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# 2021 Profiles *in Philanthropy*



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## Message from the President and Chief Executive Officer, Trinity Health Of New England

Dear Valued Donors,

The mark of a strong partnership is when each member of the relationship continues to feel inspired by one another. Trinity Health Of New England could not do the exemplary work we pride ourselves on without your partnership. The unwavering support we receive from you, our philanthropic partners, is critical to allowing us to uphold our Mission and consistently inspires our work.



Over the years, through your generosity, Trinity Health Of New England has been able to continue providing our compassionate care, superior technology, prevention-oriented education and clinical excellence. Generous donors, like you, who embrace our Health Ministries' long history in both Connecticut and Western Massachusetts, allow us to provide treatment in the community where our patients live and work, making their path to wellness less burdened.

We have deep gratitude for all of our donors, many of whom continually go above and beyond a onetime contribution to our Mission. Your generosity is allowing us to expand our footprint beyond our hospital walls, bringing high value, specialized, comprehensive health care closer to home for many. From cancer care, to treatment for multiple sclerosis, to preventive care, your support allows us to grow our network and increase patients' access to state-of-the-art technology and compassionate care throughout the region.

We are consistently inspired by your willingness to support Trinity Health Of New England. Never has that inspiration been so welcomed or felt so strongly as it has throughout COVID-19 global pandemic. For nearly two years, our colleagues and front-line staff have proven their deep commitment, dedication, sacrifice and selflessness, despite facing some of the greatest challenges they will see in their lifetime and career. Your gifts and support throughout the pandemic have been tangible evidence to all of our colleagues that what they do each day *matters*.

While we know lives have changed forever as a result of the pandemic, we also know that because of you, our philanthropic partners, we are able to continue doing what we do best at a time when the community needs us the most. It is people like you that make us proud to enrich, improve, and ultimately heal the communities in which we serve. We are all people caring for people, and we are all in this together.

Together,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Reginald J. Eadie, M.D., M.B.A." The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Reginald J. Eadie, M.D., M.B.A.  
President & CEO  
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## Message from the Regional Vice President of Philanthropy, Trinity Health Of New England

Dear Friends,

I am honored and humbled to be leading an incredible philanthropy team in support of Trinity Health Of New England, its hospitals, and most importantly, their patients. As we have learned during the pandemic, health care and its workers are vital to caring and healing and deserve our utmost respect and gratitude. Our landscape has certainly changed and only reinforces our mission of raising the funds necessary to continue to provide compassionate and excellent care with the latest technologies, state-of-the-art facilities and the very best clinicians.

Our second regional ***Profiles in Philanthropy*** donor recognition magazine highlights just a few of the many transformational gifts we received in fiscal year 2021. We hope you are inspired and motivated by these statements of trust and commitment to a health care system that serves the more than three million residents throughout our region. With your continued support, we will change the world we live in and improve the long-term health and prosperity of our families, our friends, our neighbors and our future generations. The common link among our donors is the desire to make a meaningful difference in the lives of others and we promise to be good stewards of your most precious gifts.

I look forward to hearing from you, working with you, and reporting to you on our future successes. May you and your family stay safe and healthy.

With sincere gratitude,



Timothy R. Stanton  
Regional Vice President of Philanthropy  
Trinity Health Of New England





# Frank Capasso & Sons, Inc. – Saint Francis Hospital

## MAJOR GIFT

For more than fifteen years, Frank Capasso & Sons, Inc. — a general contractor established in 1970 and specializing in concrete repair and masonry restoration — has worked with Saint Francis Hospital. It was while at the hospital in 2014, that Vinny Capasso, president, was asked if he might consider supporting the annual MIRACLES gala. Without hesitation, he said "yes." Since then Vinny and his wife, Lucy, and the company have contributed not only to special events but to several capital campaigns. Their first campaign gift of \$250,000 was to the Hope & Healing Cancer Care Campaign in memory of a beloved cousin who passed away from brain cancer at the age of 16.

