



# Giving From The Heart

SPRING 2026



## Expanding Access to Connecticut-Grown Produce for Patients

Through a grant from the Connecticut Department of Agriculture, Wheeler Health will expand its Farm to Family program, increasing access to locally grown vegetables and fruit for patients across the state experiencing food insecurity.

The \$100,000 award through the Local Food Purchase Assistance (LFPA) grant program supports the purchase and distribution of Connecticut-grown produce at Wheeler's federally qualified health centers in Bristol, Hartford, New Britain, Plainville, and Waterbury.

Since 2018, Wheeler has partnered with Holcomb Farm CSA of West Granby and other Connecticut farms to integrate food access into health care, with more than 100,000 lbs. of produce distributed. Through the LFPA grant, Wheeler will expand produce distribution for the next 14 months, including larger amounts of fruit than in the past as well, thanks to support for the grant from local farms in central and northern Connecticut.

"Our philosophy is that food is an essential part of health care," says Sabrina Trocchi, PhD, MPA, Wheeler's president and chief executive officer. "We're investing in local agriculture and expanding access to nutritious food, which allows us to improve health care outcomes of our patients while also supporting our farmers."

Weekly distributions during the growing season, special deliveries during the winter, and targeted holiday deliveries at Thanksgiving help address food insecurity among patients, particularly among individuals managing chronic health conditions. The increased amount of fruit was specifically the result of feedback Wheeler learned from patients who are unhoused, who mentioned that fruit is an easily portable source of nutrition.

All of the produce is bagged by Wheeler staff and offered free of charge, without an application or preexisting requirements.

"Our partnership with Wheeler Health began just as our farm really started to grow and hit its stride. Finding markets for the increasing production we were blessed with was proving difficult—in stepped Wheeler Health," says Joe O'Grady, farm manager at Friends of Holcomb Farm. "Wheeler's footprint had us never worrying again where to market our produce, and the impact our hard work has on people's lives thanks to Wheeler Health's distribution, gives us meaning and purpose during the long days of backbreaking farm work."

Scan this QR code for the full story.



## COMMUNITY

# GIFT SUPPORTS DAYCARE, SUMMER CAMP COSTS FOR WHEELER EMPLOYEES

Noting the rising cost of living and difficult financial balance many families struggle with, for the third year in a row, an anonymous donor is supporting daycare and summer camp costs for Wheeler Health employees.

The gift provides approximately two-dozen \$1,000 stipends for eligible and selected employees, and the donor is also covering the equivalent of the employee portion of the FICA payroll tax to maximize the benefit for employees receiving the award. Called The Summer of Hope initiative, after Wheeler's headquarters at One Hope Street, Bristol, the stipend application was open to any employee, but priority was given to employees based on financial need. More than forty staff applied for assistance this year, a record number.



"As I meet with staff, one consistent trend has been the overwhelming cost of managing work and childcare," says President and Chief Executive Officer Sabrina Trocchi, PhD, MPA. "This donor understands very well that employee wellness—and even the ability to be there for our patients, clients and students—starts at home, and we're so incredibly grateful for their amazing generosity."

"Throughout our career, we've seen that you have to take care of your people," the donor said in a statement. "We hope it's a wonderful summer for the children of Wheeler employees, who work so hard every day, and we hope that these same employees can breathe a little easier knowing that we can help with this major expense. Healthcare and education are such demanding professions, and we're honored to be able to help people doing that frontline work. Our communities need them, more than ever."

## There's Still Time to Support Our Annual Golf Classic!



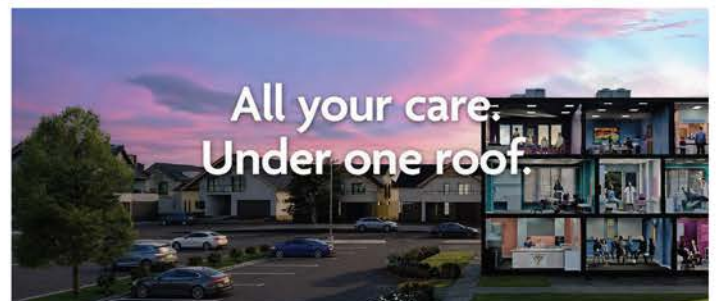
## HEALTH

# GIVING HELPS US TO PROVIDE CARE UNDER ONE ROOF

Wheeler's commercial, "Under One Roof," has been running on television and in digital spaces since February. Created by GO Agency of Hartford and Atlanta, the spot highlights whole-person, integrated care across the lifespan; convenient and timely access to quality care in unreliable times; and why and how patient care matters. As part of this effort, we created a special donor version of our commercial, which underscores the impact of giving and how donor support makes our care possible for those in need. This spot also demonstrates how donor support extends beyond the walls of our health center, reaching into the community, and making healthier tomorrows possible for everyone we serve—all under one roof.

"This spot delivers a powerful message," said Sabrina Trocchi, PhD, MPA, president and chief executive officer, Wheeler. "Our work doesn't stop where our walls end, and support from our donors doesn't either."

FIND THE SPOT HERE.





## GIVING AND GRATITUDE

### WHEELER PART OF 860 GIVES

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.



### THANK YOU, MOTT CORPORATION!

Our amazing Health Ambassadors from Mott Corporation helped beautify our Plainville Family Health & Wellness Center and Northwest Village School locations recently. The team also took a tour of our school and enjoyed an amazing lunch prepared by students in our culinary program. Thank you, Mott, for your sweat equity and continued commitment!



## 2025-2026 ANNUAL FUND

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- Nutrition Services \$ \_\_\_\_\_
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*Thank you for supporting  
our Basic Needs Fund.*

Since 2018, we have provided immediate, responsive support to more than 10,000 patients and families facing urgent basic needs. These challenges are real, persistent, and often overwhelming. Thank you for all you've done to support us. Let's keep going.



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