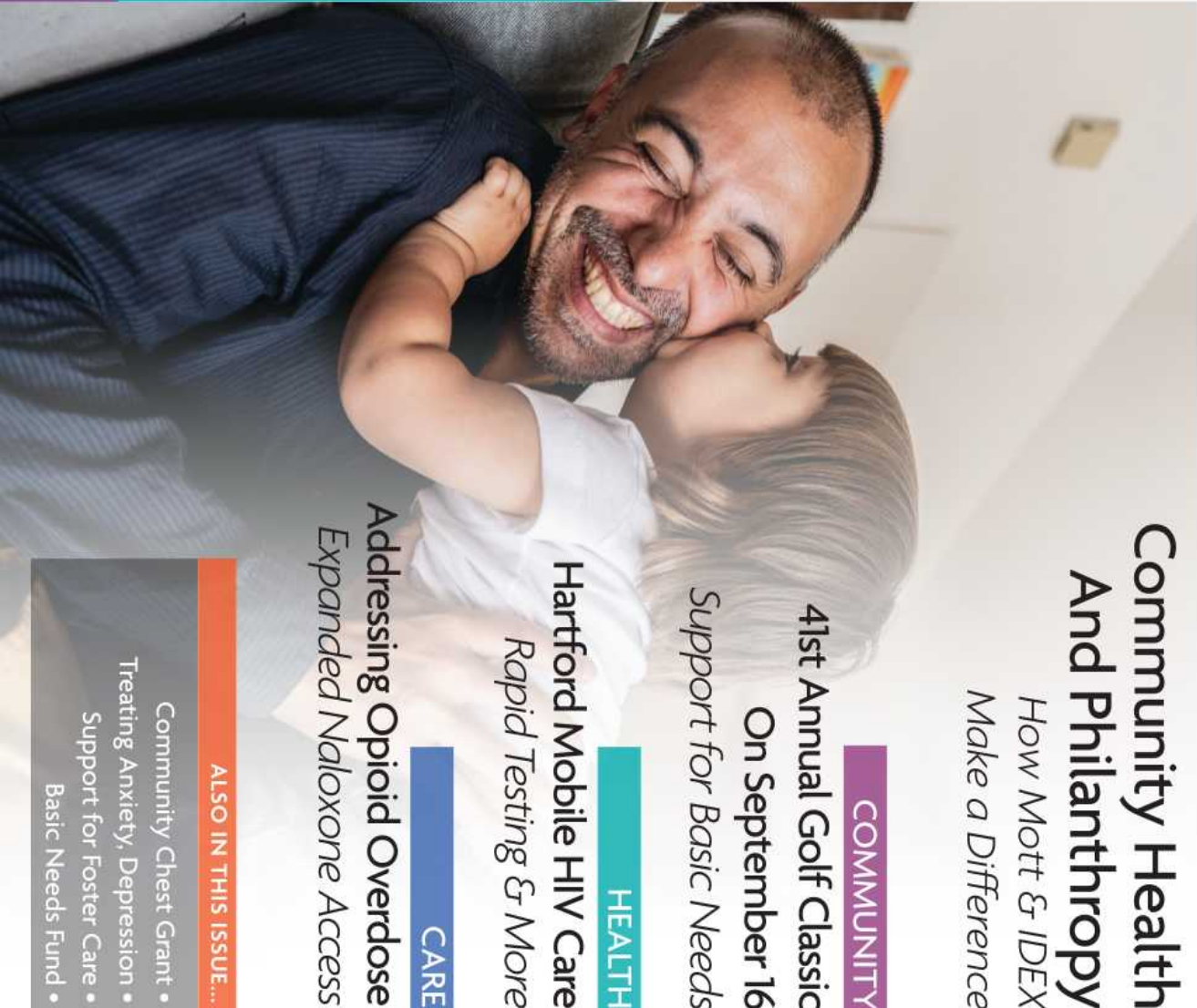




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FEATURE STORY



Wheeler's United Way Day of Caring is among the many community activities in which Mott Corporation and IDEX Corporation employees are involved. Pictured are members of the Mott team, who helped to beautify our Northwest Drive location last year.

**Supporting Community Health Through Philanthropy**

Community health workers are one of the most important, and least visible, links in the health care system. At Wheeler, they serve as trusted guides who help people overcome the barriers that often stand between them and better health.