The Capassos are very family-oriented and their philanthropic decisions reflect that commitment of caring for loved ones while also supporting the community around them. In addition to providing college scholarships for Quinnipiac University students and supporting St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Capasso & Sons committed \$125,000 to help Saint Francis renovate and upgrade the Women and Infant's unit. This generous gift will ensure that the birth experience reflects the needs and desires of every mother and family. Physical upgrades will create a warm, home-like environment throughout the unit, a welcoming entrance, expanded waiting area and family-focused space, comfortable sleeping areas for significant others, and a dedicated breastfeeding room.

With more than 2,500 babies born each year at Saint Francis, these renovations will make certain that each precious delivery takes place in a compassionate and healing environment focused on the medical and emotional well-being of each patient. "As a father and a husband, I have been blessed with a healthy family so I am honored to support Saint Francis Hospital as they create a peaceful, yet state-of-the-art facility where every day families will start their new beginnings," stated Vinny Capasso.



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Vinny Capasso



## Garthwait Family – Saint Mary's Hospital

### STOCK GIFT

The Garthwait family has been a Waterbury fixture for more than 100 years as successful business owners and philanthropists. Their company, Cly-Del Manufacturing Company, was founded in 1939 by Clyde W. Garthwait. It is a 4th generation family-owned and operated company, committed to preserving the tradition of American manufacturing. Robert Garthwait, Sr. was responsible for expanding the company from 50,000 square feet to over 200,000 and employing over 100 people. While he was committed to the efficiency and excellence of his company, he was also devoted to his colleagues and community.



The new Cardiac Monitoring Room with technicians (left to right): Amy Lage, Blessen Chapman and Christine Viggiano

The Garthwaits support many local and national charities who focus on the well-being of children, honor and care for veterans and their families and address the health care needs of all. In 2017, Robert Sr. and his wife, Marion, donated shares of stock from their trust to support the cardiac care department. The Garthwait's gift enabled the hospital to create a state-of-the-art cardiac monitoring system so all patients' heart activity could be monitored in one place, by a team of technicians. We believe that Robert Sr. and Marion, both of whom passed away in 2019, would be truly impressed with this technology as well as how it will transform the care Saint Mary's Hospital can offer every patient.

## Together Effect Campaign – Saint Mary's Hospital The Archdiocese of Hartford

### CAMPAIGN GIFT

The Archdiocese of Hartford has committed \$250,000 to Saint Mary's Hospital to support the "Together Effect Campaign," a fundraising effort to support the advancement of several key areas of the hospital. The next phase will include advancements to our Emergency Department (ED). Saint Mary's ED sees more than 75,000 patients each year in a facility that was designed to accommodate half that amount. This generous gift will support efforts to assess, design, and reconfigure the ED to become the most advanced care facility in the community. The reimagined Emergency Department will provide a therapeutic environment that respects and accommodates all patient populations and care needs.



(left to right): Sister Dolores Lahr, CSJ, Executive Director of Mission Integration, Saint Mary's Hospital; the Most Reverend Leonard P. Blair, STD, Archbishop of Hartford; Amanda E. Nardiello, MPA, Chief Development Officer, Saint Mary's Hospital Foundation; Steven Schneider, M.D., M.B.A., President, Saint Mary's Hospital.

"The local Church of the Archdiocese of Hartford, its clergy, religious and laity, have been supporters and partners in Catholic health care from the foundation of Saint Mary's Hospital, now part of Trinity Health Of New England," said Archbishop Leonard P. Blair, Archdiocese of Hartford. "We are more than happy to contribute what we can to furthering this mission now and for the future of Waterbury and surrounding communities."



# The Promise Campaign – Johnson Memorial Hospital

## CAMPAIGN GIFTS

The Promise Campaign has raised almost \$12 million of its \$15 million goal for the expansion and renovation of several areas on the Enfield Campus and within the main hospital. In Enfield, Johnson Memorial Hospital will create a world-class, state-of-the-art facility newly named the S. Prestley and Helen Blake Ambulatory Care Center. In addition, the improvements will expand the current Karen Davis Kryznovek Cancer Center and upgrade parking and the grounds. Within the hospital, construction is already underway for the geriatric wellness pavilion — slated to open by the beginning of 2022 and soon, senior emergency treatment protocols will be established within the Emergency Department.



