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The **Impact** of Your **Support** 2025

## By the Numbers: Your Support in 2025



**\$7,014,380** raised

- \$1,139,003**  
Butler Hospital
- \$25,100**  
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- \$1,910,091**  
Kent Hospital
- \$1,118,979**  
The Providence Center
- \$178,904**  
VNA Home Health & Hospice
- \$2,642,303**  
Women & Infants Hospital



**2,109** generous donors



**Over 500,000** patients cared for



### A Message from the President and CEO

At **Care New England**, our mission is reflected in the compassionate work happening every day at Butler Hospital, Kent Hospital, The Providence Center, VNA Home Health & Hospice, and Women & Infants Hospital. As you explore this report, I hope you'll recognize the profound role your generosity plays in strengthening our system and elevating the care we provide.

Your philanthropy makes a meaningful difference for **patients and their families**, ensuring they receive the highest level of clinical excellence, comfort, and support during some of life's most challenging moments. It uplifts our **communities and caregivers**, giving our teams the resources, training, and tools they need to deliver responsive, whole-person care in clinical settings, homes, and neighborhoods across the region. And your partnership fuels **innovation and research**, enabling us to pursue new treatments, advance health equity, and drive forward-thinking solutions that will define the future of behavioral health, maternal care, and community wellbeing.

Thank you for believing in Care New England and for standing with us as we expand access, deepen our impact, and build a healthier Rhode Island. Everything we celebrate in these pages is possible because of you, and we are honored to share the difference your support makes.

With gratitude,

**Michael Wagner, MD, FACP**  
President and Chief Executive Officer



### Community Mobile Health Clinic Ribbon Cutting at Women & Infants Hospital

This fall, **Women & Infants Hospital** celebrated the launch of the **Community Mobile Health Clinic**. The van, staffed by a nurse practitioner and a community health worker, aims to

improve perinatal health in our communities by removing the barrier of transportation for women in need of postpartum care. Patients can get screened for postpartum depression and hypertension, receive contraceptive counseling, and access services such as mental health and breastfeeding support. The mobile unit is an extension of the hospital's Postpartum Hypertension Equity Program, which began in 2022.

This program is supported by the CVS Health Foundation. ■



**BUTLER HOSPITAL • KENT HOSPITAL • THE PROVIDENCE CENTER  
VNA HOME HEALTH & HOSPICE • WOMEN & INFANTS HOSPITAL**

- Our Mission:** To provide exceptional care with kindness and compassion
- Our Vision:** To lead the way in anticipating and meeting the needs of our patients, team members, and the communities we serve
- Our Values:** Accountability, Caring, and Teamwork

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# Your Impact on Patients and Their Families

## Cara's Story

### a Grateful Patient of The Providence Center

For **Cara**, adolescence was a time marked not by self-discovery but by instability and emotional pain. School had been difficult, and by her late teens, she found herself disconnected, overwhelmed, and unsure where to turn. By her junior year, the pain was too much, and she dropped out. Her mother tried desperately to get her help, working with school social workers and trying to keep her connected, but nothing eased the heaviness for Cara. Yet even during these difficult years, Cara held onto a quiet resilience that would become clear the moment she found the right care team.

*Cara's journey forward began when she connected with The Providence Center, where she met staff who recognized not only her needs, but also her strengths.*

Cara's journey forward began when she connected with **The Providence Center (TPC)**, where she met staff who recognized not only her needs, but also her strengths. Through TPC's Employment and Education Services, she gained a renewed sense of purpose. With staff by her side, she earned her GED, secured financial aid, and mapped out a class schedule at CCRI that supports her goals while allowing her to care for her young son.

Today, she participates in TPC's **Health Home Unity Program** on the **Butler Hospital** campus, a coordinated, wraparound model that helps her stay engaged in treatment and maintain stability. She no longer feels alone navigating the healthcare system or planning for her future. Instead, she has a team

walking with her, ensuring she has the tools and encouragement she needs to thrive.

Perhaps most meaningfully to Cara, her son receives therapy through The Providence Center. Knowing that he is supported emotionally and developmentally has been a major source of comfort and strength. It has helped her focus on healing, growing, and preparing for the brighter life she always hoped to build for him.

### The Patient Care Fund

Cara's progress reflects the profound impact you make when you invest in expanded access to care. Thanks to your generosity, this year's **Circle of Stars Gala** raised nearly \$350,000 to launch the **Patient Care Fund**. This resource will strengthen more than 60 critical mental health and addiction programs at TPC, expanding access to services for thousands of Rhode Islanders each year. The Patient Care Fund is helping to:

- Extend evening and weekend hours
- Enhance mobile crisis response
- Provide outreach in shelters, housing units, and communities
- Support basic needs like food, clothing, and safe housing

Through The Providence Center, more than 8,000 children and adults each year have access to effective, compassionate behavioral health services. Philanthropy is ensuring that people do not have to wait for care, travel across town for an appointment, or navigate crises alone.

Each step Cara takes, like enrolling in college, finding stability, and supporting her son is rooted in the encouragement and resources your generosity has helped provide. Her story is one of strength, perseverance, and healing. And while she is doing the hard work, you made it possible for her to receive the care that helps her succeed.

Because of you, care is reaching more people, in more places, at more times of day. And because of you, individuals like Cara now have the support they need to step into healthier, more hopeful futures. Thank you for lighting the path forward for Cara, her son, and thousands of Rhode Islanders. ■



Scan to watch video  
"Cara's Story"

featured at TPC's 2025 Circle of Stars Gala

“ I was referred to The Providence Center and that’s when everything started to change. For the first time, I felt seen.

