



Gift from the Mucci Family Advances New Surgical Suite

“Winchester Hospital has always been there for us and our children, parents, friends and neighbors,” said Paul Mucci, a longtime Woburn resident and retired financial executive. “Across the whole state, it’s hard to find a community hospital that compares. You can count on high-caliber doctors and up-to-date technologies. It’s a great place.”

Along with his wife, Joyce, Paul has been a steadfast supporter of Winchester Hospital. The couple has advanced ongoing patient care initiatives and trailblazing new projects, such as the Urgent Care Center that opened in 2015 at Baldwin Park, Woburn. Most recently, they have taken a leadership role in supporting Winchester Hospital’s new surgical suite.

The Hospital’s No. 1 Priority

Plans are rapidly advancing for the surgical suite that will expand and renovate the hospital’s operating rooms and surrounding areas into a space custom built for the current and future needs of the community. True to Winchester Hospital’s unique culture, executives and frontline caregivers contributed to the planning process, and the final design reflects their input. The plans call for a facility that will support a broad array of procedures, including robotic and image guided operations that some would expect to find only in a large medical center. Construction is slated to begin in late 2020.

“The new surgical suite is Winchester Hospital’s No. 1 capital priority,” said hospital President Richard Weiner, MD. “Our community deserves the very best surgical care available for emergency situations and elective procedures. We are thrilled with the Mucci family’s support of this vital effort. Paul and Joyce have been very loyal to their community — especially to their community hospital.”

About Donor-advised Funds

The Muccis’ most recent gift to Winchester Hospital was directed through the Mucci Family Foundation, established by the couple in 1994 as a donor-advised fund (DAF). A DAF functions as charitable savings account. When you deposit money into a DAF, your funds are invested and grow tax free, making more money available to be given away to charities like Winchester Hospital.

Interested in learning more? Contact Denise Flynn, vice president for philanthropy, at Denise.L.Flynn@Lahey.org or 781-756-2156.



Architect’s rendering of the recovery area nurses’ station.

Role Models for Giving Back

Paul and Joyce determined long ago that they wanted to take an active role in philanthropy, developing a personal philosophy for their giving. “Our goal has always been to give back, but we have aimed to do it in a targeted fashion,” said Paul. “It is more rewarding to see the immediate impact and to understand the future effects on an organization that we know and trust — such as Winchester Hospital.”



Patients will have private pre- and post-operative recovery rooms.

Along with making a difference at their community hospital, Paul and Joyce have generously supported Merrimack College, the Museum of Science, a Mississippi mission and food pantry, local church parishes, and more.

Proud parents and grandparents, Paul and Joyce have always embraced the opportunity to be philanthropic role models. “We feel very fortunate to be able to give back,” said Paul. “We are grateful for this distinguished hospital with advanced facilities right here in our community. It’s a privilege to support Winchester Hospital.”

Winchester Recognized for Outstanding Care

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services gave Winchester Hospital its highest rating — five stars for Overall Hospital Quality this year. The government agency’s “Hospital Compare” website, which provides information about individual hospitals, takes several quality measures into account when assigning scores. Winchester ranked above the national average in preventing deaths, safety, and patient experience.

Read more at bit.ly/WinRating



Golf Tournament Supports Nursing Education

The 15th Annual Winchester Hospital James F. McDonough, MD, Golf Classic raised more than \$175,000 for nursing education. The winning foursome at the September 9 Winchester Country Club event was Ron Freeman, Robert Parris Jr., Robert A. Parris and Mark Conley, pictured below.



The McDonough Fund for Nursing Education was created in 2002 to honor a beloved Winchester Hospital OB/GYN. Since then, it has helped

more than 125 Winchester employees become nurses and has allowed more than 300 nurses to obtain additional training. Dr. McDonough, who died in 2002, revered nurses and had himself made charitable gifts for nursing scholarships. Many thanks to the tournament’s lead sponsor, the McDonough family, and major sponsors Cummings Foundation, Salter HealthCare and Boston Children’s Hospital.

Hear from the nurses who have benefited from the fund at Giving.LaheyHealth.org/McDonoughnurses.

Nurses Recognized for Excellent Care

Two Winchester Hospital nurses were honored in this year’s *Boston Globe* “Salute to Nurses.” The annual feature calls on patients and caregivers throughout the Boston area to write in and highlight the amazing work local nurses do every day.

When Ryan Newton’s 1-year-old daughter was injured, Emergency Department nurse **Shauna Culhane’s** confidence reassured Ryan that his daughter would be fine. And she was.

