

**Milford Regional
Healthcare
Foundation**

Making a Difference in the
Health of our Community

focus

Roaring Twenties

Event Raises a Half-Million Dollars for Milford Regional

The Milford Regional Healthcare Foundation celebrated the 6th annual *Mélange* event in 1920s, speakeasy style.

HOSTED BY IMPERIAL CHEVROLET in Mendon on October 30, this year's *Mélange* event drew more than 330 guests donned in their favorite prohibition-era attire. Attendees enjoyed a night of festivities and dancing while supporting a very important cause—The Breast Center at Milford Regional. Funds totaling more than \$500,000 were raised through sponsorships, donations and a live auction.

"Every year, *Mélange* plays a vital role in furthering the work of the Medical Center," explains Sheba Pai, development officer at the Foundation. "This year's event was extremely successful and revealed a true reflection of the community's support for the Medical Center and The Breast Center."

A Lasting Relationship

During the past six years, the *Mélange* event has become a shining example of our neighbors coming together to support Milford Regional. For the Medical Center to continue providing the most advanced care possible, support from the community is vital.

"We are very grateful for the tremendous level of support for The Breast Center," adds Martin Richman, vice president of philanthropy and executive director of the Foundation. "*Mélange* has become a must-attend event in this area, and we have no one to thank but the residents who have attended past events and spread the word about our cause."

○ For more information about the Foundation, visit www.milfordregional.org and click "Ways to Give."

Providing for Your Breast Health

Milford Regional Healthcare Foundation's *Mélange* event provided a tremendous level of support for the new Breast Center at Milford Regional. By raising funds for the new center, the event helped ensure the provision of vital services for patients across the region.

Specializing in comprehensive breast care, The Breast Center offers diagnostic, therapeutic and support services. Combining leading technologies with trained and experienced medical professionals, The Breast Center upholds high standards of care without sacrificing a commitment to personal service.

One of three nationally accredited facilities in Massachusetts, The Breast Center has been recognized by the National Accreditation Program for Breast Centers for its superior performance and patient outcomes. Such accolades, however, would not be possible without a dedicated community.

"Upholding the high level of clinical care and expertise we have attained requires tremendous support from the surrounding community," explains Renée Quarterman, MD, medical director of The Breast Center. "We are new in the area, and support from our neighbors reinforces our role as a healthcare provider and helps us provide advanced care."



Our hosts,
Kevin and Patricia Meehan



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Celebrating a History of Giving



From left: Linda Varney, Lou Guerriere, Janice Guerriere, Roger Calarese, Trina Calarese, Vascen Bogigian, Pam Bogigian

On September 30, Milford Regional Healthcare Foundation celebrated its second annual 1903 Society Recognition event to acknowledge the group's track record of support.

SINCE ITS ESTABLISHMENT IN 1903, Milford Regional Medical Center has met the health needs of the community—but not without generous gifts from its supporters. Community members who make annual donations greater than \$1,000 are recognized as part of the 1903 Society, one of the Foundation's prestigious leadership giving clubs.

"This event allows the Foundation to recognize our generous donors," says Martin Richman, vice president of philanthropy and executive director of the Foundation. "We've had success with the 1903 Society event since its inception, and it's a great opportunity to show our thanks to members."

Milford Regional CEO Frank Saba and Roger Calarese, chair of the board, addressed the group and extended their appreciation to contributors.

○ If you'd like to learn more about Milford Regional's leadership giving clubs, call 508-422-2034 or visit www.milfordregional.org/foundation.

1903 Remembered

When Milford Regional Medical Center was founded in 1903...

- the average life span was 47 years.
- the unemployment rate was approximately 4 percent.
- the federal budget was \$520 million.
- the average annual salary of a schoolteacher was around \$350.

While many aspects of life have changed since 1903, the care provided to the community by Milford Regional has never wavered, thanks to contributions from our supportive community.



At right: (top) From left: Amy Tamagni, Laura Peters, John Peters III, Paul Tamagni
 (bottom) From left: Greg Burrill, Paula Burns, John Burns

To Give Is to Receive

As you add the finishing touches to holiday presents, making sure everyone is accounted for, have you considered giving one of the greatest gifts of all—the gift of health?

