

Giving From The Heart

FALL 2022



WHEELER BREAKS GROUND ON ONE HOPE STREET

State and local leaders, board members, donors, employees, and friends recently gathered at a groundbreaking ceremony for Wheeler's planned 46,000-square foot community health center and administrative headquarters at One Hope Street in downtown Bristol.

Through private giving toward the campaign [\[Read story on Page 2\]](#), the health center will house the second Corsini Kitchen in a Wheeler center, in memory of Raymond Corsini of Plainville. Mr. Corsini served as a Wheeler trustee for a record 27 years. He passed away in 2017, and Wheeler memorialized his legacy by naming a kitchen for him at its Family Health & Wellness Center in Hartford.

The Corsini Kitchen in Bristol will similarly serve as the hub for nutrition programming and services at the federally qualified health center, including access to fresh vegetables, thanks to an agreement with Holcomb Farm in West Granby.

The new 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 Street. More than 200 full- and part-time employees will work at the new building. Scheduled to open in late 2023, the site is Wheeler's first newly constructed facility since its original location in 1972.

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THE CAMPAIGN FOR BRISTOL MAKES MEASURABLE STRIDES

Wheeler has reached 80 percent of its \$500,000 fundraising goal for its downtown Bristol flagship health center at One Hope Street, according to former board chair, Jim Moylan, and a committee of Wheeler Trustees who led this effort.

Announced in winter of 2022, the public campaign was launched with the support of an anonymous donor in Bristol and other local philanthropic investors. Funding for the entire health center project is made possible through a combination of loans, allocations from Wheeler's endowment, private giving, and public grants. The Wheeler Board of Trustees achieved 100 percent participation and reached its \$100,000 goal for members as part of this campaign.

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"We couldn't be happier about the progress of our fundraising effort," said Sabrina Trocchi, PhD, MPA, president and chief executive officer, Wheeler. "We are extremely grateful for the generosity of so many with ties to the Bristol community and a steadfast commitment to serving residents of this city and surrounding towns."



Wheeler's planned community health center at One Hope Street, Centre Square, in downtown Bristol.



SUPPORT FOR LGBTQIA+ SERVICES



Wheeler received a \$5,000 grant from the Bristol Brass General Grant Fund at the Main Street Community Foundation to support its Walk With Me program. The grant will be used to support the work of a peer support specialist and enhance and expand parent/caregiver services for LGBTQIA+ families.

"We are grateful for the Main Street Community Foundation's support for this innovative program," said Sabrina Trocchi, PhD, MPA, president and chief executive officer, Wheeler. "This grant will help us to further meet the needs of the LGBTQIA+ community with our full continuum of affirming, integrated primary and behavioral health care services."



Walk With Me is a specialized outpatient treatment track for LGBTQIA+-identifying people of all ages who are seeking therapeutic and/or peer support to address their specific needs.

The program offers a safe, affirming, and inclusive array of services for LGBTQIA+ people and their loved ones where they can be validated, explore their identities, reduce feelings of isolation, strengthen their support system, and develop skills to cope with stress and stigma. A dedicated team of behavioral health, medical, and peer support staff provides robust wraparound services to meet the needs of each unique patient, wherever they are on their journey.

From l to r: Kate Kerchaert, director of grants & programs, Main Street Community Foundation; Katie Singh, LCSW, site director, Wheeler Family Health & Wellness Center, Plainville; Susan Sadecki, MBA, president and chief executive officer, Main Street Community Foundation; and also from Wheeler, Sabrina Trocchi, PhD, MPA, president and chief executive officer, Kimberly Pepice, LPC, director of behavioral health, and Brittany Diorio, LCSW, senior integrated healthcare clinician.



GOLF CLASSIC BREAKS FUNDRAISING RECORD

Wheeler's 37th Annual Golf Classic, presented by Mutual of America Financial Group, grossed a record-breaking \$100,000 to support individuals and families in care through Wheeler's Basic Needs Fund.



The total amount raised through this event is more than \$1.3 million since its inception in 1986.



"We're so humbled by the overwhelming support of our event sponsors, donors, players, and volunteers, without whom we could not meet the most basic needs of the individuals and families we serve," said Sabrina Trocchi, PhD, MPA, president and chief executive officer, Wheeler. "As economic challenges persist, we must continue to support our most vulnerable populations with items such as food, clothing, transportation, linkage to services, and by addressing other factors that interfere with our patients' health and well-being."

This event was made possible by many organizations, including Presenting/ Title Sponsor, Mutual of America Financial Group; Platinum Dinner Sponsor, M&T Bank; Platinum Logo Sponsor, The Manafort Family Foundation; Golf Cart Sponsor, Genoa Healthcare®; Lunch Sponsor, Access Health CT Small Business; Beverage Cart Sponsor, GO, and Golf Ball Sponsor, Tecton Architects. Additionally, the event was supported by members of the 2022 Champion's Circle: Barnes™, Brown & Brown, Inc., Karl Krapek, Linde, Mott Corporation, Quest Diagnostics, and Laurie and Bill Torres. Mitchell Auto Group was the event Hole in One Sponsor. Numerous additional sponsors also provided support.



Wheeler's Basic Needs Fund addresses a range of environmental and social factors that interfere with a patient's health and well-being, but which are not addressed by other means of funding. This fund allows the organization's community health workers to address environmental conditions in homes, neighborhoods, and communities of Family Health & Wellness Center patients, which might lead to poor health outcomes.



It also provides resources to address basic needs such as food, transportation, clothing, shelter, medications, or other items or activities that cannot be accessed through a patient's own resources and/or other community-based programs and services.



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