Janet Gallant-Wood, an oncologic nurse practitioner, was nominated by longtime patient Diane Smith. Diane said Janet’s compassion always helps her remain calm during appointments.

Winton Club Gives Big

Winton Club members donated \$85,000 to Winchester Hospital at their spring meeting in May. Club President Margaret Bertochi presented hospital President Rick Weiner, MD, with a ceremonial check representing the proceeds from the club’s annual cabaret, gift shop, holiday gift fair and other events.



The gift will help pay for six new ceiling lifts in patient rooms, making it easier to move patients who can’t get out of bed on their own while making the process safer for both patients and employees. It will also fund a new telemetry monitor in the surgical suite, so nurses can monitor multiple patients from the main desk.

The club also supports A Caring Place, a resource at Winchester’s Center for Cancer Care that helps cancer patients get services and products insurance won’t pay for, such as wigs and prosthetics. The Winton Club has raised more than \$3 million for Winchester Hospital.



Shauna Culhane, NP



Janet Gallant-Wood, MSN, ANP-BC

Remembering Robby Robertson

Winchester 5K Team Raises \$37,000 to Honor Colleague and Friend

The walls of the Robertson family's house in Andover are lined with pictures of better days. Every photo shows Robby and Catharine Robertson and their four girls — Maddy, Ella, Lexi and Delilah — with big smiles on their faces. But these pictures don't tell the story of how this family had to deal with Robby's leukemia diagnosis, the months of treatments and hospitalizations and his eventual passing in May 2019. They also don't show how the Winchester Hospital community rallied around this family in the toughest time of their lives.

Reliving these memories is tough for Catharine, vice president of physician services at Winchester Hospital. "This was two years ago," she said, pointing to a picture of Lexi, Delilah and Robby at their school's father-daughter dance. "This was last year," she said, pointing to a picture of herself with her daughters. "Robby couldn't go because he was immunocompromised. So, I went. I was the father at the father-daughter dance."



Left to right: Lexi, Ella, Catharine, Delilah

While Robby underwent cancer treatments, the Winchester Hospital community stepped up to help. They brought food, they stayed with the girls while Catharine was busy and they sent cards and notes to let them know they weren't alone. And they formed a team, the WinWalkers, to walk in Robby's memory in the 2019 Lahey Cancer Institute 5K Walk & Run last June. The more than 60 team members raised more than \$37,000 to help cancer patients at the hospital.

Robby, a "Gentle Giant"

Robby Robertson started as a facilities manager at Winchester Hospital 25 years ago, rising to become Lahey Health's senior vice president of facilities.

"He was larger than life," said Stacey Scott, director of Winchester Physician Associates and WinWalkers team captain. And that's not just a metaphor. Hospital President Rick Weiner described him as a "gentle giant" whose interactions with others were always incredibly civil and friendly.

Robby and Catharine met on the job, and as their relationship progressed, Robby's devotion to Winchester Hospital never dimmed. Catharine recalled their early dates: "He would literally drive me around to different Winchester Hospital buildings and check things, make sure the lights were off. That was the first part of the date and then we would go out to dinner."

The WinWalkers Come Together

During his tenure at Winchester and Lahey, Robby had amassed a huge Rolodex of contacts who became friends. They were all eager to make the WinWalkers successful.

Joseph Tarby III, a Winchester Hospital board member, reached out to businesses and vendors he and Robby had worked with, and the donations started rolling in. "They said, 'We'll do anything for Robby,'" Tarby recalled.

Sadly, Robby didn't live to see the 5K, but Catharine and the girls still wanted to participate. "My thought was, 'If Catharine can do this, I can do it,'" Stacey said.



In Memory of Robby

On race day, June 22, the WinWalkers assembled on the field at Burlington High. "We were sad because we were hoping he would have been there," Catharine said, wiping away a tear as she remembered posing with the team for a photo. "It was somewhat overwhelming, but also very uplifting. It felt very good that so many people rallied behind him."

The WinWalkers will be back on the course in 2020. Visit Lahey5k.org for more details.

Watch the video at Giving.LaheyHealth.org/Robby.



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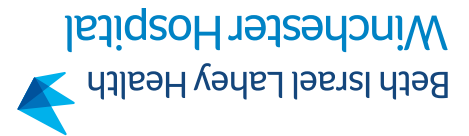
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Your Impact

This year's Lahey Cancer Institute 5K Walk & Run, which benefited Winchester's Center for Cancer Care, was one for the record books. The 1,500 participants in the June 22 event raised \$534,305, exceeding the \$500,000 goal and topping all previous years' totals. The annual event has raised more than \$3 million since it was founded in 2005.

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