

Time-Sensitive Match:

Help Unlock \$50,000 for Advanced Cancer Care!

An anonymous family—and long-time, devoted supporters of Griffin Hospital—has stepped forward with a generous \$50,000 matching challenge to support the Radiation Therapy Transformation Project at the Center for Cancer Care (see inside page for project details.)

That means every gift made by **March 31** is matched dollar for dollar, instantly doubling your impact and accelerating access to advanced, life-changing cancer treatment for our community.

To learn more about making a gift by check or cash, pledge, stock, donor-advised fund, or a qualified charitable distribution from an IRA, please contact Executive Director Kristy Jelenik at kjelenik@griffinhealth.org or 203.732.7539.



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Dates You Don't Want to Miss!

You're invited to be part of an exciting lineup of events happening throughout the year. Gather with loved ones, meet new friends, and enjoy meaningful experiences—all while supporting excellence in healthcare and ensuring access to critical treatment right here in our community.

Par For Pink Golf Outing supporting breast wellness - **May 19** at Oxford Greens

Griffin Golf Classic supporting healthcare advancements- **June 15** at Brooklawn Country Club

Pink Bingos supporting breast wellness- June 9 and **October 13** at the Hops Co. in Derby

5K Walk/Run supporting cancer care- **September 19** at Griffin's Center for Cancer Care



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With You, We're Expanding Possibilities

Dear Friends,

We are grateful for the opportunity to once again share how your generosity continues to move Griffin Health forward. Because of you, important investments in care, education, and innovation are taking shape—bringing hope, healing, and opportunity to our community.

In this issue, you'll read about the many ways Griffin is growing and advancing care—new projects, expanded spaces, and innovative treatments that help patients receive compassionate, high-quality care close to home. These milestones are made possible with your continued support and partnership.

Thank you for helping us grow, innovate, and serve our community with dignity and compassion. We hope to see you at one of our many events and gatherings over the next year!

In gratitude,



Patrick Charmel
President & CEO
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Kristy Jelenik
Executive Director
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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.

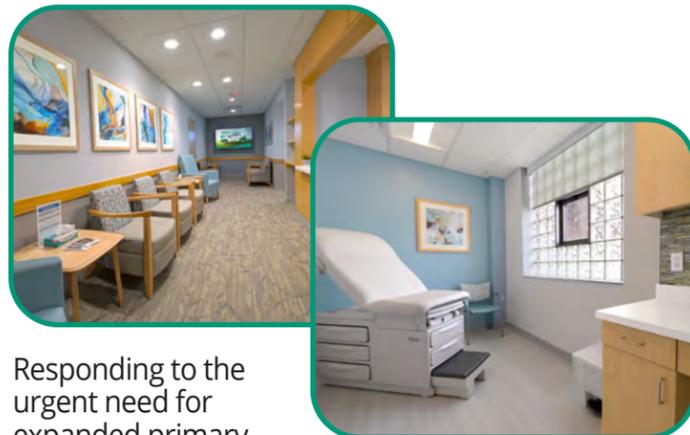
Your partnership and support means the world to us, and as a nonprofit community hospital, we are resolute in our commitment to exceptional and compassionate care for you.

In Case You Missed it...

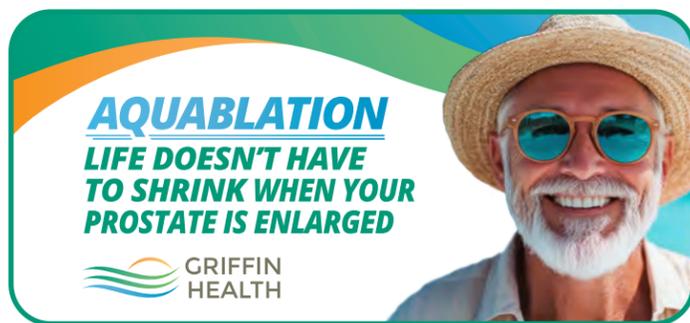
Big Things are Happening at Griffin Health Supporting Your Health and Empowering Our Community



After 16 years and more than 2,000 graduates, the **Griffin Hospital School of Allied Health Careers** has moved into a newly renovated building on Division Street in Ansonia, offering a student-centered environment with larger capacity to accommodate growing demand for the school's highly successful career training. With donor-funded scholarships, we're preparing the next generation of skilled Medical Assistants, Phlebotomists, Patient Care Technicians, and Nursing Assistants while strengthening our community's healthcare workforce.



Responding to the urgent need for expanded primary care services in the lower Naugatuck Valley area and surrounding communities, Griffin Faculty Physicians, the integrated medical group practice of Griffin Health, has increased access to both primary and specialty care **in Derby with the opening of a new office at 300 Seymour Avenue** in January 2026. This newly renovated space features 12 exam rooms and two procedure rooms, accommodating four practitioners in primary care and specialties. The office was thoughtfully redesigned to incorporate Planetree healing elements, creating a welcoming, patient-centered environment that enhances comfort and supports the overall care experience.



Revolutionary Treatment for Benign Prostatic Hyperplasia (BPH) is now available at Griffin Hospital. BPH, the most common reason men visit a urologist, becomes increasingly prevalent after age 50. Griffin now offers Aquablation, a minimally invasive, robot-assisted therapy that has been shown to provide significant, lasting symptom relief while preserving sexual function and continence—regardless of prostate size or shape. The procedure is performed in the operating room by a urologist, giving patients a safe, effective option for curing BPH. Learn more at www.griffinhealth.org/aquablation.

Bringing the Future of Cancer Care Home

Your Support Keeps World-Class Care Within Reach

After 18 years of providing advanced, compassionate cancer care, Griffin Health is taking the next step forward by investing in next-generation radiation therapy—an essential service, as more than half of all cancer patients require radiation as part of their treatment.

Griffin's Radiation Therapy Transformation Project seeks to bring a new linear accelerator with advanced stereotactic technology to our community—enhanced by AI-assisted treatment planning and the integration of multiple, high-resolution imaging modalities.

This powerful upgrade will allow care teams to treat more advanced cancers locally, start therapy sooner, shorten treatment times for complex cases, and protect healthy tissue with extraordinary precision—reducing physical and emotional strain for patients and families during one of life's most difficult journeys.

This investment is both timely and critical. By keeping cutting-edge cancer care in the Valley, Griffin ensures that all patients—especially those facing transportation or financial challenges—can receive vital treatment with dignity, comfort, and compassion, close to home.

Learn more about this transformative project here—www.griffinhealth.org/radiation-therapy-campaign



Steven and Carol Zavednak were born at Griffin, raised in the Valley and continue to call this community home. They were among the first donors to provide generous support for this new project, and recently shared the following:

"Making donations to the many new initiatives Griffin Hospital has developed over the years has always been a top priority for us. We think it's one of the best ways to help make life better for all Valley residents.

The Cancer Center initiative is by far one of the most exciting and important projects that we are supporting. It will help make the most advanced cancer treatments available locally in a welcoming, compassionate, and supportive environment. We are truly fortunate that Griffin Hospital continues to reach ever higher to offer cutting-edge medical treatments easily accessible to our local population and beyond."

Steven and Carol Zavednak
Long-time Cherished Donors to Griffin Hospital