The staff didn’t just support me—they believed in me. They helped me find the strength I didn’t know I had.

Because of them, I found the courage to begin again.”

Cara, a Grateful Patient of The Providence Center

## New Technology in the Labor and Delivery Center (LDC)

### at Women & Infants Hospital

Thanks to the generosity of our donor community, the **Brown University Labor and Delivery Center (LDC)** at **Women & Infants Hospital** is setting new standards. The new LDC, which opened in March 2025, combines world-class care with a space designed for modern, patient-centered birthing experiences. Your support has allowed us not only to open a state-of-the-art facility, but to enhance it with innovative technology designed to ease stress, strengthen communication, and improve the experience for every family who walks through our doors.

One of the most visible improvements is the new **digital way-finding board** that now anchors the main lobby. For patients and loved ones arriving during what is often a moment of both excitement and anxiety, this intuitive system provides clear, real-time directions throughout the hospital. By reducing confusion and helping families navigate the space with confidence, this donor-supported enhancement ensures that the first moments of each visit feel calm, welcoming, and organized.

Philanthropy has also enabled major upgrades to **interpreter services**, advances that are already reshaping how care teams communicate with patients whose primary language is not English. New technology allows for faster access to qualified medical interpreters and supports a wider range of languages, ensuring that every patient receives accurate, culturally sensitive communication. This improvement is critical in labor and delivery, where understanding and trust are central to safe, compassionate care.

These investments in technology are more than conveniences. They are essential to creating an environment where families feel informed, supported, and truly seen. Because of your commitment, we are able to offer a birth experience that reflects the highest standards of dignity, inclusion, and respect.

Every day, families benefit from upgrades you made possible. From navigating the hospital with ease to communicating clearly with their care team, patients feel the difference that donor generosity creates. As we look ahead, your partnership continues to drive meaningful progress, ensuring that Women & Infants remains a place where innovation and compassionate care go hand in hand. Thank you for helping us welcome each new life with excellence, comfort, and connection! ■

## A Higher Standard of Senior Care at Kent Hospital

Age-friendly care has become a defining part of the **Kent Hospital** identity, an intentional shift toward understanding and supporting older adults in ways that honor their preferences, protect their independence, and ensure safe, high-quality outcomes. This commitment reflects the needs of the community and the understanding that older adults deserve care designed for their stage of life, not simply adapted to it.

The hospital's specialized inpatient unit, the **Dr. James E. Fanale Acute Care for Elders (ACE) Unit**, was launched as part of Kent's broader "Healthy Aging and Serious Illness" initiative to ensure older patients receive care tailored to their needs. Patients on the ACE Unit are cared for by an interdisciplinary team including hospitalists, social workers, pharmacists, occupational and physical therapists, nurses, and geriatric medicine specialists. In this unit, care plans are shaped around what matters most to each patient, emphasizing mobility, cognition, medication safety, and support for discharge and recovery.

The ACE Unit's renovations and specialized design were supported by a successful \$1.5 million capital campaign, which funded safety-focused upgrades including anti-slip flooring, ADA-compliant bathrooms, a modern nursing station, and other enhancements that support mobility and comfort for older patients. These improvements help staff deliver the tailored model of care that reduces risk and preserves dignity for patients who often face complex medical and functional challenges.

*The Acute Care for Elders Unit and Silver-Level 2 Geriatric Emergency Department Accreditation together reflect a core strategic investment in senior care. Kent Hospital is building on these foundations with a vision to reach even higher standards.*

Complementing the ACE Unit is Kent's achievement of the American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP)'s **Silver-Level 2 Geriatric Emergency Department Accreditation (GEDA)**. This designation places Kent among fewer than

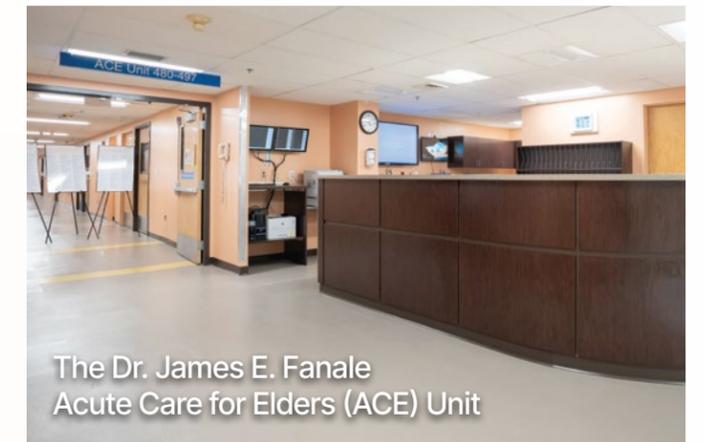
100 hospitals nationwide recognized for excellence in geriatric emergency care. The accreditation reflects a commitment to geriatric-focused protocols, trained interdisciplinary staff, geriatric-appropriate environment and equipment, and coordinated transitions of care.

The ACE Unit and Silver-Level 2 GEDA together reflect a core strategic investment in senior care. Kent is building on these foundations with a vision to reach even higher standards, working toward additional recognitions and certifications that will further embed age-friendly care into every aspect of its service, from inpatient and emergency to surgical and rehabilitative care.