(left to right): Susan Pettorini-D'Amico, DNP, RN, NEA-BC, Chief Nursing Officer, Springfield market; Phil Tartsinis, Johnson Memorial Hospital board member; Geoffrey B. Hoyt, Chief Development Officer, Mercy Medical Center; Stuart E. Rosenberg, MBA, VP, Operations & President, Johnson Memorial Hospital; Timothy R. Stanton, Regional Vice President of Philanthropy



Stuart E. Rosenberg, MBA, VP, Operations & President, Johnson Memorial Hospital and Asha Dhamija, M.D., MPH, Chief Medical Officer, Hospitalist Site Director & Physician Advisor, Johnson Memorial Hospital



Rendering of the Geriatric Wellness Pavilion



## John and Cauleen Kearney

John Kearney serves on the Johnson Memorial Hospital Board and was moved by the philanthropic examples set by Prestley and Helen Blake and others who are participating in the **Promise Campaign**. He felt it was important to follow their lead and is anxious for the community to enjoy the world-class care that will soon be offered on the Enfield campus and within the hospital. John, a CPA, and his wife, Cauleen, an attorney, have lived in Suffield for more than 26 years and feel strongly about supporting their community when and where they can. They contribute to several food banks in Western Massachusetts and Enfield and for more than 40 years they have been sponsors of the Christian Children's Fund. We are grateful for their \$25,000 commitment to Johnson Memorial and for John's service to the board.



John and Cauleen Kearney on Cape Cod for a family wedding

## Diane Lerz

For almost 45 years, Diane Lerz has supported Johnson Memorial Hospital as a volunteer and a donor. She is committed to making sure her community has access to quality health care and will continue to do whatever she can to help Johnson deliver that care. During the pandemic, Diane made the decision to solidify a major gift to the hospital's **Promise Campaign**. Her combined gift includes a cash payment and a planned gift. The social room in the new Geriatric Wellness Pavilion will be named after the Lerz Family. This support will ensure that our aging population will be cared for with grace and dignity now, and for many years to come.

For more information on how you can support the **Promise Campaign**, please contact Geoffrey B. Hoyt at [Geoffrey.Hoyt@trinityhealthofne.org](mailto:Geoffrey.Hoyt@trinityhealthofne.org).



Diane Lerz with Stuart B. Rosenberg, M.B.A., President, Johnson Memorial Hospital

## Third Party Event – Saint Mary’s Hospital

### GRATEFUL FAMILY

Since the onset of the pandemic in early 2020, over 1,440 patients with COVID-19 have come through the doors of Saint Mary’s Hospital. Sadly, 279 of those individuals passed away from the disease, a stark reminder of the wide ripple effect the virus has had on so many community members who continue to grieve the loss of loved ones and family members.

During the height of the pandemic, there was a “no visitor” policy — a difficult step in order to keep everyone safe. The physicians, nurses, and clinical staff did the best they could to communicate with families about their loved one’s condition. That effort made such a difference for families. One family in particular was truly moved by the thoughtfulness and care of the clinical colleagues who watched over their beloved family member. Sadly, she passed away in the ICU in December 2020.

Although devastated by their loss, the family was profoundly touched by the exceptional and compassionate care she received at Saint Mary’s Hospital. They spoke of how grateful they were to receive thorough updates every day from the doctors and nurses. During a celebration of life service for their loved one, the family accepted donations in her memory. The family came to Saint Mary’s to personally thank the colleagues and present them with gifts.



Grateful family presents gifts and thanks to Saint Mary’s Hospital colleagues.

## Gawlicki Family Foundation – Saint Francis Hospital

### GRANT

Most people are aware that heart attacks and cancer are serious medical threats but awareness of COPD, Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease — the third most important cause of death in the US — is not nearly as well-known. For anyone who has struggled to breathe, finding effective treatment options is the difference between suffering through life and enjoying it to its fullest.

As a patient with restrictive lung disease which limits her physical abilities in similar ways to COPD, Mary Gawlicki was both amazed and pleasantly surprised at the positive effects she realized from participating in the pulmonary rehabilitation program at Saint Francis Hospital. She learned valuable techniques for controlling her breathing and was able to learn tricks that other participants had developed to manage their lung disease. Mary advised, “When you add technical experience to the availability of the knowledgeable and caring providers at Saint Francis, there is no other single program that was as helpful in managing my pulmonary restrictions.”



