



Giving From The Heart

FALL 2025



With Tax Changes Coming in 2026, Make the Most of Your 2025 Giving

Your support for Wheeler is transformative, helping patients meet basic needs, providing farm-fresh produce, and strengthening health and recovery for families across our communities. Starting January 1, 2026, new federal tax rules will change how charitable deductions are calculated. For many donors, that makes the last two months of 2025 the best time to maximize both your impact and your tax benefits. *(Always consult your financial advisor on what's best for you.)*

What's Changing in 2026

- **People who itemize:** Charitable gifts will only be deductible if they exceed 0.5% of your income.
- **People who use a standard deduction:** A new "above-the-line" deduction allows up to \$1,000 (\$2,000 for couples) in charitable gifts, even without itemizing. This lowers taxable income directly.
- **High earners:** The deduction rate drops slightly (from 37% to 35%).

Smart Ways to Give in 2025

- **Give early:** Consider making your 2026 gift before December 31, 2025, or bundle several years into one larger 2025 gift.

- **Use a Donor-Advised Fund (DAF):** Contribute this year, take the deduction now, and distribute to Wheeler over time.
- **For retirees (70½+):** A Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) from your IRA remains one of the most tax-efficient ways to give.

Through Changes, Your Gift Matters More Than Ever

Every donation helps Wheeler deliver integrated medical and behavioral health care, food security, and vital basic needs support in Bristol, Hartford, New Britain, Plainville, and Waterbury.

Together, we can meet this moment of change with compassion, impacting the lives of the 70,000 neighbors who rely on Wheeler each year.

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COMMUNITY

WHEELER'S ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC NETS \$70,000

Wheeler's **40th Annual Golf Classic** at the Country Club of Farmington netted about **\$70,000**, thanks to the generosity of more than 130 golfers, sponsors, volunteers, and friends. Proceeds will support **Wheeler's Basic Needs Fund**.

"The spirit and engagement of our community is as strong and inspiring as it was 40 years ago when a handful of local business and community leaders hosted our very first Golf Classic," said Sabrina Trocchi, PhD, MPA, president and chief executive officer, Wheeler. "This much-loved tradition continues to grow and evolve with the steadfast goal of serving and helping individuals and families in our care."



Event sponsors included: M&T Bank, Platinum Dinner Sponsor; The Manafort Family Foundation, Platinum Logo Sponsor; Liberty Bank, Grand Prize Sponsor; Genoa Healthcare®, Player Prize & Snack Bag Sponsor; Access Health CT Small Business, Golf Cart Sponsor; Thomaston Savings Bank, Lunch Sponsor; Tecton Architects, Golf Ball Sponsor; Mott Corporation, Beverage Cart Sponsor; Nutmeg State Federal Credit Union, Refreshment Sponsor; and Champion's Circle sponsors Barnes™, Brown & Brown, Karl Krapek, Laurie and Bill Torres, Liberty Bank, and Linde. Additionally, the event is supported by Gold Sponsors 443 Technologies™, Accenture, Allaire Elder Law, Bradley, Foster & Sargent, Camilliere, Cloud, & Kennedy, Centivo, the Child Health and Development Institute, Downes Construction Company, LLC, Fiducient Advisors, Empower, Getz Balich, LLC, GO, McPhee, PeoplesBank, Prime Buchholz, Suburban, and Whittlesey, as well as Practice Range and Putting Contest Sponsor, GO, and Hole-in-One Sponsor, Mitchell Auto Group. Since 2018, Wheeler's Basic Needs Fund, which is **one hundred percent donor supported, has served 8,500+ patients.**



HEALTH

SUPPORT FOR MOBILE HEALTH CARE IN BRISTOL, NEW BRITAIN, AND HARTFORD

Wheeler is expanding its mobile health care in Bristol, New Britain, and Hartford, thanks to recent support from two Connecticut-based funders.



With a new **\$250,000**, multi-year grant from **The Cigna Group Foundation**, Wheeler is expanding access to health care in Hartford.

Wheeler is using the grant to staff and deploy a **new mobile health van** for community outreach and education, preventive health screenings, primary care, chronic disease management, and health insurance navigation for **Hartford residents** at dozens of locations throughout the city. To access in-person care from our Family Health & Wellness Centers, call **860.793.3500**.

Wheeler received **\$3,500** from the **Thomaston Savings Bank Foundation** to expand integrated **health services** for underserved residents in **Bristol** and **New Britain** through its Mobile Family Health & Wellness van. This grant will support weekly outreach services at Agape House and the Root Center for Advanced Recovery.



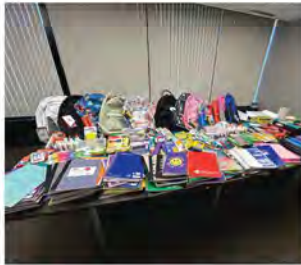


FOOD, FARMS, AND MORE!

We had an amazing summer of service for the individuals and families who receive care through our five Family Health & Wellness Centers, and we are so grateful for the generosity of our business and non-profit partners.

ASSA ABLOY

Our friends at **Assa Abloy** in Berlin, Connecticut, helped to make the back-to-school transition a little bit easier for local school children, with a **backpack drive**. The team collected 20 backpacks. Food and toy drives are planned for November and December.



FOODSHARE FRIDAYS

Our partners at **Connecticut Foodshare** and volunteers from **Mott Corporation** and **M&T Bank** are part of an amazing food distribution event that happens at our 40 Hart Street, **New Britain** location on alternate Fridays. Since July 2024, when this partnership first started, more than **3,500** people have been served.



FARM TO FAMILY

We're so grateful for our collaboration with Granby-based **Holcomb Farm**, which connects individuals and families with free, fresh, locally grown produce every Wednesday through our community health centers during the growing season. Since the inception of the program, we have distributed **nearly 40 tons of produce**.



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: _____

My employer will match my contribution. I have enclosed a matching gift form.

I am interested in Planned Giving.

Mail using the enclosed envelope to:
Wheeler, Office of Philanthropic Giving
One Hope Street, Bristol, CT 06010

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





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OUR PATIENTS NEED US MORE THAN EVER.

*Support Our
Basic Needs Fund.*

Now more than ever, vulnerable individuals need support with basic needs items such as food, clothing, transportation costs, and more. You can make a difference by supporting Wheeler's Basic Needs Fund. Contact Sarah Kane at [860.793.4214](tel:860.793.4214) or by email at स्कane@wheelerhealth.org.



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