Philanthropy continues to be a driving force behind this momentum. Donor support allows Kent to test new care models, invest in staff education, improve care coordination tools, and strengthen programs that help older adults thrive both inside and outside the hospital. Together, the hospital and its supporters are building a system where aging is supported, celebrated, and safeguarded at every step. ■



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The Dr. James E. Fanale Acute Care for Elders (ACE) Unit



A Patient in Kent's ACE Unit

## Celebrating our Veterans

### with VNA Home Health & Hospice in Partnership with the National Alliance for Care at Home

At **VNA Home Health & Hospice**, we proudly serve those who served our country. Veterans make up 10-12% of our hospice patients, yet many do not self-identify as veterans when they begin care. Your support helps ensure that these individuals are recognized, understood, and honored through compassionate, veteran-focused care.

*At its heart, the National Alliance for Care at Home's We Honor Veterans program teaches respectful inquiry, compassionate listening, and grateful acknowledgment, skills that allow VNA staff and volunteers to truly walk alongside veterans and honor their life stories.*

The VNA is enhancing the quality and dignity of the care we provide to veterans by partnering with the **National Alliance for Care at Home's We Honor Veterans program**, a national initiative that empowers hospice providers to respond to the unique needs of veterans and their families. At its heart, this program teaches respectful inquiry, compassionate listening, and grateful acknowledgment, skills that allow VNA staff and volunteers to truly walk alongside veterans and honor their life stories.

From the emotional weight of service to the impacts of PTSD, chronic pain, and cultural barriers around expressing vulnerability, veteran patients face distinct challenges. Our care teams and volunteers receive specialized training to meet veterans where they are, listen without judgment, and help them access every resource available to them, including VA benefits and community support. This education equips both staff and volunteers to understand how to best support veterans through their hospice journey.

A shining example of this work is **Herve**, our veteran hospice volunteer. An avid cyclist and walker, Herve served in both the Army and Navy. Now he is part of a small team of volunteers who bring an extraordinary depth of connection to patients. VNA hospice volunteers receive the same training as staff, learning the nuances of working with veteran patients. Thanks in large part to the philanthropic support of our community, these volunteer-veteran relationships allow patients to share experiences, reflect on their service, and find peace in their final days.

Importantly, the VNA doesn't just provide care; we connect veterans to the broader resources they deserve. Nationally, only about one-third of veterans participate in VA programs, and our social workers and case managers work tirelessly to bridge that gap, connecting veterans with services that enhance their comfort and quality of life.

Your support allows us to go beyond clinical care; it fuels education, emotional support, and advocacy for those who served. Because of donors like you, veterans near the end of life receive not only expert hospice care but also the honor, dignity, and recognition they deserve. Thank you for helping us say "Thank you for your service" with more than just words. ■

care reaches people where they need it most: in their homes. Your generosity supports skilled nursing, hospice and palliative care, rehabilitation, and other essential services for individuals facing illness, recovery, or the end of life. Just as importantly, your gift honors the meaningful relationships formed between our caregivers and the people entrusted to their care.

Tribute giving allows a legacy of compassion to continue. Through your support, the values of those you honor live on, bringing comfort, dignity, and peace to countless patients and families across our community. Thank you for transforming remembrance into healing. ■

**"Veterans are a valued part of the diverse community we serve. By listening with compassion and acknowledging each person's life experiences—including military service—we deliver care that is individualized, holistic, and grounded in respect for every patient's journey."**

Jane Pike-Benton,  
President of  
VNA Home Health & Hospice

## Memorial Gifts

### at VNA Home Health & Hospice

Every year, hundreds of compassionate donors choose to honor or remember a loved one through a gift to **VNA Home Health & Hospice**. These in-honor and in-memorial gifts are deeply personal acts of gratitude and love. Together, they form a powerful source of support for the patients and families we serve. When you make a tribute gift, you help ensure that compassionate, high-quality

## A Modern Home for World-Class Alzheimer's Care at Butler Hospital

With the successful completion of the capital campaign to renovate **Butler Hospital's historic Weld Building**, donors have helped transform a 124-year-old facility into a modern home for world-class Alzheimer's care, research, and hope for the future. Thanks to philanthropic investment, 18,000 square feet across three floors have been reimagined to support patients, their families, and the clinicians and researchers who care for them.

The Weld Building is the dedicated home of Butler Hospital's **Memory and Aging Program (MAP)**, a nationally recognized leader in the diagnosis, treatment, and study of Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia. MAP has a 20+ year history of excellence aimed at developing new and better ways to detect, treat, and someday even prevent Alzheimer's. The program works hand in hand with health care providers, community groups, other research organizations, and everyday people with normal memory or some degree of memory loss who are willing to participate in the research needed to bring an end to Alzheimer's disease.

### Butler's New Memory and Aging Program (MAP) Infusion Suite

Central to the Weld Building renovation is **the new MAP infusion suite**, which was designed with vital input from clinical staff and others who will use the space. The bright, spacious and modern facility includes a refurbished reception area configured for improved patient comfort and customer service and a more spacious and efficient nurse's station within sightline to patients for improved safety.

The infusion area itself was designed to provide for either a contemplative or communal experience, depending on the patient's preference. Eight new infusion bays offer more privacy,

space, and comfort for patients to relax while investigational medications are administered, as well as an additional chair to allow caregivers to comfortably stay with the patient throughout the infusion process. There is also a new, conveniently located nourishment station for patients and caregivers, and a sitting area where they can gather to eat lunch, play cards, or work on puzzles during the post-infusion monitoring period.

Older carpets were replaced with durable, easy-to-clean flooring that improves air quality. Fresh finishes and brighter interiors create a welcoming atmosphere that reduces stress and promotes healing.