In Bristol, Wheeler's community health worker, (CHW) LaToya Bond, through longtime philanthropic support of the Mott Corporation and IDEX Foundation, plays more than an outreach role. LaToya is from the communities we serve, and builds trust in places where families already live, gather, worship, and seek help. That means meeting people not only in our health center, but also in homes, libraries, churches, schools, and neighborhood spaces.



LaToya Bond

Community health workers connect people to both health care and the practical supports that make care possible. They help individuals establish primary care, provide preventive health education, perform blood pressure and glucose screenings, and connect patients to services such as SNAP, food resources, utility support, and transportation assistance. They also help reduce stigma, misinformation, and confusion that can keep people from seeking care. Separate from the community health worker in Bristol, a team of other CHWs serve individuals and families through Wheeler's community health centers in Hartford, New Britain, Plainville, and Waterbury.

"At Mott Corporation, our commitment to the Bristol community is guided by our core values to 'Care Deeply' and 'Believe In Possibilities,' reflecting a dedication to supporting Wheeler's community health workers as trusted guides who break down barriers to care. By providing these vital links to preventive care, we are investing in the health of our neighbors and building a stronger, more resilient future for all," said Karthik Viswanathan, president, Mott Corporation.

At Wheeler, this work is deeply personal and highly practical. On average, the community health worker supports dozens of patients each month through in-person and phone-based engagement. The role also helps people recently discharged from the emergency department reconnect to ongoing care, reducing reliance on crisis services and strengthening continuity.

Despite their proven value, community health workers are often not reimbursed through traditional insurance. That makes philanthropy essential. Mott's continued support for Wheeler's community health worker in Bristol helps ensure that residents are not left outside the health care system, but are guided into coordinated, preventive, and integrated care that improves lives and strengthens communities.

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COMMUNITY

# 41st Annual Golf Classic Set for September 16, 2026

Wheeler's 41st Annual Golf Classic will take place at The Country Club of Farmington on September 16, 2026. Registration is open, and sponsors, players, and prize donors are welcome.

Sponsors to date include: M&T Bank, Platinum Dinner Sponsor; The Manafort Family Foundation, Platinum Logo Sponsor; Genoa Healthcare®, Player Prize and Snack Bag Sponsor; Thomaston Savings Bank, Lunch Sponsor; Access Health CT Small Business, Golf Cart Sponsor; Mott, Beverage Cart Sponsor; Practice Range and Putting Contest Sponsor, GO; Champion's Circle sponsors, Brown & Brown, and Laurie and Bill Torres; and Tecton Architects, Golf Ball Sponsor.

"We are looking forward to this long-held tradition and are so thankful for the sponsors, players, and volunteers who help make this day happen," said Sabrina Trocchi, PhD, MPA, president and chief executive officer, Wheeler. "Proceeds from this event will support our Basic Needs Fund, which is needed now more than ever." More at [WheelerHealth.org/GolfClassic](http://WheelerHealth.org/GolfClassic).



**FACT:** Since 1986, Wheeler's Golf Classic has raised more than \$1.5 million.

COMMUNITY ROUNDUP

- A **\$6,000 grant** from **The Community Chest of New Britain and Berlin**, a supporting organization of The Community Foundation of Greater New Britain, will support Wheeler's **Walk With Me** program in **New Britain**.
- A **Community Baby Shower** for expectant families and new parents happens on **May 21** at Team Inc, Waterbury. The event is hosted by Wheeler, SEPI-CT, and Team Inc., and funded by the **Connecticut Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services**.
- For the **third consecutive year**, an **anonymous** donor is supporting **childcare and summer camp costs** for **Wheeler employees** to help address the sometimes-difficult financial balance for parents in frontline health care and teaching careers.
- Our **mobile food pantry**, in partnership with **CT Foodshare**, continues, supported by volunteers from **Mott Corporation**, a unit of **IDEX Corporation** and **M&T Bank**. Since its inception in 2024, more than **5,000 people** have been served.



**FACT:** Since 2018, Wheeler has provided support and services for patients with HIV and their families.

HEALTH ROUNDUP

- Patients have access to innovative, effective treatment for **depression and anxiety**, through **Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation (TMS)**, a service offered through NeuroStar®. Care is available through Wheeler's Family Health & Wellness Centers in **New Britain** and **Bristol**.
- Vice President of Health and Wellness Center Outpatient Services, **Teodoro Anderson Diaz, MS, MSW, LCSW, LADC**, was interviewed recently by **Noticias Nueva Inglaterra** and discussed prevention as a tool to achieve health and wellness.
- Wheeler offers **chiropractic care** for adults, children, and teens through its Family Health & Wellness Centers in **Bristol, Waterbury, New Britain and Hartford**. Services are available to the **general public**, as well as **patients** registered for Wheeler's primary care or behavioral health services.

