

# Giving From The Heart

FALL/WINTER 2022



**INVEST IN IMPACT.**  
**Invest in Bristol.**

## The Campaign for Bristol 2021 - 2026

While the Bristol City Council voted to not approve the original plan for a combined health center and administrative headquarters, as we'd hoped and envisioned, our needs and commitment remain in Bristol. We continue to work with the City of Bristol on our plans and vision that our Family Health & Wellness Centers, and many administrative departments, would consolidate to a new, more accessible downtown site, which allows us to include services such as nutrition and wellness programs and impact other unmet primary care and behavioral health needs in the community.

Private giving remains vital to this vision, and our Board of Trustees has announced a four-year, \$500,000 campaign to support construction. As of December 22, we are at \$270,000 in pledges and gifts toward that goal.

The new center would ensure that all Wheeler services are located in one building, providing a better patient experience and for an array of on-site services and reach for at-risk community members who have limited access to care. We know, for instance, that nutrition is vital to overall health and reducing chronic disease, and we know that ensuring families have accessible care improves health outcomes for the whole family.

Bristol was Wheeler's first community health center site in 2013, and today we serve thousands of Bristol residents at our centers, as well as students in every Bristol Public School. The future is bright in Bristol, and we're committed to a more equitable, healthier future for everyone in the city!

To read our full statement about Bristol, visit:  
[WheelerHealth.org/Bristol](https://WheelerHealth.org/Bristol).

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## BRIGHTENING THANKSGIVING FOR PATIENTS AND FAMILIES

We care deeply about making a difference in our communities. In late November, we provided more than 325 bags of Thanksgiving meals for patients in need at our Family Health & Wellness Centers in Bristol, Hartford, Plainville, New Britain, and Waterbury. Our partners, Gnazzo's and Holcomb Farm, provided fresh ingredients to help round out holiday meals, including more than 1,300 pounds of farm-fresh produce. This effort was made possible through the support of Wheeler's Basic Needs Fund and YOU.



**REAL IMPACT**

“A patient became ill because of conditions in the motel where she and her family are living for now. Because of impactful giving to the Basic Needs Fund, we provided soap, hygiene products, a cold weather bag, and food so the family could have a Thanksgiving meal.”



## ESSENTIAL DENTAL SERVICES FOR HARTFORD RESIDENTS

A collaboration between Wheeler and Harc, Inc., a Hartford-based non-profit that serves individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD), will continue for another year, thanks to a new, one-year \$50,000 S.M.I.L.E. Grant from the Delta Dental of New Jersey Foundation.

In January 2020, utilizing the resources of a \$50,000 S.M.I.L.E. grant from Delta Dental, Wheeler and Harc, Inc. teamed up on a unique project to meet the oral health needs of this medically underserved population in Hartford and to serve low-income residents of all ages with IDD, including autism. Services are delivered through Wheeler's Susan Walkama Family Health & Wellness Center at 43 Woodland Street and through specialized linkages to care in the community.

“The pandemic had a significant impact on the number of dental patients we could serve during the past year-and-a-half, as well as the outreach we could provide, particularly because our target population is a high-risk population for COVID-19,” said Sabrina Trocchi, PhD, MPA, president and chief executive officer, Wheeler. “This new funding will support our efforts to do even more outreach and serve more individuals with IDD and autism because the need is greater than ever.”



“We believe everyone deserves a healthy smile, and we are delighted to continue supporting Wheeler as they work to expand access to dental care for those with IDD,” said Caryl Russo, PhD, president, Delta Dental of New Jersey Foundation. “Our Foundation seeks to fund solutions to oral health care challenges throughout New Jersey and Connecticut, and Wheeler, through their collaboration with Harc, is admirably focused on providing a much-needed solution for those with special health care needs.”

“We're excited to continue our consulting partnership with Wheeler's dental team to maximize the effectiveness of the program through education and engagement,” said Ken Cabral, MEd, president and ceo of Harc. “This collaboration allows us to reach the IDD community to affect positive outcomes with their dental health.”



# THE MANY GIFTS OF CORPORATE GIVING:

## A Story From Voya Financial

Every September, the Corporate Responsibility team of Voya Financial, Inc., hosts an employee-giving campaign for the company's more than 6,000 employees across the country. For 2021, Voya hosted its event online, featuring live entertainment, chances to win prizes, and more. Wheeler and other non-profits were among the recipients of campaign proceeds.



Prior to the event, employees had an opportunity to peruse and consider prizes, while also learning about the non-profit organizations that were supported through the activity.

A brand new iPad, donated by Voya employee and Wheeler Board of Trustees member Rachel Tressy, captured the attention of another Voya employee and his young daughter. The Voya employee noted that his daughter chose to participate for a chance to win the iPad based on the fact that she was inspired by Wheeler's mission.

The iPad raised more than \$1,000 at the event. When coupled with the company's 1:1 match program, nearly \$2,000 was raised for Wheeler. Proceeds will benefit Wheeler's planned development of a new community health center in Bristol to better serve individuals and families in the city.

"Voya makes it easy for employees to give," said Ms. Tressy. "We are so grateful for our team's interest and engagement in the community."

Voya Financial, Inc. (NYSE: VOYA) is a leading health, wealth and investment company that provides products, solutions and technologies that help Americans become well planned, well invested and well protected. [www.voya.com](http://www.voya.com).

## 2021-2022 Annual Fund

YOUR support, YOUR commitment,  
YOUR vision *can change,*  
and literally save, lives.

Yes! I want to support:

- Bristol Health & Wellness Center \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Basic Needs Fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Basic Needs Fund, NVS \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Where my gift is needed most \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is my total gift of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Plainville, CT 06062

Or scan this QR code with  
your cell phone to make  
a donation.



## COMFORT AND JOY FOR YOUTH IN OUR CARE

Thanks to the generous support of Amazon.com, kids in our care who could use a toy this season got one. Wheeler Trustee Myron Stewart, with the help of our facilities and philanthropic giving teams, recently picked up two pallets of donated toys, which we've started giving out to children and families in our programs. Board Chair Jim Moylan suggested we pick up the toys in holiday garb, but since reindeer have been known to deliver joy, we donned antlers.





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Since 2018, your contributions to the Basic Needs Fund have made a measurable difference in the lives of more than 5,500 patients and their families.

## THANK YOU!



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