### Advancing Knowledge for Future Generations

These improvements are already making a difference. Each year, up to 500 patients and their families receive comprehensive Alzheimer's care and support through MAP, including clinical treatment, social work services, caregiver guidance, and opportunities to participate in research that advances knowledge for future generations.

The building also supports groundbreaking research that is shaping the future of Alzheimer's detection and treatment. Dedicated space for advanced retinal imaging research brings scientists and patients together under one roof to pursue earlier diagnosis, potentially decades before symptoms appear. Updated electrical systems, improved layouts, and modernized workspaces allow MAP's growing team of more than 70 clinicians, nurses, researchers, and support staff to collaborate more effectively and expand their work.

By investing in the Weld Building, donors have strengthened Butler Hospital's ability to deliver exceptional care today while accelerating discoveries that will change tomorrow. This renovated space stands as a powerful reminder that when generosity meets purpose, even the most daunting challenges, like Alzheimer's disease, can be met with hope, innovation, and compassion. ■

*“For patients and families facing one of the most complex and devastating illnesses of our time, the renovated building represents comfort, dignity, and access to cutting-edge care delivered in an environment designed to meet their needs.”*

**Edward D. Huey, MD**

*Director, Memory and Aging Program, Butler Hospital*



David Rogers, Dr. Meghan Riddle, Dr. Stephen Salloway, and Mary Marran at the Ribbon Cutting



Eight Infusion Bays offer Patients Improved Comfort and Privacy



Butler Hospital's New State-of-the-Art MAP Infusion Suite



The MAP Infusion Suite's New Nurse's Station



Butler Hospital's Historic Weld Building

# Your Impact on Communities and Caregivers

Marissa Walsh, Senior Manager of Providence Mobile Crisis Services and Outreach

## Negotiation Training for High-Risk Mental Health Crisis Response

at The Providence Center with the Federal Bureau of Investigation

This year, **The Providence Center (TPC)** reached an important milestone in strengthening community safety and mental-health crisis response. Thanks to the dedication of our clinical team and a unique partnership with the Providence Police Department, **Marissa Walsh**, Senior Manager of Providence Mobile Crisis Services and Outreach, completed the prestigious 40-hour **Crisis Negotiation Certification** facilitated by Special Agents at the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

### The FBI's Crisis Negotiation Program

In 2024, the FBI's Crisis Negotiation Program marked its 50th anniversary, celebrating a discipline that has played a vital role in resolving hostage and crisis situations while keeping law enforcement officers and victims safe.

This program has led to improved outcomes, with more incidents resolving peacefully and fewer situations requiring high-risk tactical interventions. The FBI soon developed a comprehensive training curriculum, delivered through field offices and in-service programs at Quantico, and the model quickly spread nationally and internationally. Accessible only by nomination from a law enforcement agency, this training prepares participants to respond to the most high-risk situations: active suicide attempts, barricaded individuals, and other moments where lives hang in the balance.

### Impact on the Providence Community

Marissa was nominated by **Sgt. Brian Dyer**, Lead of the Providence Crisis Negotiation Team, who recognized the vital perspective a highly trained clinician can bring to emergency negotiations. Marissa is now the only clinician in Rhode Island to hold this FBI certification.

Her achievement is more than a professional milestone; it is a new resource for the entire community. With this advanced training, Marissa can now be called upon to support police during complex behavioral-health emergencies, bringing clinical insight and trauma-informed strategies directly to the scene. This unique third-party response is already shaping a stronger, safer, and more compassionate crisis system where individuals in their most vulnerable moments have the best chance for a safe outcome.

This initiative was staff-driven, born from the shared commitment of Marissa and Sgt. Dyer to integrate mental-health expertise into crisis negotiations. But its impact has the potential to reach far beyond a single certification.

With philanthropic support, TPC hopes to train every clinician working in our co-response programs with the Providence Police and Fire Departments and the West Warwick Police Department. Donor investment would make it possible to expand this life-saving model, ensuring that more clinicians are equipped with the same advanced negotiation skills and that more Rhode Islanders receive the best possible care during the most critical moments.

Our community's safety and the dignity of those experiencing crisis depends on innovative, compassionate approaches like this one. With your partnership, we can continue to lead the way. ■



*“With the right training and resources, we can create better outcomes in a crisis and open the door to recovery.”*

*Marissa Walsh*

*Senior Manager of Providence Mobile Crisis Services and Outreach*

## Improved Behavioral Health Response in the Emergency Department

at Kent Hospital with Support from The Champlin Foundation

### Critical Access to Emergency Care at Kent

Every day, patients arrive at **Kent Hospital's Emergency Department** in profound behavioral health crises, seeking safety and compassionate care at a moment when they are most vulnerable. In recent years, however, the needs of people experiencing serious psychiatric symptoms, substance-use emergencies, or homelessness have grown far beyond what Rhode Island's behavioral health system can currently support. As a result, Kent has become a critical access point for individuals who have nowhere else to turn.

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With the generous support of **The Champlin Foundation**, Kent Hospital is now undertaking a transformational renovation of its behavioral health unit, **Care Team Two**. This investment will improve safety, expand capacity, and help every patient begin meaningful treatment as soon as they arrive. This philanthropic partnership is helping Kent respond to a statewide crisis while ensuring that individuals in need receive care rooted in compassion, respect, and healing.