HEALTH

# Mobile HIV Care for Hartford Residents

Wheeler offers compassionate, skilled mobile care for individuals in Hartford living with HIV through its ReConnect: Mobile HIV Care program.

The program deploys a fully equipped mobile health van to bring HIV testing, STI testing, behavioral health screenings, and infectious disease education directly to high-need neighborhoods. It also provides whole-person care by linking clients to Wheeler's Hartford Family Health & Wellness Center and addresses barriers to care, including transportation, stigma, mental health and substance use, and unstable housing, through culturally competent outreach, community health worker support, and strong referral systems. In addition, the ReConnect program establishes and strengthens strategic partnerships with community-based organizations, such as harm reduction programs, faith-based groups, homeless shelters, and social service agencies.

Visit: [WheelerHealth.org/MobileCare](http://WheelerHealth.org/MobileCare) or call our Navigation Center at 860.793.3500.

CARE

# State Grant Expands Public Access to NARCAN®

More Connecticut residents will have access to naloxone spray (NARCAN®), thanks to a two-year \$1.4M grant from the Connecticut Opioid Settlement Fund to Wheeler's Connecticut Clearinghouse. Naloxone will be housed at four of Wheeler's community health centers in Bristol, Waterbury, Plainville, and Hartford, and 11 municipal and community-focused locations.

"We are providing easy-to-use naloxone spray, which can reverse the effects of opioid overdose," said Rita Demo, MPH, LMFT, vice president of Community, Crisis, and Prevention Services, Wheeler. "While we have made notable strides over the last decade, our work must continue."

Funds support Wheeler's ongoing efforts to administer a statewide program that expands public access to naloxone, deliver education about opioid risks, naloxone use, and the safe storage and disposal of medications and drugs to prevent opioid overdose deaths.

An additional naloxone cabinet, funded by the Connecticut Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services and the State of Connecticut Judicial Branch, Court Support Services Division, is housed at Wheeler's community health center at 40 Hart Street, New Britain.



**FACT:** Wheeler's Connecticut Clearinghouse was created in 1988 with support from the Connecticut Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services.

CARE ROUNDUP

- The team at **ESPN Citizenship** in Bristol donated 90 painted **Sweet Case bags** through **Foster Love** for children in our **Foster Care** programs. Each bag contains toys, care items, and activities to help children during transitions.
- A **donation** from **Walmart** in **Cromwell** included sunglasses, jewelry, hair ties, notebooks, and more, for children in our **Foster Care program**.
- Wheeler took part in **860Gives**, a 48-hour giving campaign through **United Way of Central and Northeastern Connecticut** involving **140 non-profit organizations** in the **860 area code** region. The effort benefited Wheeler's **Basic Needs Fund**, which serves individuals and families facing hardship by providing **essential resources** like clothes, personal care items, and even emergency groceries. Wheeler raised **\$3,130** and placed in the **Top Ten** among participating organizations.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



The spring season is here, and with it are promises of hope for the future. We continue to steadfastly adhere to our mission, values, and work, with our patients at the center of everything we do.

Our feature story highlights our highly valued, innovative partnership with Mott Corporation and IDEX Foundation, which promotes community health through outreach, volunteerism, and philanthropy. We also feature services, events, and initiatives designed to address the whole-health needs of patients, from reconnecting individuals with HIV to care in Hartford through one of our mobile health centers, to expanding access to NARCAN® across multiple sites in Connecticut, including four Wheeler Health & Wellness Center sites. We celebrate our much-loved Annual Golf Classic, scheduled for September 16, 2026 at the Country Club of Farmington, and acknowledge donors, friends, and volunteers who are committed to making a difference in the lives of the individuals and families we serve.

Thank you for your ongoing support. During these uncertain times, especially, we rely on your commitment, engagement, and the role you play in helping us to deliver high-quality care to our most vulnerable populations.

We are only as strong as our communities, and we are strong because of YOU.



*Sabrina Trocchi, PhD, MPA*  
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President and Chief Executive Officer

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