# **Bridgeport Hospital Foundation**

2020 Annual Report | A Year of Unprecedented Challenges



Yale NewHaven Health Bridgeport Hospital Foundation

# 2020: A Year of Unprecedented Challenges

In times of crisis, we call on those we trust. When COVID-19 hit Connecticut, Bridgeport Hospital answered the call to heal, protect and defend our community. Our healthcare heroes selflessly met the challenges of the pandemic with ingenuity, resilience and optimism.

The wide range of healthcare needs of our communities has been a constant during the pandemic. People continue to count on the hospital's medical professionals for emergency care as well as surgeries, preventive screenings and other routine treatments. The virus has taken a heavy toll on many, bringing much-needed focus on the hospital's mental health services and the importance of wellness for mind and body.

In a dynamic and tremendously challenging environment, Bridgeport Hospital remains steadfast in providing safe, compassionate, world-class care to our loved ones, friends and neighbors, no matter what it takes.

#### Dear Friends,

Last spring, we watched as the biggest public health crisis of our lifetimes traveled across the world to our vibrant and close-knit community. Bridgeport Hospital knew it was not a matter of "if," but "when" the virus would arrive, and we were ready to take action. The Bridgeport Hospital Foundation responded to the needs of the hospital and its staff, and our loved ones, friends and neighbors who needed our care. We continue to meet the challenges of the COVID crisis, and we could not have done it without your help.

Our donors have given more than \$625,000 to our COVID-19 Support Funds, recognizing the need to provide critical resources to our hospital and our healthcare heroes so we can safely go to battle for the sickest patients in our community. Your generosity has supplied more than 25,000 meals and other amenities so our frontline staff can stay strong and focused on care – our patients' and their own. Also last year, you kept those in our community fighting breast cancer close at heart by helping the Norma Pfriem Breast Center raise over \$475,000 at its first-ever virtual Rose of Hope event.

In this report, we highlight a few of the benefactors who helped make it all possible. Joan Trefz, whose family owns the Holiday Inn Bridgeport, generously offered hotel rooms to our frontline heroes so they could avoid bringing the virus home to their loved ones (page 6). Elise Bucknall, Rose of Hope co-chair, navigated uncharted waters to organize a virtual event so patients at the Breast Center could continue to receive critical funding for cancer care (page 8). The John and Ethel Kashulon Foundation made a generous grant to our COVID-19 Support Fund to supply precious resources the hospital needed to help people recover and get back on their feet (page 10).

Through the challenges of this pandemic, Bridgeport Hospital has emerged stronger. Our urgent care centers continue to meet the demand for community testing with rapid results. Our outpatient and ambulatory sites remain open to provide the care patients need, when they need it. Our Bridgeport and Milford campuses and Park Avenue Medical Center continue to perform elective surgeries and other procedures to keep people in the best of health. We are working tirelessly to distribute the COVID vaccines as quickly as possible. As we move forward in this journey, our primary goal is to serve and meet all the healthcare needs of our communities.

In fact, in 2021 we celebrate a milestone at our Milford Campus. This healthcare facility has been a cornerstone of the Milford community for 100 years. We look forward to providing Milford and its neighbors with compassionate, state-of-the-art care for decades to come.

We also celebrate the progress we continue to make in helping the most vulnerable in our communities. Thank you for your philanthropic support to Bridgeport Hospital's REACH program for outpatient mental health; our Primary Care Center, a vital safety net for underserved patients in greater Bridgeport; our palliative care program, providing comfort and compassion to patients suffering from cancer and other chronic illnesses; and so much more.

Bridgeport Hospital is here for you. Thank you for being here for us.

With our best wishes for safety and good health,

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Stephen M. Jakab, CFRE President, Bridgeport Hospital Foundation



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# **Bridgeport Hospital Highlights**

# Facilities

#### One Year 'Healthier Together'

June 9 marked the first anniversary of the integration of the former Milford Hospital into Bridgeport Hospital and Yale New Haven Health System (YNHHS). YNHHS has invested significant resources to expand and enhance services at the Milford Campus, which has played a key role in caring for non-COVID-19 patients and increasing capacity at the Bridgeport Campus for COVID-positive patients since March 14.