Mary and Ted Gawlicki

The Gawlicki Family Foundation was established in 2012 by Ted and Mary Gawlicki, and since its inception they have awarded nearly \$7 million to over 30 organizations, upholding their belief that private dollars power public progress. They have committed more than \$300,000 in grants to support pulmonary rehabilitation programs offered at Saint Francis Hospital. Mary participates in an on-line pulmonary rehab program several times a week, and while she misses the camaraderie of the hospital’s in-person offering, she and Ted look forward to continuing their support of the program.





The Zen Room at Mercy Medical Center will serve as a "recharge room" for colleagues.

## Anonymous Gift – Mercy Medical Center FOUNDATION GRANT

Mercy Medical Center has been awarded a \$115,000 anonymous grant to create a "recharge room" to help medical workers recover from pandemic stress. The pandemic has taken a significant physical and emotional toll on medical workers. Frontline staff have witnessed an unfathomable amount of death, suffering, and grief. With this grant, Mercy Medical Center was able to partner with Studio Elsewhere to design a break space with multisensory, natural elements to help staff relax and recharge.

These rooms are designed to promote a sense of safety, calm thinking, empowerment, connectedness, and hope. Through an immersive experience that includes music, scent, visuals, lighting, and sound, colleagues are transported to a preferred environment such as a twilight lake, serenity beach, or redwood forest. The space is customizable, allowing coordination of sounds, sights, and smells based on mood. Research shows that integrating natural elements into interior spaces is beneficial for health and well-being and can significantly reduce stress levels and increase control resulting in less need for pain medication, fewer doctor errors, better sleep, and improved outcomes.



*This generous gift ensures that our colleagues have a place where they can refresh and find respite. Many thanks to Dr. Ari Kriegsman, our colleague care team, and all who made this possible.*

Bradley Harmon, Executive Director,  
Mission Integration, Mercy Medical Center



## Pride Stores – Brightside for Families and Children

### COMMUNITY RESPONSIBILITY

Every year, the colleagues at 31 Pride Stores throughout the Greater Springfield community sell paper angels to their loyal customers in support of Brightside for Families and Children. They matched last year's success and presented Maria Zygmunt, Director of Brightside, a check for \$7,500. This longstanding tradition started many years ago and is just one of the many ways that Bob Bolduc, Founder and Advisor, Pride Stores, has found to help his community. He feels very strongly about investing in non-profits that care for our youth because they represent the future of all communities.

Brightside for Families and Children has not skipped a beat during the pandemic and has continued to serve more than 140 children as they navigate remote learning and COVID-19 safety. Last year they assisted more than 500 families through family outreach and stabilization, psychiatric and medication evaluation and management, special education, and just by being there to offer support and encouragement.

(left to right): Jill Ramsdell, Manager, West Springfield Store; Bob Bolduc, Pride Founder and Advisor; Maria Zygmunt, Director, Brightside for Families and Children; Crystal Siedel, Pride Special Projects Manager and Marsha Medina, President, Pride.



## PeoplesBank – Mercy Medical Center

### CORPORATE RESPONSIBILITY

Since 1885, PeoplesBank has been deeply rooted in and committed to the communities they serve. As the largest community bank in the Pioneer Valley, they take responsibility for that role by consistently looking for ways to make it a premier place to live and work. They have demonstrated their passion with sponsorships, contributions, and employee volunteerism to many non-profit organizations and civic causes.

Mercy Medical Center has been honored with their support for decades. They have sponsored the Brightside Golf Outing, helped fund an Opioid Education, Intervention and Treatment program, committed \$175,000 to the Sister Caritas Cancer Center campaign and recently invested in the Mercy Cardiac Care program. PeoplesBank has been operating responsibly as a good corporate citizen and for that, they have been recognized by the Boston Business Journal for many years at the Annual Corporate Citizen Summit. Mercy looks forward to continuing to work with PeoplesBank on the shared mission of caring for the health and well-being of everyone in the community.