### Reimagining Care Team Two

Care Team Two was originally designed for short stays of 24 to 48 hours, but today many patients remain for a week or longer while waiting for appropriate placement. Because the unit was

never intended for extended stays, the space lacks the therapeutic environment necessary to support recovery. Patients with complex psychiatric conditions share common areas with individuals experiencing substance-use withdrawal, making it difficult to provide individualized, trauma-informed care. When Care Team Two reaches capacity, behavioral health patients are held in the general Emergency Department, sometimes accounting for nearly half of all patients in the ED at once.

The Champlin Foundation's gift is allowing Kent to fundamentally reimagine this care environment. The project will create a dedicated area for patients experiencing substance-use crises while transforming the unit into a calmer, more therapeutic space for individuals with acute psychiatric needs. Patient-centered design elements will allow clinicians to begin treatment, therapy, and evaluations earlier in a patient's stay, helping stabilize patients more quickly, shorten overall length of stay, and strengthening coordination with other behavioral health providers, including **Butler Hospital**.

### Investing in Caregivers

This renovation also represents a meaningful investment in the caregivers who dedicate themselves to this challenging work every day. A safer, more modern clinical environment will help reduce burnout, support staff retention, and enhance recruitment of behavioral health clinicians at a time when these professionals are in limited supply statewide. Patients benefit when caregivers feel supported, and philanthropy is making that possible.

Ultimately, expanding and renovating Care Team Two will enable Kent to return the unit to its intended purpose: providing short-term stabilization and timely referral so that patients can move into the appropriate level of care as quickly as possible. As Kent continues to serve on the frontlines of Rhode Island's behavioral health system, this project will help ensure that every individual who comes through our doors receives dignified, compassionate, therapeutic care from the moment they arrive.

On behalf of the patients, families, and communities we are privileged to serve, Kent Hospital extends its deepest gratitude to The Champlin Foundation. Your generosity is improving lives today and strengthening the behavioral health safety net that thousands of Rhode Islanders rely on each year. Through your partnership, philanthropy is transforming emergency mental health care at Kent and offering hope to those who need it most. ■

**Staffed by board-certified emergency physicians and experienced emergency nurses, Kent Hospital's Emergency Department is the second-largest in the state of Rhode Island.**

**Caring for nearly 70,000 patients annually, the Kent ED ranks among the top 10 percent nationally.**

Kent Hospital Emergency Nurse Ranishia Jordan

A New Mom Receives a Meal Delivery from Meals on Wheels of Rhode Island



### Expanding Access to Healthy Food with the Maternal Health Equity Meal Program

at Women & Infants Hospital in Partnership with Meals on Wheels of Rhode Island

When **Women & Infants Hospital** launched its partnership with **Meals on Wheels of Rhode Island** in 2022, the goal was simple yet profound: to ensure that every expectant and new

mother facing food insecurity had reliable access to healthy meals during pregnancy and after birth. What began as a promising pilot has evolved into a life-changing resource thanks to the philanthropic support that made its recent expansion possible.

Today, the **Maternal Health Equity Meal Program** is reaching more families than ever before, delivering no-cost, nutritious, culturally responsive meals directly to the homes of those who need them most. Your generosity has transformed this partnership into a powerful tool for improving maternal health outcomes and advancing equity across Rhode Island.

Because of donor involvement, participating families receive:

- Five healthy meals each week during pregnancy and a weekly meal for two weeks postpartum
- Access to Latin, Asian, Kosher, and standard menu options
- Educational resources including WIC information
- Direct home delivery, eliminating transportation challenges
- Meals prepared to meet medical needs

By removing barriers to access like cost, transportation, and cultural appropriateness, the Maternal Health Equity Meal

Program does more than feed families. It supports maternal wellness, nurtures healthy pregnancies, and helps close persistent gaps in health equity. Because of philanthropic investment, thousands of meals have already been delivered to expectant and new mothers across Rhode Island, offering nourishment and support during one of life's most pivotal transitions.

This partnership is proof that philanthropy creates meaningful impact. With your continued support, Women & Infants Hospital can expand its reach even further, ensuring every mother in Rhode Island has the foundation she needs for a healthy pregnancy, a safe delivery, and a strong start at home. ■

## Gathering for a Good Cause

### Celebrating Philanthropy at Women & Infants Hospital, Kent Hospital, The Providence Center, and Butler Hospital

#### Women & Infants Hospital

This spring, the **2025 Women & Infants Gala** celebrated progress in women's health and the people who make it possible. Hundreds of supporters, grateful patients, clinicians, and partners helped raise more than **\$410,000** for the Annual Fund, continuing a longstanding tradition of generosity that strengthens care across the hospital.

The gala marked the completion of a capital campaign and the opening of the new **Brown University Labor and Delivery Center**, a milestone achieved through years of donor and volunteer partnership. Event proceeds also supported two new Mamava Lactation Pods for staff, reinforcing our commitment to caring for those who care for others.

#### Kent Hospital

In September, the **2025 Evening of Hope Gala** brought together the Kent Hospital community to recognize the lifesaving care it delivers every day and the donor support that sustains it. **Kent's Emergency Department** treats more than 70,000 patients annually, and philanthropic partnership ensures they receive timely, expert, and compassionate care.

The Evening of Hope helped raise **\$269,000** to support vital upgrades to Kent's ED including advanced equipment and infrastructure improvements. This will help strengthen patient flow, reduce wait times, and enhance programs including Kent's nationally recognized Stroke Program.

The Evening of Hope celebrated the caregivers and supporters who ensure care is defined by dignity, excellence, and community.