#### New Medical Center in Fairfield

In September, Yale New Haven Health's Northeast Medical Group (NEMG) opened a new multispecialty center at 1152 Kings Highway Cutoff in Fairfield. The new 25,000-square-foot facility includes 45 exam rooms and three procedure rooms for some 30 medical specialists. The center also houses a blood draw station and X-ray services. All providers and services are affiliated with Bridgeport Hospital and YNHHS.

# **Clinical Innovation**

#### **Commitment to Age-Friendly Care**

Bridgeport Hospital joined the Age-Friendly Health Systems initiative, a movement to improve health care for older adults, contributing to a goal of 20 percent of U.S. hospitals and health systems becoming age-friendly by 2020. Bridgeport Hospital is one of more than 100 health systems working to make care for older adults even more tailored to patients' goals and preferences and consistently of high quality.

#### **Donor Milk for Babies**

Bridgeport Hospital is among the first hospitals in the Northeast, and the first in YNHHS, to offer pasteurized donor human milk (PDHM) to well babies. PDHM is supplied by Mothers' Milk Bank Northeast for infants when a mother's own milk is not sufficiently available. Screening of breast milk donors is similar to blood donor screening, and includes a health history, physician approval and blood tests. For added safety, the milk is pasteurized, and then tested by an independent lab.



Bridgeport Hospital now offers pasteurized donor human milk to well babies when a mother's own breast milk is not available.



Two new single-person Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy chambers are now available to patients at the Wound Healing Center at Milford Campus.

#### **Advanced Stroke Care**

Bridgeport Hospital launched an enhanced Stroke Center, expanding services for Fairfield County residents who can receive immediate on-site stroke care and bringing cutting-edge neurosurgical procedures to Bridgeport. The center includes world-class neurosurgeons from across YNHHS, a telestroke program and advanced procedures that can reverse stroke symptoms and save lives.

#### **TeleStroke Technology**

TeleStroke allows Bridgeport Hospital caregivers to partner with the entire YNHHS stroke team to enhance efficiency in the care of stroke patients who might require inter-arterial therapies. It also helps ensure consistency of care across all YNHHS delivery networks. The Milford Campus of Bridgeport Hospital had the technology before it became part of Bridgeport Hospital.

#### New Chambers for Wound Care

The Wound Healing Center at Bridgeport Hospital's Milford Campus added two new single-person Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy (HBOT) chambers. HBOT is a medical treatment in which patients breathe 100 percent pure oxygen at an increased pressure inside an oxygen chamber to promote the healing of certain types of wounds. The new HBOT chambers include features that improve patient comfort.

# **Quality Recognition**

#### **Best Doctors in Connecticut**

More than 90 physicians affiliated with Bridgeport Hospital are among over 380 doctors from across YNHHS included on *Connecticut Magazine*'s Best Doctors list for 2020. Best Doctors are selected by impartial peer review in over 450 medical specialty/ subspecialty combinations.

#### LGBTQ Healthcare Equality Leader

Bridgeport Hospital maintained its recognition as a Healthcare Equality Leader by the Human Rights Campaign. Organizations designated as Leaders in LGBTQ Healthcare Equality are recognized for implementing LGBTQ-inclusive policies and practices in four areas: patient-centered care, patient services and support, fully inclusive employee benefits and policies, and patient and community engagement.

#### **Recognition for Organ Donation Efforts**

Bridgeport Hospital has earned platinum-level recognition for participation in the Workplace Partnership for Life Hospital Organ Donation Campaign, which aims to increase organ, eye and tissue donor registrations. Bridgeport Hospital was recognized for educating staff, patients, visitors and communities about the critical need for organ, eye and tissue donation, and offering opportunities to register as donors.

# **Community Focus**

#### **COVID-19 Response**

YNHHS cared for its first COVID-positive patient in March. With limited testing across the country at the time, YNHHS quickly developed its own COVID-19 diagnostic test for our hospitals and communities, helping to isolate positive cases and reduce the spread of the virus. YNHHS rapidly established COVID-19 testing sites across the greater Bridgeport area, including Fairfield, Milford and Bridgeport, and continues to open new sites across the state. YNHHS also deployed a specimen collection RV to various community centers in Bridgeport to improve access to testing, particularly for underserved populations.