Matthew Bannister, Senior Vice President, Marketing and Corporate Responsibility, PeoplesBank and Geoffrey Hoyt, Chief Development Officer, Mercy Medical Center



## American Savings Foundation – Saint Mary's Hospital

### FOUNDATION GRANT

American Savings Foundation is a permanent charitable endowment established in 1995 by American Savings Bank, in hopes of giving back to the 64 Connecticut communities they served for more than 140 years. They are dedicated to strengthening these communities and believe in the positive connection between good business practices and corporate social responsibility. To date, the Foundation has contributed over \$64 million in grants to local nonprofit organizations and college scholarships to area students.



Saint Mary's Hospital was honored with a \$50,000 grant from the Foundation to support the hospital's Together Effect Campaign. This gift will help to transform the Emergency Department (ED), which is led by a highly skilled, multilingual team providing round-the-clock care with a Level II Trauma Center and a cardiac care environment recognized by the American Heart Association for quality.

The hospital is committed to doing all it can to alleviate the stress, anxiety, and fear experienced by patients in a medical emergency. With an increased footprint, additional seating and built-in conveniences, and new floorplan, the reimagined ED will provide a therapeutic environment that respects and accommodates all patient populations and care needs. Currently, more than 75,000 patients are seen in the ED each year, and the plans will also increase the number of patient rooms, provide space for new equipment, make improvements to the geriatric and pediatric environments, and enlarge the behavioral health ED including a separate entrance.

## Connecticut Health Foundation – Saint Mary's Hospital

### FOUNDATION GRANT

The Connecticut Health Foundation is the state's largest independent health philanthropic organization dedicated to improving health outcomes for people of color. Since its creation in 1999, the foundation has awarded more than \$69 million to nonprofit organizations and public entities to expand health equity, reduce health disparities, expand health coverage, and improve the health of all Connecticut residents.



Saint Mary's Hospital received an \$80,000 grant from the Connecticut Health Foundation to pilot ways to better identify and address patients' social care needs. Much of what influences health happens outside the medical care system, but issues such as whether a patient has enough to eat, a safe place to live, or reliable transportation are not typically noted in medical records or addressed during visits.

The Saint Mary's Hospital Emergency Department, family clinics, and outreach programs are implementing a screening and referral system for social factors that influence health. Patients who need extra support are being referred to a community health worker and connected to community resources through an electronic system that allows clinicians and caseworkers to ensure patients receive support and to track their outcomes. This significant work to help reduce health disparities is a priority for all Trinity Health hospitals.

## Bombas and Southington High School – Mount Sinai Rehabilitation Hospital

### CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Mount Sinai Rehabilitation Hospital offers both inpatient and outpatient services for patients with complex cases such as traumatic brain injury, multiple sclerosis, spinal cord injury, stroke, orthopedic and neurological rehab, trauma, and cancer. Patients benefit from a coordinated approach to rehabilitation medicine and their treatment is individually tailored to maximize independence for return to their community. However, they don't always have the appropriate tools they need to participate in therapy. It has been proven that good footwear is essential for exercise and therapy.

To fill the gap, each year a sneaker drive is held to accept new or gently used sneakers for male and female patients. The Southington High School Track Team answered the call and collected more than 60 pairs of sneakers. The kids were so excited at their success that the team promised to host an annual drive. And what goes best with sneakers? Socks — also something that patients don't always have. So, five years ago Bombas was approached to ask if they would provide socks for our patients. Their answer was an immediate yes and to date they have donated more than 13,000 pairs of socks. These donations have not only assisted our patients but have allowed us to share them with many of our community partners such as, Unity Plaza Pantry, Hartford Bags of Love, Joan C. Dauber Food Pantry, Veterans and Military Service members attending The CT Adaptive Rowing Program and golfers participating in the adaptive Golfers in Motion Program. These efforts make our communities better and our patients stronger.



(left to right): George Ledbetter; Linda Peer-Groves; Steven Kunsman, PT, Executive Director, Mount Sinai Rehabilitation Hospital and Emery Mitchell, show off the donated Bombas socks.



The Southington High School Track Team with the more than 60 pairs of sneakers they collected during their drive.



