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# Giving From The Heart

WINTER 2024



**EXTENDED BRISTOL  
CAMPAIGN GOAL  
SURPASSED.** ★

## **\$606,000 Raised for New Community Health Center at One Hope Street**

Wheeler Health has surpassed its expanded Bristol fundraising goal of \$555,000, raising \$606,000 in gifts and pledges one and a half years ahead of schedule for its new Bristol health center and administrative headquarters at One Hope Street in downtown.

The expanded goal of \$555,000 was set in 2023—raised from the original goal of \$500,000—in honor of Wheeler’s 55th anniversary.

The fundraising campaign was publicly announced in February 2022, after a year in silent phase, which raised \$280,000 at the time of public launch.

More than 500 individual donors contributed to the campaign through outright gifts and pledges; participation in the 38th Annual Wheeler Golf Classic, which netted approximately \$78,000; or by sponsoring a named brick at One Hope Street. Approximately 20 individuals or organizations contributed more than \$10,000 in gifts or pledges.

The named brick campaign is on track to have at least 100 bricks in place when the facility opens.

Significant campaign contributions were made by: Barnes Group Foundation, which made the initial anchor pledge of \$100,000; Wheeler’s volunteer board

of trustees, who exceeded their goal of \$100,000 through 100% participation; Wheeler leadership, who exceeded their goal of \$80,000; the estate of Hall “Cap” Adams, Jr., which is supporting an education and training area; the family of Ray Corsini, Wheeler’s longest-serving trustee, who are supporting a second teaching and demonstration kitchen in a Wheeler Family Health & Wellness Center and nutrition services and programming in Bristol; Voya Financial®, through matching contributions and employee giving; an anonymous donor’s support in memory of former Wheeler Executive Director David Berkowitz, PhD; the Bradley Henry Barnes and Leila Upson Barnes Memorial Trust at the Main Street Community Foundation; and more.

The 46,000-square-foot facility will offer integrated primary and behavioral health care and other services for all ages.

“One Hope Street represents our vision of a healthier community for everyone, and our donors invested in hope for a vibrant, revitalized downtown Bristol. We can’t wait to open our doors,” said Sabrina Trocchi, PhD, MPA, Wheeler president and CEO.

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## GOLF CLASSIC NETS RECORD-BREAKING \$78,000

Wheeler's 38th Annual Golf Classic, presented by Mutual of America Financial Group, netted approximately \$78,000—a record-breaking amount—to support Wheeler's new flagship community health center and administrative headquarters at One Hope Street, Bristol. The October 18 event, driven by strong community support for the Bristol project, netted approximately 24 percent more than the 2022 Wheeler Golf Classic, which previously had been the record-setting year.



“We are deeply grateful that our sponsors, golfers, volunteers, and friends stepped up to provide even greater support for our event this year as part of our 55th Anniversary Challenge and fundraising campaign for Bristol,” said Sabrina Trocchi, PhD, MPA, president and chief executive officer, Wheeler. “This time-honored tradition—and very special community associated with it—have played integral roles in our successful efforts to raise funds for our new community health center.”



## SUPPORT FOR CARE, SERVICES IN BRISTOL, HARTFORD, AND NEW BRITAIN

Wheeler received a \$16,765 grant from the Community Chest of New Britain and Berlin, Inc. and a \$7,500 grant from the Community Foundation of Greater New Britain to support its Walk With Me program. Walk With Me is a specialized outpatient treatment track for LGBTQ+ identifying people of all ages. The grants support the work of a peer support specialist and the enhancement and expansion of parent/caregiver services for LGBTQIA+ families.

We appreciate recent support from Eversource Energy, including a \$2,500 grant through the Eversource Energy Foundation to support our Walk With Me program in Hartford, and support for the purchase of an HVAC system for our new community health center in Bristol through the Connecticut Neighborhood Assistance Act Tax Credit Program.



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# CARE MAKING SPIRITS BRIGHT

## KAUD RUGS

Last Thanksgiving, through the generosity of **Kaoud Rugs** and everyone who philanthropically invests in our mission, more than 360 patients and their families enjoyed a Thanksgiving dinner with a bag of farm-fresh produce from **Holcomb Farm** and sides to go with it. Special thanks to **Gnazzo's Supermarket** for their generous support.



## 2023 HANDS & HEARTS HONOREES



Our 13th Annual Hands & Hearts Award Celebration on December 18, 2023, honored outstanding individuals and organizations for their impactful support of Wheeler's mission and everyone we serve. Our 2023 awardees were: **Eversource Energy; The Frady Family; The Friends and Family of Sam Marszycki; Francis Vincent; and Voya Financial.**

## WARM GESTURES AND MORE

Watertown High School senior **Luke Acuna** dropped off 100 new sleeping bags he purchased from fundraising for his senior capstone project. Another 100 went to the Hartford Police Department for outreach to individuals in our capital city. Thank you, Luke, for your wonderful work!



## WHEN WISHES COME TRUE

With generosity from our staff and community support from **Americold** in Plainville, **Mott Corporation** in Farmington, and **Amazon** in Windsor, we fulfilled more than 900 holiday needs for individuals and families.



## 2023-2024 Annual Fund

YOUR support, YOUR commitment,  
YOUR vision **can change,**  
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Northwest Village School \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Wheeler's Basic Needs Fund started in 2018 to help patients, students, and their families with pressing basic needs of life. Since its inception, more than 250 donors have helped us to serve nearly 8,400 individuals.

[WheelerHealth.org/Basic Needs](https://WheelerHealth.org/BasicNeeds)

