

# Giving From The Heart

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## The Campaign for Bristol Moves Forward

### NEW BRISTOL COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER, HEADQUARTERS, COMING TO HOPE STREET NEXT YEAR

Accessible, convenient care is coming to Bristol at Hope Street next year. Wheeler signed an agreement with the City of Bristol and will move forward with a plan to purchase an approximate 1.3-acre lot between North Main and Hope streets, with the intent to build a nearly 46,000-square foot community health center and administrative headquarters, opening in 2023. The project will help anchor the downtown Bristol Centre Square development with professional jobs and accessible health care for the entire community.

The site will combine many of Wheeler's administrative departments with a consolidation of its two existing community health centers at 10 and 225 North Main streets. More than 200 full- and part-time employees will work at the new building, which will become the organization's flagship location. It is Wheeler's first newly constructed facility since its original location in 1972.

**Inside this issue:** *Read more about our **Bristol fundraising campaign** and how you can help, as well as our deep connection to this community.*

"We look forward to offering a full continuum of programs and services in one convenient location and to further meeting the needs of residents at every age and stage of life," said Sabrina Trocchi, PhD, MPA, president and CEO, Wheeler.

Services at Wheeler's Bristol Family Health & Wellness Center include adult primary care, pediatrics, behavioral health and psychiatry, addiction treatment, nutrition, LGBTQIA+-responsive services, and more. A groundbreaking ceremony for the new building is expected later this spring.

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## GROWING SUPPORT FOR THE VISION IN BRISTOL

Wheeler's vision for an integrated health center in Bristol is coming to fruition, with support from a combination of loans, allocations from Wheeler's endowment, private giving, and public grants.

To help fund the construction of the center, Wheeler unveiled a four-year, \$500,000 fundraising campaign. Through the support of an anonymous donor in Bristol and other local philanthropic investors, the organization has raised nearly \$330,000 in gifts and pledges toward the goal at the public launch of the campaign. The fundraising drive is led by a committee of Wheeler Trustees with ties to the Bristol community, including Chairman Jim Moylan, and expects to exceed its goals within four years through community donations, corporate support, fundraising events, and planned gifts designated for the effort. The Wheeler Board of Trustees achieved 100 percent participation and reached its \$100,000 goal for members as part of this campaign.

"Additional financial assistance is essential to our progress," said Sabrina Trocchi, PhD, MPA, president and chief executive officer, Wheeler. "With an investment in this project, individuals can make a difference in the lives of the medically underserved as well as students who receive our behavioral health services in Bristol Public Schools, and more. This comes at a time when we're seeing historic increases in the need for mental health, addiction, and integrated primary care services."

### INVEST IN BRISTOL.

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## A STEADFAST COMMITMENT TO COMMUNITY HEALTH

The relationship between Wheeler and the Bristol community is both broad and deep. Spanning more than five decades, service to this city was part of Wheeler's original service mission. Its original federally funded community mental health center was launched in affiliation with New Britain General Hospital and Bristol Hospital in 1972. The relationship evolved as Wheeler and Bristol leaders sought innovative ways to meet the needs of residents. Programs such as Extended Day Treatment—the first official site in the city at Bristol Eastern High School—community justice services, Employee Assistance and prevention programs, meals for the elderly, health outreach, mental health treatment for children in a pediatric setting, and most recently, school-based health centers in every Bristol Public School offer(ed) compassionate, strengths-based services to city residents.

### REAL IMPACT.

**"My daughter suffers from severe anxiety.  
It is truly appreciated to have found a  
provider who just 'gets it.'"**

- Bristol Parent

When the health care landscape shifted nationally more than a decade ago, the value of integrated behavioral health and medical care became more apparent than ever. Bristol's health



care needs were urgent, and the city was designated by federal authorities as a primary care, mental health, and dental health professional shortage area. Wheeler sought to address the unmet need and opened its first federally qualified health care center at 10 North Main Street in Bristol in 2013. A few years later, its Children's Outpatient Behavioral Health Services at an established site at 225 North Main Street became part of Wheeler's community health center.

During its first full year of operation, more than 555 residents from Bristol and surrounding communities were served. Today, this center serves more than 3,500 annually.



## \$100,000 GIFT FOR STUDENTS, PATIENTS

Wheeler has received a \$100,000 gift supporting its campaign for a new health center in Bristol, as well as numerous programs benefiting students at Northwest Village School in Plainville.

The gift is from the estate of Hall “Cap” Adams, Jr., a longtime philanthropic investor in Wheeler’s work. Adams passed away in

Illinois in June 2020 after a notable and generous life, including a nationally recognized career in advertising. Working with his estate, two priorities quickly emerged that honored his life’s legacy and passion for providing others with opportunities for good health and quality education.

Half of the gift supports Wheeler’s fundraising campaign in Bristol, helping to fund the construction of a new community health center and administrative headquarters. The other half will support students at Northwest Village School (NVS) in Plainville, a therapeutic day school serving students K-12th grade and a post-graduation transition program for students up to age 21. At NVS, Cap’s legacy will carry on through an outdoor fitness trail for students, as well as through the Samuel Marszycki Scholarship, which supports graduating seniors pursuing post-secondary education. Finally, the gift supports the Basic Needs Fund at the school, which provides immediate help for the basic needs of life for students and their families, providing support that is not available through other means.

“Cap’s life was devoted to helping others achieve educational and health goals,” said Sabrina Trocchi, PhD, MPA, Wheeler’s president and CEO. “We’re honored that his legacy lives on in our work helping patients stay healthy and well, and helping students and their families thrive. It’s the perfect representation of what he lived for.”

The Samuel Marszycki Scholarship is named in honor of a former paraprofessional at Northwest Village School who passed away in June 2020. It was established by family and friends in 2021 in Marszycki’s memory and is supported through donations and the annual Sam-O Scramble Golf Tournament, which will celebrate its second anniversary this September. Its first award in 2021 helped support a graduating NVS senior who went on to study at a local community college.

The Basic Needs Fund at Northwest Village School helps students and families with unexpected and pressing basic needs of life, and has been used in the past for offsetting unexpected medical costs, food assistance, and help during the holidays. A similar fund at Wheeler’s five federally qualified health centers has helped more than 5,500 individuals and families since 2018.



## 2021-2022 Annual Fund

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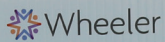




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- A Wheeler adult patient in Hartford -  
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