## JoAnn Price – Trinity Health Of New England

### BOARD GIFT

As eligibility for the COVID-19 vaccine opened up in Connecticut, Trinity Health Of New England announced it would host a one-of-a-kind 24-hour Vax-A-Thon event in Hartford. The goal was to serve greater Hartford residents living within zip codes that have been hardest hit by COVID-19 and make up a large portion of the vulnerable populations, with limited access to the vaccine. The intention of the pop-up clinic was to help take strides towards the collective goal of “community immunity” and successfully administered an estimated 3,000 vaccinations.

This event was made possible due to the generosity of JoAnn Price and fellow colleagues from Fairview Capital Partners, LLC. JoAnn serves as Vice Chair on the board of Trinity Health Of New England. When she learned about this opportunity, she worked with her company and raised \$50,000 from three community partners: Fairview Capital Partners, Inc.; Fairview “ALL IN” Fund at the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving; and the JoAnn and James Price Fund for Community Safety at the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving.

“The more people who get the vaccine, the closer we are to doing the things we love again,” said Reginald J. Eadie, M.D., M.B.A., President & CEO, Trinity Health Of New England, leading up to the April 2021 event. “We all want to get back to spending time with family, celebrating birthdays and graduations, and going to large public events like sports events or places of worship, and this event and this ‘Shot Of Hope’ is the way to get back to those things we so deeply miss.”



An estimated 3,000 individuals received a COVID-19 vaccination during the region's only 24-hour Vax-A-Thon. The Vax-A-Thon was held at The Artists Collective, 1200 Albany Avenue, Hartford, CT.



# Third-Party Events

Third-Party Events are fundraisers hosted by grateful family members and friends whose event proceeds benefit a specific area of care most meaningful to them. During the pandemic, many hosts had to make the difficult decision to cancel their events. However, some were able to find different ways to engage their community in an effort to continue to raise funds for the hospital they care about most. These events raised almost \$60,000 for our hospitals and included many gift-in-kind donations of blankets, stuffed animals, care baskets for nurses and much more. The 2022 calendar of events is starting to fill up as we move further away from the height of the COVID-19 pandemic. For information on how you can host an event or participate in one, please visit our philanthropy websites: [mercygives.org](https://mercygives.org); [saintfrancisdonor.com](https://saintfrancisdonor.com); and [stmhfoundation.org](https://stmhfoundation.org).



***Saint Mary's Hospital – Pink Out***



***Saint Francis Hospital – Beat Breast Cancer Walk & Run***



***Mercy Medical Center – 2020 Brightside Angel Ornaments***



***Saint Francis Hospital – Barbara Gordon's 2021 Non-Back Yard BBQ***



***Saint Francis Hospital – Paul Karvoski Memorial Golf Tournament***



***Mercy Medical Center – Hope for the Holidays Toy Run***



# Corporate Partner Program

Many of our accomplishments have been built through strong partnerships with corporate and community leaders. For decades, their financial support has helped our hospitals build nationally recognized health care systems of high quality and compassionate care. In return, the **Corporate Partner Program** offers generous members the following benefits:

- Increased visibility and brand awareness
- Networking and marketing to enhance business relationships
- Recognition as one of our most loyal and generous benefactors
- An opportunity to connect with hospital leadership, gaining insight into local healthcare issues

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## IN MEMORIAM - S. PRESTLEY BLAKE 1914-2021

### S. Prestley Blake, co-founder of Friendly's Ice Cream and beloved philanthropist, passed away on February 11, 2021, at the age of 106.

For half a century, S. Prestley "Pres" Blake was an inspiration to the Greater Springfield community and his hometown of Somers as a great benefactor. His influence was broad and deep. Over the years, his countless silent and generous acts of kindness, and tireless encouragement defined the true measure of this great man.

In 2019, S. Prestley and Helen Blake donated \$10 million dollars, the largest gift ever dedicated specifically to Johnson Memorial Hospital, to help carry out a complete renovation of the Johnson Memorial Hospital Enfield Campus. Stuart E. Rosenberg, president of Johnson Memorial Hospital stated, "This extraordinary gift will allow us to establish a newly designed, state-of-the-art facility, complete with all the latest technologies available and enable us to continue to provide optimal care for our patients well into the future."