#### The Providence Center

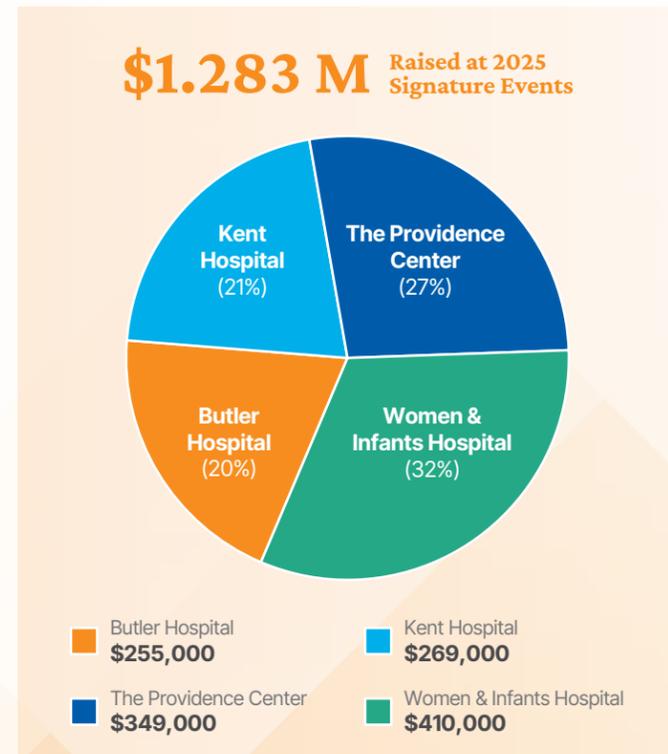
The **2025 Circle of Stars Gala** celebrated **The Providence Center (TPC)** in October, and helped raise **\$349,000** to launch the new **Patient Care Fund** which is already transforming lives by expanding access to mental health and addiction services for thousands of Rhode Islanders each year.

Thanks to your generosity, the Patient Care Fund is helping to extend evening and weekend hours, enhance mobile crisis response, and provide outreach in our communities. Because of you, more than 8,000 children and adults each year have access to effective, compassionate behavioral health services. You are ensuring that people do not have to wait for care, travel across town for an appointment, or navigate crises alone.

#### Butler Hospital

November's **2025 Gala for a Healthy Mind** underscored a shared belief: mental health is health, and compassionate, evidence-based care changes lives. The event helped raise **\$255,000** and highlighted **Butler Hospital's Brain Research and Interventional Neurotherapeutics (BRaIN) Program**, led by **Dr. Linda Carpenter**, which blends advanced research with personalized treatment for depression, OCD, PTSD, bipolar disorder, addiction, and other complex conditions. Donor support enables access to therapies including TMS, Vagus Nerve Stimulation, Electroconvulsive Therapy, esketamine, and the PRISM self-neuromodulation device.

Your generosity fuels lifesaving research and innovations in care that is transforming mental and behavioral health across New England. ■



Judith Remondi Receives the 2025 Cynthia B. Patterson Lifetime Service Award at the W&I Gala



Jinen Thakkar (left) Receives the 2025 President's Award for Community Care at the Kent Gala



The Providence Center's 2025 Circle of Stars Gala



Guest of Honor Cara (left) is Celebrated at The Providence Center's 2025 Circle of Stars Gala



Senator Joshua Miller (left) and Barbara Ostrove (right) Receive Service Awards at the 2025 Butler Gala from President Mary Marran

# Your Impact on Innovation and Research

Dr. Linda Carpenter,  
Head of Butler's  
BRaIN Program

## The Brain Research and Inter- ventional Neurotherapeutics (BRaIN) Program

### at Butler Hospital

At **Butler Hospital**, groundbreaking advances in mental health care are changing lives. Through the **Brain Research and Interventional Neurotherapeutics (BRaIN) Program**, patients with complex and treatment-resistant psychiatric disorders are finding relief where traditional therapies have failed. This unique program blends cutting-edge clinical care with rigorous scientific research.

The BRaIN Program specializes in advanced interventional psychiatry, offering innovative treatment options for individuals who have not responded to medication or psychotherapy. These options include:

- **Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation (TMS)**

A noninvasive, FDA-approved procedure that delivers targeted magnetic pulses to stimulate brain regions involved in mood regulation

- **Electroconvulsive Therapy (ECT)**

Recognized as one of the most effective treatments for severe depression

- **Intranasal Esketamine (Spravato)**

A novel FDA-approved therapy for adults with major depressive disorder

- **PRISM Self-Neuromodulation**

A guided EEG-based system delivering medication-free therapy for PTSD

- **Additional Emerging Modalities**

Including neuromodulation techniques under clinical investigation

These therapies are offered as part of a comprehensive model of care tailored to each patient's unique neuropsychiatric profile, with an emphasis on identifying biomarkers that help predict treatment response and optimize outcomes.

At the helm of this transformative work is **Dr. Linda L. Carpenter**, Professor of Psychiatry at The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University, Chief of the Mood Disorders Program at Butler Hospital, and a national leader in interventional psychiatry and neuromodulation research. In 2024, Dr. Carpenter was awarded the Gold Medal of Honor by the Clinical TMS Society, placing her among the world's foremost pioneers in the field.