#### **Monthly Food Distribution**

Food insecurity is a long-standing issue in the Bridgeport area and the need for food increased over the course of the COVID-19 pandemic. Bridgeport Hospital has provided access to a monthly mobile food pantry since May 2019 in partnership with the Connecticut Food Bank. Nearly 2,000 families have been served by monthly mobile pantry visits, and counting.

#### Farm Stand Partnership

Bridgeport Hospital partnered with the Bridgeport Farmers Market Collaborative to help make healthy food accessible to the community by hosting a seasonal farm stand at its Bridgeport and Milford campuses. Farm stand customers have the ability to double their SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) dollars toward the purchase of fresh produce.

#### **School Supply Drives**

Bridgeport Hospital employees donated hundreds of items to school supply drives at the Bridgeport and Milford campuses and Park Avenue Medical Center. The supplies, ranging from notebooks to pencils, markers and backpacks, went to Hall School in Bridgeport and Milford elementary schools.



Bridgeport Hospital continues to work with the Connecticut Food Bank to safely distribute food to families in need during the COVID-19 outbreak.

# A gift of comfort for our courageous caregivers

When the COVID-19 pandemic hit greater Bridgeport, Bridgeport Hospital staff sprang into action, taking care of people suffering from a virus the world had never seen. What little was known about this virus was that it was very contagious, and some people became extremely ill from it. Those in its path were fearful of bringing it home to their loved ones – particularly frontline hospital workers.

"We were hearing that our staff were concerned about going home after working all day around the virus," said Lyla Steenbergen, CFRE, gift advancement officer, Bridgeport Hospital Foundation. "That's when we had the idea to reach out to our donors to see if they would like to help donate hotel rooms to house our staff during the pandemic."

Steenbergen instantly thought of Joan Trefz, owner of the Holiday Inn Bridgeport, and co-founder of the Ernie and Joan Trefz Foundation, a long-time supporter of the Bridgeport Hospital Foundation and many other community organizations in the Bridgeport area.

"When the Bridgeport Hospital Foundation called me to see if we had any rooms available for staff, I was honored to help," said Joan. "I could appreciate the fact that the frontline workers didn't want to go home to their families after being around such a dangerous virus."

In all, 61 Bridgeport Hospital staff members stayed at the Holiday Inn throughout the pandemic. The donated rooms brought calm to those who used them. They were working in a high-stress environment helping patients recover from COVID-19 or directly supporting frontline staff.

"This pandemic is unlike anything I've ever experienced," said Bonnie-Anne Szturma, Emergency Department technician, Bridgeport Hospital. "I consider myself a seasoned veteran. In my career, I have worked with airplane and hurricane disasters – you can see the problem you face. You can't see this virus."

Bonnie, who stayed at the Holiday Inn for five months, said it was comforting to know that after working all day around COVID-19 patients, she didn't have to worry about potentially exposing her loved ones to the virus after her shift. "Knowing that the hospital staff felt safe in using the hotel for rest and respite during the pandemic made it all worthwhile," said Joan Trefz, owner of the Holiday Inn Bridgeport.

"I'm confident in my training and the effectiveness of my personal protective equipment, but working among the virus all day makes you question everything," she said.

Bonnie was also comforted by the safety protocols the hotel had in place. She would bag up her used linens herself and leave them outside the door for housekeeping staff to take away, and her room would be cleaned only when she wasn't there. The main doors to the hotel were locked, requiring room-key entry only. Security was always present and available to assist. The front desk helped with anything she needed.

"They thought of everything. They were outstanding," Bonnie said.

"Knowing that the hospital staff felt safe in using the hotel for rest and respite during the pandemic made it all worthwhile," said Joan.

Joan Trefz is no stranger to offering tangible donations to Bridgeport Hospital. She and her late husband Ernie made generous contributions to the neonatal intensive care and maternity units, including donating warming beds to help premature or low-birthweight newborns regulate their body temperature. They instilled their philanthropic spirit into their two sons, Chris and Paul, who have taken over the family business, Trefz Corporation. Their children have become involved as well.

"We feel strongly about giving back to the communities that have supported us," said Joan, whose family also owns and operates 43 McDonald's in the tri-state area and received numerous awards for their restaurants and community service. "We are huge proponents of donating to Bridgeport Hospital. You can see the direct effect your donations have on people's lives."