ACCIDENTS CAN HAPPEN in the blink of an eye, emergency situations can arise without warning, and a minor illness can suddenly take a turn for the worst. You can't always predict when you or a loved one will need medical services, but you can ensure the services are available.

End-of-year giving is a great time to reassess the reason for the season and truly focus on helping your neighbors. By bestowing a tax-deductible donation to the Milford Regional Healthcare Foundation, you supply our community with direct access to the latest technologies and most advanced care, which improves health and saves lives.

Charity, Community and You

There are a variety of ways to help support Milford Regional Medical Center, a not-for-profit organization, including:

- beneficiary designations
- bequests
- appreciated stock
- charitable trusts
- endowed gifts
- gifts of cash
- memorial and honorary gifts

When you give your tax-deductible contribution to Milford Regional, the Foundation lets you choose how your gift is used. You may desire that your donation benefit a certain program or particular service.

The Foundation will ensure your generosity goes entirely to the cause of your preference. Rest assured that if you'd rather simply give, the Foundation will evaluate the areas most in need of financial support and allocate your charitable gift appropriately.

As you reflect back on the year, ask yourself how you've assisted your friends and neighbors and consider an end-of-year gift to your community's health.

○ For more information about giving to the Foundation, call 508-422-2236. You can also donate online by visiting www.milfordregional.com/foundation.

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“Giving of your time, materials or funds is extremely important to our communities certainly throughout the year, but oftentimes is especially effective at year-end, be it to meet your personal financial planning goals or to help others during a time of high anxiety and pressure.



I've been honored to assist Milford Regional in each of these ways throughout the years in their continual mission of providing high-quality, innovative care right here at home.”—John Peters III

“As long as there is a need, there will always be a need to give. I have always believed that if you have your health, you truly do have everything.



These are some very difficult days for so many people. Financial stress compounded with health-related issues can be debilitating. We all need to do what we can to ease the pain in any way that we are able to. I like to feel like I make a difference.”—Christina Brabazon



“As someone who was born and raised in the Milford community, I have utilized Milford Regional Medical Center on several occasions. When you grow up in a community with such a resource as the Medical Center, people tend to take it for granted...but I did not. My parents instilled in me at a young age the importance of such a facility and the advantages to having it so close. They also taught me the importance of being involved in my community and giving back.

The hospital is so very important to my wife, Julie, and me. Both of our children were born in Milford, and the treatment and care my wife received was second to none. All of these reasons are why we know it is so important to give.”—Josh Lioce

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Pennies for Patients

To earn her black belt in karate, Meagan Parker, a third grader at Taft Elementary School in Uxbridge, was required to complete a community project. Because she had donated crayons and coloring books to Milford Regional Medical Center in the past, Parker decided to raise money for the Medical Center in an unconventional way.



Meagan Parker presenting the money she raised to Peter Mitchell (right), nurse manager in pediatrics, and Martin Richman (left)

AFTER PARKER and her mother spoke with her school's principal, the third grader received permission to collect "Pennies for Patients." Parker placed boxes in each third grade classroom and sent home letters to parents explaining her goal: She was hoping each child would contribute spare change to be donated to the Medical Center's pediatric unit. They did, and the money added up quickly.

In just one week, students, teachers and other faculty members at Taft Elementary donated \$254. Excited about

the results Parker achieved in such a short amount of time, her karate instructor allowed her to place boxes in each of Mastery Martial Arts' five locations, which helped her raise an additional \$40. Parker's father placed one last box at his workplace and raised another \$40. Family and friends made additional contributions, bringing Parker's grand total to \$392. Parker was shocked at how quickly and easily she raised the money. She says the success of her project far exceeded her expectations.

○ To find out how you can give to Milford Regional Medical Center, visit www.milfordregional.org and select the "Ways to Give" tab.

Providing Lifesaving Screenings

MILFORD REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER has received a grant for a pilot project to provide screening mammograms for Latina women in Milford. Through a new partnership with the Latino Health Insurance Program (LHIP), we hope to test a model that would overcome barriers to care for this population and reduce their chance of developing breast cancer. We are very pleased to have the opportunity to join Susan G. Komen for the Cure® in its mission to save lives and end breast cancer forever by empowering people, ensuring quality care for all and energizing science to find the cures.