The BRaIN Program is helping to reshape how clinicians understand and treat some of the most challenging psychiatric illnesses. Patients are not only receiving care, they are contributing to science that will help countless others. Your philanthropic support is helping to fuel:

- Enhanced research capacity to uncover new therapies and personalize treatment pathways
- Access to emerging modalities for individuals with few other options
- Training and education programs that disseminate best practices worldwide
- Clinical-research integration that accelerates discovery and improves patient outcomes

Every contribution helps bridge the gap between hope and healing for people battling severe neuropsychiatric disorders. ■

*“The BRaIN Program reflects what is possible when bold research is paired with exceptional clinical leadership. With Dr. Carpenter’s guidance, the program is expanding access to advanced treatments, deepening our understanding of the brain, and delivering hope to patients who have exhausted other options.”*

*Mary Marran  
President and COO, Butler Hospital*





A Caregiver and Patient Participating in Kent's Hospital at Home Program

## Transforming Primary Care with the Center for Innovation in Technology at Kent Hospital

**Kent Hospital** has long provided exceptional care close to home for the people of central Rhode Island. Today, its **Center for Innovation in Technology in Primary Care Research** is transforming how patients and clinicians interact, strengthening primary care and accelerating research that makes care more accessible, coordinated, and person-centered.

At the heart of the Center's work is a simple idea: the right technology, thoughtfully implemented, empowers patients and clinicians to collaborate in real time. Institutional and philanthropic

investment have enabled Kent to modernize clinical workflows and the electronic medical record environment so that care teams across primary care, specialty services, and home-based programs can share information more efficiently.

This infrastructure is powering new models of care, including the expansion of **Kent Hospital at Home**, the first licensed hospital-at-home program in Rhode Island. With donor support, Kent delivers hospital-level services—IV medications, oxygen therapy, mobile imaging, and daily clinical oversight—directly in patients' homes. For many, this means healing more comfortably, avoiding complications, and maintaining dignity and independence.

Your generosity is expanding what is possible. New technology platforms, remote monitoring devices, and secure patient-facing apps allow patients to communicate with care teams in real time, report symptoms, and receive timely care

adjustments without unnecessary hospital visits. This shift empowers patients while giving clinicians the information needed to guide safer, more personalized care.

Importantly, donor support is also helping Kent ensure that technology reaches every patient, not just those comfortable with digital tools. In-clinic kiosks will allow patients to enter information directly during visits, helping close the digital divide and ensuring every voice is reflected in the data that guides decision-making. Behind the scenes, enhancements to clinical dashboards, decision-support tools, and population-health analytics will give care teams a comprehensive view of a patient's health journey, helping coordinate services across primary and specialty care while identifying trends and disparities at the community level.

This is particularly meaningful in a state where many residents face barriers related to chronic disease, transportation, behav-

ioral health, and social determinants of health. Through dedicated data analysis and population-health research, the Center is designed to shine a light on these inequities and develop targeted interventions that meet patients where they are, often quite literally at home.

The COVID-19 pandemic showed what is possible when technology and compassion bring care to patients rather than the other way around. With donor support, Kent is designing the next chapter: virtual follow-ups, remote specialist consultations, wearable sensors, secure messaging, and shared care management that reduce delays and strengthen continuity.

Because of you, Kent Hospital is not simply adopting new technology. We are redefining what community-based care can be. Together, we are building a future in which patients are empowered, care is connected, and every person has the opportunity to live healthier and safer at every stage of life. ■

## Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC) Initiative

### at The Providence Center

The past year has been a transformational one for **The Providence Center (TPC)** as a **Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC)** thanks to your investment in behavioral health. Since Rhode Island launched its CCBHC initiative, TPC has moved quickly to expand the crisis continuum and strengthen wraparound supports so people get help where and when they need it most. Here's what's new:

- **24/7 Mobile Crisis Response Services**

TPC offers round-the-clock, in-person crisis assessments, with clinicians typically dispatched within 30 minutes. These licensed professionals conduct psychiatric evaluations, provide immediate stabilization services, and, when appropriate, prescribe medications on-site. This real-time reach shortens dangerous waits and diverts people from emergency rooms when clinically appropriate.

- **Enhanced Peer Support Services**

Peer specialists and recovery-oriented programs have been expanded and integrated, offering lived-experience guidance that improves engagement, reduces re-hospitalization, and steadies recovery after a crisis. These peer-led supports build trust quickly and are a low-cost, high-impact investment.

- **Strengthened Partnerships with Public Safety**

Over the past year The Providence Center has continued to formalize co-response work with Providence Police and Providence Fire, embedding clinicians alongside first responders so people in crisis receive clinical assessment and de-escalation at the scene rather than defaulting to arrest or hospital admission. These partnerships create safer outcomes for individuals and officers alike.

- **Deeper Post-Crisis Continuity of Care**

TPC has hired two full-time case managers who are dispatched post-crisis to work directly with individuals, both children and adults, to ensure a smooth transition into ongoing treatment and support services.

Public funding created the CCBHC framework, but private gifts enable us to move faster, test innovations, and meet needs beyond what upfront funding covers. Your support has underwritten clinician training for co-response teams, time-sensitive mobile visits, peer specialist hiring, and the technology and care-coordination that make 24/7 response effective. Those investments translate into fewer emergency room trips, more timely community-based care, and better outcomes for people living with mental health and substance use challenges.

Because of donors like you, The Providence Center is empowering the community to respond to a crisis with compassion, clinical excellence, and a path to recovery. Your generosity turns policy into practice and crisis into care. ■

## Neonatal Follow-up Symposium

### at Women & Infants Hospital

In November, **Women & Infants Hospital** convened national and regional leaders in neonatal care for the **Dr. Betty R. Vohr, MD, Neonatal Follow-up Symposium**, an event that honors the extraordinary legacy of a physician whose work has reshaped the lives of premature infants and their families.

