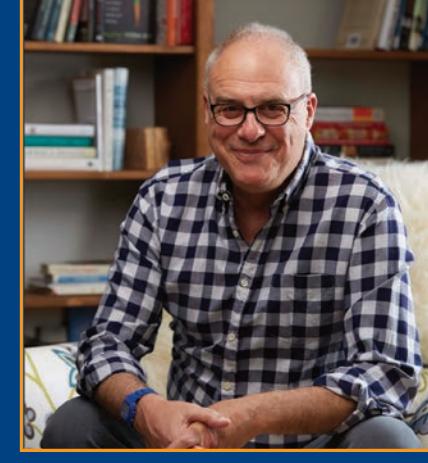


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C. EDWARD MCCRACKEN FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

The clear night sky and a dusting of snow were the ideal backdrop for the 27th C. Edward McCracken Festival of Lights at Newton Medical Center held on November 18, 2018.

Mark Avondoglio, chairman of the Newton Medical Center Foundation Board, said he has been attending since the first Festival of Lights was held. "The crowds are outstanding and it grows every year," Avondoglio said of the event. "It's something the hospital does for the community at large."

Nearly 1,000 people attended the event which included children's activities where families spent time chatting with Santa and participating in balloon art and face painting. A community reception was also held prior to the tree lighting and fireworks.

One exciting feature of the evening was the recognition of Dr. Paul Owens as this year's honoree. Owens is the chief medical officer of Newton and Hackettstown medical centers. He was chosen due to his leadership in assisting to deliver new programs and services for the hospitals.

Dr. Owens said he appreciates McCracken's vision in starting the tradition of illuminating the trees on the grounds of the medical center to uplift patients and their families during the holiday season, which McCracken's children have continued to support.

"It's never easy when you have a loved one in the hospital," Owens said. "The Festival of Lights sets the mood for a healing atmosphere."

The event was a great success raising \$92,000, the second highest in event history. □



MAKING A GIFT THAT LASTS A LIFETIME

"I wish I could do more." That's the comment we often hear from friends of Newton Medical Center Foundation when they make

What if it were possible to do more with a gift that will last forever and make a difference for years to come?

Contrary to what people think, a planned gift can often be made at very low cost. It's just a matter of planning WHAT to give, HOW to give and WHEN to give.

And when you make a planned gift to Newton Medical Center Foundation, you become part of the Condit Legacy Society which was named after George and Blanche Condit who donated the land on which the hospital sits. The Legacy Society honors and recognizes all those who have either left the hospital in their will, retirement plan, life insurance policy or other planned gift. Please go to our website to find out more and to use the interactive planning tools:

<https://atlantichealth.mylegacygift.org/>