

A Fresh Look at Griffin's Legacy Program

Your wishes today can create a lasting impact for tomorrow

We've refreshed Griffin Health's Legacy Program to make it easier to learn about the many ways you can leave a lasting connection to Griffin and its future. Our new webpage offers simple information about legacy giving and the different ways individuals can include supporting Griffin in their long-term plans.

Whether you are just beginning to explore your options or already have Griffin included in your plans, the new resource provides an easy place to learn more and connect with us.



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Coming Together for Your Community

The next few months bring two special opportunities to come together, have fun, and support cancer care in our community. Register today!

Art Bras for the Valley

October 8
Little Barn, Shelton

Pink Bingo

October 13
The Hops Company, Derby

Join us for one—or both—of these fun-filled events and enjoy the fellowship of the Griffin community while making a difference for local cancer care.

Learn more and get involved:



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Dear Friends,

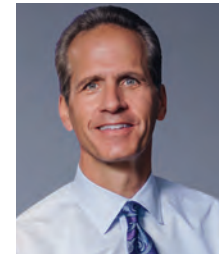
There is so much to be proud of at Griffin Health, and so much ahead. In these pages, we are pleased to highlight a few of the people, programs and community partnerships made stronger by your generosity and belief in Griffin.

You'll see the momentum behind our Radiation Therapy Transformation Project and the exciting future it holds for patients close-to-home. You'll also meet graduates of our School of Allied Health Careers and learn how their fulfilling professional journeys began in our classrooms. This issue's insert introduces some of Griffin's newest physicians who are bringing their expertise, compassion and new specialties to you and all of our community members.

Most importantly, we want you to know how much your involvement means. Whether through a gift, a scholarship, a team at the Center for Cancer Care 5K Walk/Run, attendance at an event, or simply sharing your connection to Griffin, you help make this community stronger and healthier.

Thank you for believing in Griffin and for supporting person-centered and community-focused healthcare.

In gratitude,



Patrick Charmel
President & CEO
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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.

From the Classroom to the Community

Your generosity is opening doors to careers in healthcare

At the Griffin Hospital School of Allied Health Careers, we're training future exceptional caregivers and leaders in person-centered care. For generations of students, the school has opened doors to meaningful healthcare careers, providing the hands-on training, confidence and skills needed to make a difference in the lives of patients and families throughout our community.



A new alumni wall at the school celebrates the many graduates whose careers began in its classrooms and who have become valued members of the Griffin Health family and at healthcare providers in our state. Their journeys reflect the opportunities created for students right here in our community.



"The Patient Care Technician Program taught me how to be a caregiver. It gave me the tools and education to be technically skilled at my job, as well as the confidence to know I could successfully do it. I love my patients and my job, and I am forever grateful for this education and experience." — Leanne McKenna, MST



"I'm grateful for the education I received in the Phlebotomy program. This experience is one of the reasons I've remained part of the Griffin family for the past 16 years. The course laid the foundation for my healthcare career and led me to where I am today as the Clinical Team Lead at Griffin's Infusion Center and Wellness Clinic." — Jen Iacuone, RN

Behind each of these stories are educators, community partners and donors who believe in creating opportunities for individuals and strengthening the healthcare workforce right here at home. The Derby-Shelton Rotary Club is one such partner, providing scholarship support that helps make these opportunities possible for local students.

"Each year, the Derby-Shelton Rotary Club provides grants to community groups, including veterans' organizations, first responders, and local nonprofits. This year, we are pleased to support scholarships for four area students to attend Griffin's well-established School of Allied Health Careers. At a time when Connecticut faces a shortage of frontline healthcare workers, this program provides local students with an exceptional opportunity to pursue careers in healthcare, and we are proud to support them." - Michael Wynne, Grants Manager of the Derby Shelton Rotary Club

Learn more about our School of Allied Health Careers at <https://www.griffinalliedhealth.org>.



Building Momentum for the Future of Cancer Care:

A lasting investment in the future, made possible with you

We are profoundly thankful to our community whose generosity has helped build momentum for Griffin Health's Radiation Therapy Transformation Project, a landmark investment in the future of cancer care in the Valley. With our sights set on implementation in 2027, continued support will help us bring leading-edge radiation therapy technology closer-to-home, expanding access to exceptional cancer care for generations to come.

For longtime Griffin supporter Bob Scinto, the project reflects something he has experienced firsthand: Griffin's deep dedication to the community. *"I appreciate Griffin's commitment to the community because it is unusual. Period. I've had a lot of experiences with a lot of hospitals. I've been on boards of different hospitals. I've never seen anything like Griffin my whole life. They really care about the people."* This belief is at the heart of his support for the project. *"I believe in what Griffin is doing to fight cancer and to be on the cutting edge. It is the most important thing they could be doing."*



For patients, that investment will mean more than new technology. Joyce Chung, MD, Griffin Health Medical Director of Therapeutic Radiology, explains how it will change the experience of receiving care, including how quickly treatment can begin: "Tests that took us days or even weeks, such as mapping, imaging and preparing for treatments, can now be completed in hours. This means patients aren't waiting days to start care. It's faster, less stressful and allows us to begin treatments when it matters most—right away."

Learn more about the project at



Your Impact in Action

This year's **18th Annual 5K Walk/Run to benefit the Center for Cancer Care** at Griffin Hospital on Saturday, October 24 will directly support the Radiation Therapy Transformation Project.

For Barbara Scarpa, captain of team Scoop's Troop, the 5K Walk/Run is a deeply personal way to honor a beloved father while giving back to the place that cared for him.

"I started Scoop's Troop in 2010, the year my father passed away. It is my way of honoring his memory and continuing the incredible work the Center for Cancer Care at Griffin does. The compassion and care they showed my dad during his treatment meant everything to us.

Each year, our team comes together to raise money—not just in his honor, but to give back to the very place that gave us hope, dignity, and kindness during the hardest time of our lives. Scoop's Troop is more than a team. It's a tribute to my father's strength and his love that surrounds us still."

Register today and join 400+ other community members in walking, running, cheering and coming together in support of patients and families- www.griffinhealth.org/5k