Joan Trefz at the Holiday Inn Bridgeport.



Elise Bucknall (right) with her father, Bill, her daughters Sienna and Maren, and their dogs Dolly and Victor.

# An ambassador of hope helps the show go on for Norma Pfriem Breast Center

Elise Bucknall, a Fairfield resident for almost 15 years, had not heard of the Norma Pfriem Breast Center until her close friend and President's Council member Lynne Taikowski invited her to the center's annual Rose of Hope luncheon in 2018.

"I couldn't believe that I never knew about this incredible organization, given how much they do for the community," Bucknall said.

Bucknall took to the Norma Pfriem Breast Center immediately after attending the luncheon. "It felt like it was a group I wanted to be a part of – warm and welcoming – with a great mission."

Bucknall attended the Rose of Hope luncheon again the following year. The more she learned about the center, the more she wanted to become involved.

"Something in my gut kept pulling me toward the Breast Center," she said.

A lifelong philanthropist with a background in social work, Bucknall learned as a child to appreciate the joy of giving back. A devoted animal lover, she and her daughters have actively supported numerous animal rescue organizations and have adopted many special creatures into their home, including both cats and dogs. Their home may have fur on the sofa, but more importantly, it is full of warmth. Bucknall has been involved in many charitable efforts to support children and families. She credits her parents for teaching her that kindness is a gift that everyone can afford to give.

At the beginning of 2020, she reached out to Taikowski to say she was interested in volunteering at the Breast Center. The two discussed opportunities, and Taikowski suggested she co-host the Rose of Hope event.

"I was so eager to help," Bucknall said. "There was no way I was saying 'no.""

Rose of Hope was in the midst of transitioning from a luncheon to an evening event. The pandemic, however, forced the Breast Center to make a decision – to cancel or carry on.

"It's not like the cancer stopped because of the pandemic," Bucknall said. "The patients needed our help." Part of Smilow Cancer Hospital, the Norma Pfriem Breast Center offers advanced care and comprehensive services at locations in Trumbull, Fairfield and Bridgeport. The center, funded by philanthropy, provides financial assistance to nearly 1,500 women each year. This not only makes it possible for patients to receive services at the Breast Center without seeing a bill, it also goes toward helping them pay rent and utilities while they undergo treatment.

Funds raised by the annual Rose of Hope event directly impact the Breast Center's ability to provide medical care, patient navigation and support services for the following year.

"There was no way that the center could sustain the level of help it provides its patients without the funds from Rose of Hope," Bucknall said. "It made us want to double down."

That's when the center decided to host the event virtually.

"We were novices when it came to virtual events, but everyone contributed unique ideas and it all came together," explained Bucknall.

Virtual Rose of Hope attendees received a bouquet of flowers and dinner from a local restaurant the night of the event to enjoy safely from their homes. The event featured a live performance by Grammy and Tony Award winner Renée Elise Goldsberry from the Broadway musical *Hamilton*. Breast cancer patients spoke about their experiences as they navigated the medical, emotional and financial challenges of treatment and recovery, underscoring the significance of the Breast Center's services.

"Elise's heart is huge. She trusted that what we're doing is so important for our patients, who are navigating two crises: breast cancer and the pandemic," said Donna Twist, PhD, executive director, Norma Pfriem Breast Center. "Elise gave so much of herself and worked extremely hard to help make the event a success."

Rose of Hope raised more than \$475,000 for Breast Center patients despite any roadblocks the pandemic may have initially presented.

"I'm so passionate about Norma Pfriem and helping the center any way I can," said Bucknall, who also joined the President's Council in 2020. "I want to be an ambassador and let people know that this remarkable resource is right here in our backyard giving hope to women in our community."

# Passing along the 'American Dream' to those in need

John and Ethel Kashulon, husband and wife and longtime residents of Bridgeport, were children of Eastern European immigrants who came to the United States seeking the 'American Dream.'

John moved to Bridgeport during the early 1930s to find work among the city's bustling industry. Ethel was born and raised in Bridgeport. She graduated from Saints Cyril and Methodius Commercial High School, and worked at the Bridgeport Housing Authority for 53 years – its longest-tenured employee. The couple also owned Kashulon's Market on Sheridan Street in Bridgeport, just a few blocks from Bridgeport Hospital.

