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Giving From The Heart

WINTER 2026

Businesses, Individuals Honored for Outstanding Support

Wheeler recently honored four donors for outstanding support of its mission at the organization's 15th Annual Hands & Hearts event, held virtually, last December. The Hands & Hearts recipients this year were: Amazon BDL3, Americold Logistics LLC, Mott Corporation, a unit of IDEX Corporation, and Mary Rodier, CPA.

Wheeler's Hands & Hearts event recognizes individuals and families, corporations, and foundations for helping Wheeler to provide equitable access to innovative care that improves health, recovery, and growth at all stages of life. Wheeler has recognized more than 105 philanthropists since the inception of this event.

"Without the help of everyone we're recognizing today, and all of our donors, we would not be able to meet the needs of the nearly 70,000 individuals we serve annually," said Sabrina Trocchi, PhD, MPA, president and CEO, Wheeler. "Our donors and friends are vital to the work we do and help sustain our ability to serve vulnerable, underserved individuals in communities across Connecticut."

Scan this QR code for the full story.

Thank you, 2025 Hands & Hearts Appreciation Award Recipients

Amazon BDL3

In the last two years, Amazon BDL3 in North Haven has donated six pallets of toys for patients and families, valued at more than $28,000, in donated inventory.

Americold Logistics LLC

For the last three years, Americold Logistics LLC filled holiday requests for children in Wheeler's care and supported Wheeler's Basic Needs Fund.

Mott Corporation, a Unit of IDEX Corporation

From foster care to basic needs and so much more, Mott and IDEX are tireless advocates for everyone served by Wheeler.

Mary Rodier, CPA

Mary served as Wheeler Board of Trustees Chair from 2022 through 2025, guiding the board through the Hope Street capital plan and opening of the Family Health & Wellness Center at One Hope Street in 2024.

COMMUNITY

BASIC NEEDS FUND: STRIDES IN SUPPORT

Now, more than ever, Wheeler's Basic Needs Fund is necessary to help bridge the gaps in the lives of the individuals and families we serve. The fund is used when a lack of basic resources threatens a patient's physical or emotional well-being—putting their health at risk and preventing meaningful improvement in outcomes.

"Thanks to our corporate and individual donors, we're actively working to meet community need, especially clothing this season due to the extreme cold," said Sabrina Trocchi, PhD, MPA, president and chief executive officer. "We are deeply grateful to everyone who supports us in this work."

Since its inception in 2018, Wheeler's Basic Needs Fund has served nearly 10,000 patients across Connecticut. Gifts can be made online, mailed, or made by phone by calling the **Philanthropic Giving Department** at **860.793.4450** or by email: **giving@wheelerhealth.org**.

For more information, visit: **WheelerHealth.org/BasicNeeds**.

"They have helped me by providing gift cards to WalMart and other places so I can buy my jackets and anything else I need ... just knowing they care means so much."

- Patient who benefited from the Basic Needs Fund

HEALTH

40 HART STREET: A HUB FOR HEALING AND MORE

The meaning of a place can change over time. This is true for our 40 Hart Street location, where our New Britain Family Health and Wellness Center opened in June 2021 in response to the primary and behavioral health care needs of individuals and families in this city. It began with a handful of patients, and today serves thousands of patients annually.

Since then, much more has happened here, including the addition of a mobile pantry, which has operated on alternate Fridays, since the summer of 2024, through a collaborative partnership with **Connecticut Foodshare**. Since its inception, more than 5,000 residents have accessed nutritious food and books through an amazing connection with **Read to Grow's** mobile library. In addition, children enjoy outdoor activities, facilitated by staff from **2-4-1 Sports**. Dedicated volunteers from **Mott Corporation**, **M&T Bank**, and **South Church** support these events as well.

"All of our locations offer something unique to patients," said Lisa Roth, MS, senior director, Wheeler. "There's something extra special about the way partnerships and care have evolved at this location. We truly are meeting the demands of this moment, and we're doing so with kindness and compassion."

CARE

SEASONAL HIGHLIGHTS

Our community came through for us in a big way this season, from supporting more than 1,400 holiday requests from patients, to providing personal care items for children and families.

This past December, our amazing partners at ***Mott Corporation*** and ***IDEX Corporation*** supported our Basic Needs Fund with an $8,000 donation. This incredible team also stuffed about 1,000 bags of personal care items for our patients. They organized a toy donation for the holiday season and wrote hundreds of holiday cards for our patients. We are so profoundly grateful for their support and philanthropy, the "love of humanity."

SWEET CASES FOR YOUTH

We are so grateful for the caring and generosity of the employees at ***ESPN*** *who decorated nearly 90 duffle bags and filled them with personal care items to help ease the transition as youth move to or between foster homes.*

FRESH PRODUCE FOR PATIENTS

Our amazing partnership with ***Holcomb Farm*** *continued throughout the winter, offering patients access to free farm-fresh produce every other Wednesday at our five Family Health & Wellness Centers.*

2025-2026 ANNUAL FUND

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

Yes! I want to support:

- ❑ Basic Needs Fund $ _____
- ❑ Basic Needs Fund, Northwest Village School $ _____
- ❑ Nutrition Services $ _____
- ❑ 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 _____

Card Number _____ Exp. Date _____ Security Code _____

Signature _____

❑ My gift is in memory of: _____

❑ My gift is in honor of: _____

Please notify: _____

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Wheeler's 41st Annual Golf Classic

September 16, 2026

Support Our Basic Needs Fund.

Come out for a great day of golf, while benefiting individuals in our care through our Basic Needs Fund. Find out more about sponsorships online. Contact Sarah Kane at 860.793.4214, or by email at sckane@wheelerhealth.org, for additional details.

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