The plans for the site include the new S. Prestley and Helen Blake Ambulatory Care Center, renovation of the Karen Davis Kryznovek Cancer Center and updates to the grounds and parking facilities at the Enfield location. The Blakes felt very strongly that their gift would have a profound impact on their community for generations to come. Johnson Memorial Hospital was where they received their health care and they knew first-hand how important it was to support its efforts to remain a world-class institution.

We are deeply saddened by his passing but find comfort that his wishes and his legacy will be honored and remembered as we begin construction of the S. Prestley and Helen Blake Ambulatory Care Center.





# Planned Giving

Our planned giving societies were established to honor individuals who have left a planned gift to one of our Trinity Health Of New England hospitals – Johnson Memorial Hospital, Mercy Medical Center and its Affiliates, Mount Sinai Rehabilitation Hospital, Saint Francis Hospital and Saint Mary's Hospital. Such gifts might include bequests, gifts of life insurance, IRA distributions, charitable gift annuities, charitable remainder unitrusts, or charitable remainder annuity trusts.

This thoughtful planning ensures that our hospitals will continue their tradition of compassionate care and excellence well into the future.

## 1912 Society

In honor of the year Johnson Memorial Hospital was opened, the 1912 Society was established to celebrate those individuals who have left a gift to the hospital in their estate plan. Although this Society was created just a few years ago, momentum is gaining and they added a new member this past year with a promised gift of \$150,000.



## Seeds of Hope Society

The Seeds of Hope Society was established to honor the dedication and vision of the Mercy Founders and continue their good work. Members of the Seeds of Hope Society have named Mercy Medical Center and/or its affiliates as the ultimate beneficiary of a planned gift. The Society was founded many years ago and has more than 300 members.

This past year, the Society welcomed twelve new members with gifts totaling just under \$3 million.



## Valencia Society

In 1997, the Valencia Society was founded by former Governor and Mrs. William O'Neill in honor of Mother Ann Valencia, the founding leader of Saint Francis Hospital. With more than 600 members, the society welcomed four new families this past year who carefully thought about how they might help Saint Francis Hospital and Mount Sinai Rehabilitation Hospital continue to serve our patients well into the future.



## Slocum Society

More than a century after Right Reverend Monsignor William J. Slocum purchased the land for the future home of Saint Mary's Hospital, the Slocum Society was created to honor his vision and those who pledged a planned gift to the hospital. In the past year, four new members were welcomed with gifts of over \$1 million.



*For Society member lists please visit the Planned Giving pages, under Ways to Give, on our philanthropy websites: [mercygives.org](http://mercygives.org), [stmhfoundation.org](http://stmhfoundation.org) and [saintfrancisdonor.com](http://saintfrancisdonor.com).*

# Colleague Giving

Although a formal colleague campaign was not held this past year, many colleagues continued to support their respective hospitals. These gifts were through payroll deduction or one-time cash donations. Colleagues know first-hand what a strong impact philanthropy can make on the health and well-being of our patients, their family members, and our community. Each donation, no matter what size, also shows the community that we are passionate and committed to our mission of serving as a transforming healing presence. Their support also assists fellow colleagues through colleague crisis funds and education and scholarship programs.

## Congratulations!

### 2021 JMH Medical Staff Scholarship Winners



Catherine Fischer



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## Congratulations!

### 2021 Saint Francis & Mount Sinai Scholarship Winners



Sarah Lawry



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Lindsey Tortora



Mark Priest



Arianna Wallen



Jennifer O'Neil



Emily Goodwin



Samantha Salas Santos



Olivia Skipper

## Congratulations!

### 2021 Saint Mary's Scholarship Winners

Alison Hansen  
Jessica Adelson  
Elise Armstrong-Cuevas  
Tiffany Bajrami  
Grace Bolland  
Madeline Bosco  
Rochelle Bosse  
Tiffany Boyette  
Elizabeth Bradshaw  
Evanna Burgwardt  
Gina Calo  
Hayley Conroy  
Debra Cook  
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