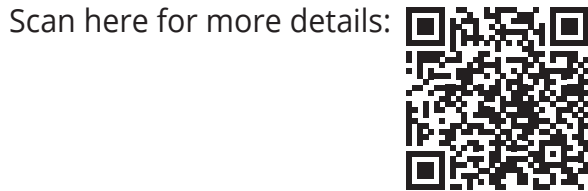


Dates You Don't Want to Miss!

We invite you to be a part of our upcoming events that bring together hundreds of people from across the region. These enjoyable, engaging fundraisers offer meaningful opportunities to support your community hospital while having fun!

- 5k Walk/Run to Benefit The Center for Cancer Care at Griffin Hospital - Saturday, **September 20** at The Center for Cancer Care in Derby
- Art Bras for the Valley - Thursday, **October 9** at Little Barn in Shelton
- Griffin Gala - Saturday, **November 8** at the Oakdale Theatre in Wallingford



Your Legacy, Griffin's Future

A planned gift is more than a donation—it's a lasting statement of your values. By including Griffin Health in your estate plans, you help ensure that compassionate, high-quality care will be available for generations to come.

There are many simple ways to make a planned gift, such as naming Griffin as a beneficiary of your will, retirement account, or life insurance policy. These gifts cost nothing today and leave a powerful impact tomorrow.

Join others who have chosen to leave a legacy of healing and hope. Your foresight today helps shape a healthier future for our community. Simply call Executive Director Kristy Jelenik at 203-732-7539 to get started on your legacy for exceptional patient care.



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Griffin Health Mission

- To provide personalized, humanistic, consumer-driven healthcare in a healing environment.
- To empower individuals to be actively involved in decisions affecting their care and well-being through access to information and education.
- To provide leadership to improve the health of the community served.

Your partnership and support means the world to us, and as a nonprofit community hospital, we are resolute in our commitment to exceptional and compassionate care for you.

With Your Help, We're Advancing Care!

Dear Friends,

Every day, your support helps to advance the care for patients and families facing life's most difficult challenges. This summer marks a transformational moment at Griffin. We are nearing completion of Connecticut's first Emergency Psychiatric Assessment Treatment and Healing (EmPATH) Unit, a groundbreaking step forward in psychiatric crisis care. This is more than a new unit; it's a promise that compassionate care will be there when it matters most.

We have so much to celebrate—and even more to look forward to—as we continue expanding and enhancing the support we provide. Together, as partners in care, we're building a healthier future for our community.

Thank you for caring and for supporting our mission. Please enjoy the updates in this newsletter about Griffin's work in the community and the many ways you can stay involved.

In gratitude,



Patrick Charmel
President & CEO
Griffin Health



Kristy Jelenik
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From Vision to Reality

EmPATH Unit Enters Final Phase

Over the past year, you've heard about the exciting progress of our Emergency Psychiatric Assessment, Treatment and Healing (EmPATH) Unit —a new approach in behavioral health care that will provide a calming, therapeutic space for patients in emotional crisis. Staffed with psychiatrists, social workers, and trained nurses for rapid assessment and compassionate, personalized care, this unit can stabilize patients faster and reduce the need for hospitalization. Thanks to the generosity of our community, we're nearing the finish line, with anticipated completion by early Fall.

There's still time to be a part of this milestone project! Learn more here



EmPATH Unit Rendering

Introducing Griffin's Circle of Compassion

Share Your Story, Celebrate Care

Griffin Health is proud to launch the Circle of Compassion, a new initiative that offers a meaningful way to bring patient appreciation full circle with a charitable donation or story of exceptional care. This program invites patients and families to strengthen the bond between caregivers and their community.

Every contribution through the Circle of Compassion is used to advance person-centered care with enhancements to Griffin's award winning healing health care environment. Gifts from grateful patients support new services, the acquisition of leading-edge medical technology, and expanded efforts to improve the health and wellbeing of the communities we serve through community engagement, health education, disease management programs and screening.

Learn more about our new Circle of Compassion



Your Generosity in Action

Spring & Summer Highlights

We are filled with gratitude for the incredible generosity and spirit of our community this spring and summer. From the energy of *Par for Pink* and *Pink Bingo*, to the excitement of our Griffin Golf Classic in June, to the heartfelt support from Derby and Ansonia High Schools and Subway's legal team, each swing, game, and gift has strengthened Griffin's mission and helps fuel our commitment to exceptional innovative patient-centered care.



Par for Pink Golf Outing on May 20 at Oxford Greens



Pink Bingo on June 3 at Hops Company



Griffin Golf Classic on June 30 at Brooklawn Country Club



Ansonia and Derby high schools hosted Pink softball and baseball games to support breast cancer patients in the greater Valley community.



Thank you to the Legal Team at Subway in Shelton for donating handmade blankets and comfort items for patients at Griffin's Center for Cancer Care.