

# Giving From The Heart

WINTER 2023



## PAVING THE PATH TO HEALTH, RECOVERY, AND GROWTH

### Bricks for Hope in Bristol Underway

A new fundraising campaign, *Bricks for Hope in Bristol*, will pave the path to One Hope Street, the future site of Wheeler Health's expanded Bristol community health center and administrative headquarters. Individuals and organizations from Bristol, surrounding communities, and beyond can play a part by sponsoring a named brick.

"Our vision is for the named bricks to be on prominent walkways to, and near, the entrances to One Hope Street. By sponsoring a brick, donors are helping to promote the power of recovery and hope in everyone we serve," said Sabrina Trocchi, PhD, MPA, president and chief executive officer, Wheeler. "All proceeds will go toward our Campaign for Bristol, which will help to fund construction and services at this location."

Wheeler will move its headquarters to downtown Bristol in approximately a year and combine both of its existing health centers at One Hope Street in Centre Square. Through its health centers, residents of Bristol and surrounding towns have access to truly integrated primary and behavioral health care for all ages.

*Bricks for Hope in Bristol* is part of Wheeler's *Campaign for Bristol*, an effort launched last year with support from Barnes Group Foundation and other local philanthropic investors. To date, Wheeler has reached 90 percent of its \$500,000 fundraising goal. Funding for this project is made possible through a combination of loans, allocations from Wheeler's endowment, private giving, and public grants. The Wheeler Board of Trustees achieved 100 participation and reached its \$100,000 goal.

### INVEST IN OUR WORK TODAY!

Find details about this project, and many opportunities to make a difference, by scanning this QR code with your cell phone.





## FARM TO FAMILY FEEDS THOUSANDS OF PATIENTS

Last summer and fall, through an ongoing partnership with Holcomb Farm and our Farm to Family program, we provided fresh produce to more than 3,000 patients across our five community health centers. During the Thanksgiving season, Holcomb Farm provided an additional 1,000 pounds of produce to supplement the more than 350 bags of groceries we packed for our patients in need during Thanksgiving. Special thanks to Gnazzo's Food Center for their generous donation of holiday groceries.



**“When I think of the great things that happened this year,  
I add your fruit and vegetable distribution to the list.”**

*Family Health & Wellness Center Patient, Mom*



## BASIC NEEDS FUND HELPS ADDRESS SEASONAL CHALLENGES

We are meeting our patients' emergent needs this season, thanks to donors to our Basic Needs Fund, particularly Kaoud Rugs. To that end, there are plenty of blankets, gloves, hats, personal items, and more on hand at each of our community health center locations for patients who need them.

“We are grateful to our donors who understand the unique challenges our patients face,” said Sabrina Trocchi, PhD, MPA, president and chief executive officer, Wheeler. “By meeting these needs, we are helping the individuals and families we serve to stay focused on other aspects of their health.”

Wheeler's Basic Needs Fund addresses environmental and social factors that interfere with a patient's health and well-being but which are not addressed by other means of funding.

This past year, more than 150 donors, including Wheeler Golf Classic sponsors and golfers, have supported the Fund.



*Since its inception in 2018, more than 7,000 people across Connecticut have been served by the Basic Needs Fund.*



**“This was a blessing . . .  
so thankful to be part of a  
nonprofit that TRULY cares  
about the community.”**

*Family Health & Wellness Center Patient,  
Basic Needs Recipient*



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## DONORS HONORED WITH HANDS & HEARTS AWARDS

Four organizations and several individuals were recognized by Wheeler for outstanding support of its mission at the organization's 12th Annual Hands & Hearts event, held virtually on December 12. Recipients included: Access Health CT; Barnes Group Foundation; Connecticut State Management Advisory Council; ESPN; Jim and Janet Moylan; and Wheeler's Campaign for Bristol donors, including Tom Barnes and the Barnes Group Foundation; the Estate of Cap Adams; the Brantner and Corsini Families; Wheeler's Board of Trustees, including past trustees, as well as senior and executive leadership teams; and Voya staff for support through an innovative employee giving campaign.



Since its inception in 2011, this event has recognized more than 75 philanthropists.

## A NEW PATH TO FITNESS AT NORTHWEST VILLAGE SCHOOL



Students at Northwest Village School (NVS) have even more opportunities to stay active and fit, thanks to a new outdoor fitness trail made possible through a generous gift from the estate of Hall "Cap" Adams, Jr., a longtime philanthropic investor in

Wheeler's work with a passion for supporting good health and quality education. The all-season trail spans the perimeter of Wheeler's 91 Northwest Drive property.

## KINDNESS FOR YOUTH IN FOSTER CARE

Employees from Farmington-based Mott Corporation helped create a joyful holiday for 40 local youth in foster care. Seventy employees donated toys, gifts, and nearly \$1,000 in gift cards as part of an annual Giving Tree for Wheeler that's been in place for the past six years.



## 2022-2023 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,  
Northwest Village School \$ \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Where my gift is needed most \$ \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

☐ Check Enclosed  
(Please make payable to Wheeler)

Please charge my donation to:

☐ Visa ☐ Mastercard ☐ Discover ☐ AmEx

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_

Security Code \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

☐ My gift is in memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ My gift is in honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

Please notify: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ My employer will match my contribution.

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## 38th Annual Golf Classic

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