"John and Ethel were proud of the life they made in Bridgeport. As children of immigrants, and having lived through the Great Depression, they knew the value of hard work and opportunity," said Gail Kashulon, John and Ethel's niece, and trustee of the Kashulon Foundation. "They lived simply, created a nest egg, and through the years their nest egg continued to grow."

When John passed away in 1996, Ethel, a devout Catholic, retired from the Housing Authority and continued to support the Bridgeport Diocese. At age 93, when Ethel and her broker of 25 years, Martin (Marty) McLaughlin, were discussing estate plans, McLaughlin suggested she start a charitable foundation that would leave a legacy in the community where she and her husband were proud to live and work.

"There is so much need out there," McLaughlin explained to Ethel, "and you have the means to make a difference in people's lives."

Ethel agreed, and the Kashulon Foundation was born.

Ethel passed away shortly after and never got to witness any of the good work the Kashulon Foundation has done. However, the trustees feel that she and John "are sitting on our shoulders whenever Foundation gifting decisions are made," said Gail. "We feel that access to good health care is essential to a person's quality of life," said Gail Kashulon, trustee of the Kashulon Foundation.

The Kashulon Foundation's mission is to improve people's lives in a variety of ways, including funding programs that enhance educational, children's and cultural opportunities. Ultimately, it is about giving those most in need a helping hand, Gail explained.

That mission led the Kashulon Foundation to support Bridgeport Hospital in 2019. The foundation made a generous grant to the Bridgeport Hospital Primary Care Center, which provides highquality health care and personalized care management services to underserved patients in the Bridgeport community.

"We feel that access to good health care is essential to a person's quality of life," said Gail.

In 2020, when COVID-19 struck the Bridgeport area, the Kashulon Foundation again felt a desire to help the hospital. They helped fund a ventilator for patients needing intensive care, but demand for ventilators was high across the globe. If Bridgeport Hospital could not source a ventilator, the Kashulon Foundation wanted to ensure the hospital received money for any COVID-related needs, as they felt this is what Ethel and John would do.

"It's about giving people a chance," said McLaughlin, president, Kashulon Foundation. "Especially during the pandemic. There are a lot of people out there who need help."



Ethel and John Kashulon at the opening of Kashulon's Market in Bridgeport, circa 1950s.

# Together. Stronger. Bridgeport Hospital's response to the COVID-19 health crisis

Last spring, Bridgeport Hospital was called upon to fight an invisible enemy – one the world had never experienced before. A novel coronavirus, now known as COVID-19, threatened the health and vitality of our community. It brought unprecedented disruption and the need for rapid planning, action and response. Bridgeport Hospital answered the call to protect, defend and heal our friends and neighbors from this virus.

The Bridgeport Hospital Foundation created a COVID-19 Support Fund to help cover the significant costs of critical equipment, supplies and services needed for the fight. As the pandemic evolved, so did the needs of our hospital, patients and staff. The fund allowed the hospital to allocate resources quickly where they were needed most in a rapidly changing environment.

In its first nine months, the COVID-19 Support Fund raised \$625,000 for patients and staff in need. Bridgeport Hospital has discharged more than 2,000 hospitalized patients back to their homes and families.

"With the help of our generous donors, Bridgeport Hospital and its healthcare heroes rose to the challenges of COVID-19," said Stephen M. Jakab, CFRE, president, Bridgeport Hospital Foundation.



Beginning in March, when the novel coronavirus reached our area, one of the ways Bridgeport Hospital helped to defend our community was by establishing COVID-19 specimen collection sites in Bridgeport and Milford (pictured) to provide critical testing that helped to diagnose and isolate cases of the virus.

#### Donor generosity helped Bridgeport Hospital provide:

- Ventilators, testing tents, telehealth capabilities and a 32-bed medical field hospital
- Hundreds of thousands of pieces of personal protective equipment, medical supplies and disinfecting services to keep staff and patients safe
- Quiet "Oasis" rooms near our COVID intensive care units for staff to take respite
- Child care support and hotel lodging for caregivers who juggled work and family needs
- 25,000 meal donations to keep frontline workers nourished and energized
- A COVID-19 "Helping Hands Fund" to assist breast cancer patients impacted by the pandemic with household and non-medical expenses
- COVID-specific care coordination for underserved patients at our Primary Care Center, including access to telehealth visits, screening and testing, education on COVID safety and medical treatment
- Palliative care services for COVID patients unable to receive family support during their hospital stay

"Yet again, our community demonstrated that we are stronger together," said Jakab. "We appreciate the desire and willingness of our benefactors to help Bridgeport Hospital during this time of extraordinary need and unprecedented challenges."