The symposium highlighted emerging research and fostered collaboration among clinicians dedicated to improving long-term outcomes for infants born too soon. A founder of neonatal developmental follow-up, Dr. Vohr has helped define standards of care, inform ethical guidelines for the most vulnerable newborns, and change national practice. Her pioneering research on early hearing

detection led Rhode Island to become the first state to screen newborns for hearing loss, a model later adopted nationwide.

In 2024, the Women & Infants **NICU Follow-up Clinic** marked its 50th Anniversary, making it the oldest such clinic in the United States. For over half a century, our state's follow-up clinic has been devoted to studying former preterm infant development, conducting innovative research to improve outcomes, and establishing the standard of care for neonatal follow-up for the nation.

Women & Infants Hospital extends sincere thanks to **Sentec** for sponsoring this year's symposium and for their continued partnership throughout the year. In addition to supporting this important educational event, Sentec also sponsored Holiday Meals for NICU families at Thanksgiving and Christmas, helping bring comfort and care to families spending the holidays at the hospital. Their generosity reflects a shared commitment to supporting both clinical excellence and the families at the heart of our mission. ■



**The CCBHC initiative aims to expand access to behavioral health care for all Rhode Islanders, regardless of age, insurance, immigration status, or diagnosis.**

## Rapid Response Care at Home with Community Paramedicine

### at VNA Home Health & Hospice

When a health concern escalates at home, older patients often feel they have only one option: call 911 and head to the emergency room. Thanks to the generosity of donors like you, home healthcare patients served by **VNA Home Health & Hospice** have another compassionate, effective choice: the **Community Paramedicine Program**.

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Working in close coordination with VNA clinicians, Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs), and an on-call medical director, community paramedics can deliver treatments that go beyond traditional home nursing services. These include IV fluids, IV Lasix, nebulized therapies, and inhaled or IV steroids for COPD and asthma exacerbations, all safely administered in a patient's living room. If a patient does not respond to treatment, they are immediately transported to the hospital of their choice, ensuring safety is never compromised.

This program is not about avoiding the emergency department at all costs; it is about creating a vital step between home and the ED. By responding quickly, community paramedics can determine whether a true emergency exists, begin treatment early, or reassure patients and arrange appropriate follow-up care. Data shows that an overwhelming majority of patients who use the program avoid an emergency room visit, relieving strain on the healthcare system while improving the patient experience.

Equally important, the program supports caregivers, offering peace of mind when concerns arise after hours or when other resources are limited. As **Lois Hamilton**, Director of Home Health, aptly says, "Most of the things we can do in the back of an ambulance, we can now do in the living room." Your support makes this innovative care possible, meeting people where they are when they need it most. ■



Congressman Gabe Amo Visits a Community Paramedic Participant

## Groundbreaking Advances in the Fight Against Cancer

### at Women & Infants Hospital in Partnership with Swim Across America

For over 16 years, **Swim Across America—Rhode Island (SAA-RI)** has united swimmers, volunteers, patients, researchers, and donors to transform the future of cancer care. Through this extraordinary partnership, more than \$2.5 million has been raised to support cancer research at Women & Infants Hospital, funding discoveries that are saving lives locally and around the world.

Because of the generosity and determination of the Swim Across America community, researchers in Women & Infants' **Program in Women's Oncology Center for Biomarkers & Emerging Technology (CBET)** have made groundbreaking advances in ovarian and breast cancer research. SAA-RI funding has helped fuel the discovery of an ovarian cancer biomarker and the development of a clinical algorithm that more accurately estimates cancer risk in women with a pelvic mass. Today, that test is used worldwide, improving early detection and guiding care for countless women.

Breakthroughs like these begin with donors who believe in possibility. Philanthropic support fuels early-stage research, helping translate ideas from the lab into clinical care, accelerate innovation, and unlock new therapies for patients facing cancer. Behind these advances are dedicated physician-scientists like **Dr. Paul DiSilvestro**, director of the Program in Women's

Oncology, whose leadership bridges compassionate care and cutting-edge research. His work ensures that discoveries translate into real-world impact for patients.

That impact is deeply personal for grateful patients like **Mary McAuley**. In 2019, Mary came to Women & Infants after a life-changing diagnosis of stage IV fallopian tube cancer. Under Dr. DiSilvestro's care, she received coordinated treatment that included surgery, chemotherapy, and clinical trials.

Two years into her treatments, a routine CT scan revealed Stage II breast cancer, and another battle was met with swift, expert care from Women & Infants Breast Health Center. Throughout her care, Mary was supported by a team that combined clinical expertise with compassion, consistency, and genuine reassurance. Today, she proudly shares her story so others can benefit from the same lifesaving care.

Donor support also fuels the next generation of cancer researchers. **Payton De La Cruz, PhD**, a postdoctoral research fellow at Women & Infants, conducts early-stage translational research in breast and gynecologic cancers. Her work helps advance new treatments and strengthens Women & Infants' ability to compete for national research funding.

Every stroke taken at SAA-RI represents hope for earlier detection, better treatments, and a future without cancer. Thanks to the unwavering support of our donors, Women & Infants researchers and clinicians are turning that hope into measurable progress and improving outcomes for women and families in our community and far beyond. ■

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Mary McAuley, Peyton De La Cruz, and Dr. Paul DiSilvestro at SAA-RI



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