Bridgeport Hospital President Anne Diamond, JD, and Chair of Emergency Medicine Rockman Ferrigno, MD, gave Bridgeport Mayor Joe Ganim (center) a tour of a 5,600-square-foot, 32-bed medical field hospital built outside the Bridgeport Campus' main entrance, put up in early April so inpatient units would have more space for a surging number of COVID-positive patients.



In late April, Bridgeport Hospital staff gathered outside the Bridgeport Campus to salute first responders from Fairfield and New Haven counties for their bravery, hard work and dedication during the pandemic.



Bridgeport Hospital's defensive line accepted pizzas from National Football League linebacker Tyler Matakevich, one of thousands of generous meal donations delivered to staff at the Bridgeport and Milford campuses during the pandemic.



In May, Bridgeport Hospital nursing staff celebrated Nurses' Week with pride for their super-heroic efforts in the fight against COVID-19.

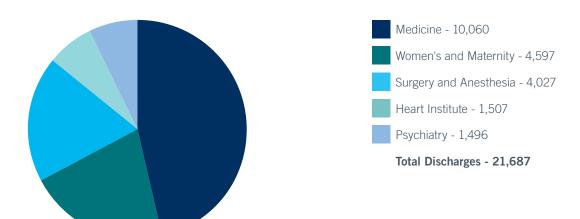


In June, Bridgeport Hospital staff at its two campuses and Park Avenue Medical Center in Trumbull celebrated the one-year anniversary of the former Milford Hospital's integration into Bridgeport Hospital with an ice cream tribute. Milford Campus played a strategic role in caring for non-COVID patients and increasing capacity at the Bridgeport Campus to care for more than 2,000 COVID-positive patients since mid-March.

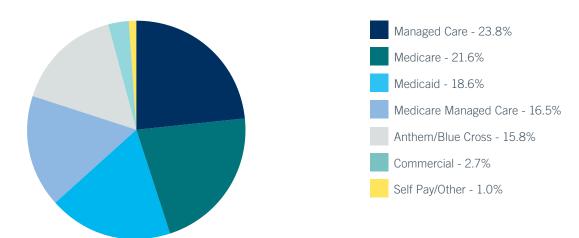


Looking very different from April: Bridgeport Hospital's incident command team leaders stood inside a near-empty field hospital before it was dismantled in June after two months of housing more than 70 non-COVID patients. The field hospital was furnished with donations from Gateway Community College, Sacred Heart University and the University of Bridgeport.

# Hospital Inpatient Discharges by Service Line

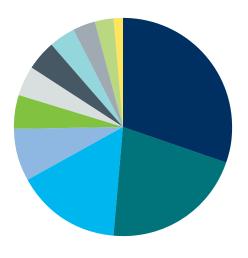


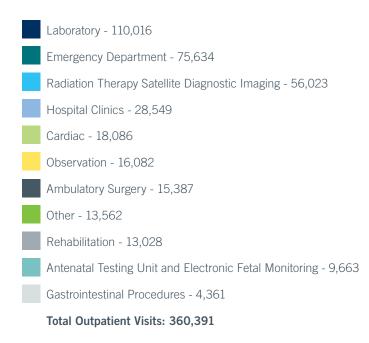
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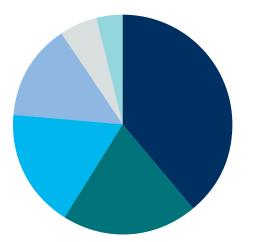
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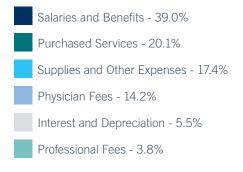
# **Outpatient Services - Patient Visits**





# Expenses by Major Category





Performance is for the fiscal year October 1, 2019 to September 30, 2020.

Bridgeport Hospital and the Bridgeport Hospital Foundation, Inc., gratefully acknowledge the generosity of the following donors for the calendar year beginning January 1, 2020, and ending December 31, 2020.

Please note that only monetary gifts of \$250 and above are listed. Although donations made through special event programs such as live and silent auctions and raffles are most appreciated, those gifts are not included.

A list of donors to the Norma Pfriem Breast Center begins on page 20.

We apologize for any omissions or inaccuracies. If you have questions or concerns, please call the Bridgeport Hospital Foundation office at 203-384-3522.

Thank you for your continued support!

#### The Susan Hubbell Society

The Susan Hubbell Society recognizes those who have made a commitment in their estate plan to provide enduring support for Bridgeport Hospital. In the 1870s, Susan Hubbell bequeathed \$13,500 and a one-acre lot of land for the construction of the hospital.

Your membership in the Susan Hubbell Society offers you a wonderful opportunity to leave a lasting legacy and also allows you to help define the future of Bridgeport Hospital.

Please contact Lyla Steenbergen at lyla.steenbergen@bpthosp.org.



In April, a medical field hospital built at the main entrance to Bridgeport Campus was indispensable for housing patients during the surge in COVID-19 hospitalizations.

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Bridgeport Hospital healthcare workers showed their gratitude for police, fire and EMS during the Bridgeport Campus parade. The event honored all of the brave first responders who stepped up to protect our communities during the pandemic.

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Yale New Haven Hospital's Rehabilitation and Wellness Center, located at Bridgeport Hospital's Milford Campus, earned the Press Ganey Guardian of Excellence Award for achieving patient satisfaction scores above the 95th percentile each month during fiscal year 2020. The center provides one-on-one, intensive therapy and support services for patients with neurological disorders, trauma, limb loss, joint replacements and other conditions.



Bridgeport Hospital welcomed a new group of chaplain residents in September. Chaplains help people of all faiths and cultural beliefs find meaning, hope, connection and comfort in stressful, life-changing or transitional moments. Being a ministry of presence, chaplains found innovative ways to support patients and staff during the COVID-19 crisis when in-person spiritual care was restricted.

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Steve Jakab, president, Bridgeport Hospital Foundation (right), accepted the Reyno A. Giallongo, Jr. Community Legacy Award from First County Bank on behalf of Bridgeport Hospital in recognition of staff's exceptional efforts during the COVID-19 pandemic. The award came with a gift of \$5,000 to support employees' needs stemming from COVID-19. Robert J. Granata, chairman and CEO of First County Bank (left), presented the award to the hospital.

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In March, the Yale New Haven Children's Hospital (YNHCH) Critical Care Transport program recorded its 100th patient transport via helicopter since the first on Aug. 17, 2016. YNHCH's Bridgeport Hospital campus features a 20-bed newborn intensive care unit and a 22-bed pediatric unit that cares for infants through adolescents.



In June, staff at Milford Campus celebrated with an ice cream treat to mark the one-year anniversary of the facility's integration with Bridgeport Hospital and the expanded and enhanced patient services that Yale New Haven Health invested in for the Milford community.

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Staff at Bridgeport Hospital's Bridgeport and Milford campuses donated over 500 toys to the Bridgeport East End Food Bank and Milford Firefighters' Toys for Tots drive for area families. Pictured with some of the donated items at the Bridgeport Campus are (I-r) Karen Mongillo, administrative assistant in Spiritual Care and Education; Keith Williams, president of the East End Neighborhood Revitalization Zone and East End Food Bank; Anne Diamond, Bridgeport Hospital president; and Pam Scagliarini, chief operating officer, Bridgeport Hospital.



In July, Community and Government Relations, Spiritual Care and the Hospital Diversity and Inclusion Council at Bridgeport Hospital coordinated a school supplies drive for Bridgeport and Milford students. Hundreds of supplies were donated across all Bridgeport Hospital campuses.



On Dec. 16, Bridgeport Hospital began administering the COVID-19 vaccine to frontline staff. (I-r) Mario Vega, medical technologist, Microbiology Lab; Christopher Winterbottom, MD, medical director, Medical ICU; Gregory Buller, MD, associate chief medical officer and chairman, Department of Medicine; and Elena Zidan, MD, Internal Medicine resident, were among the first healthcare workers at the hospital to receive their vaccinations.

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