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**Good day! I want to begin today by offering a heartfelt thank you to everyone who participated in yesterday's Heart Walk in downtown Providence!**

Once again, staff, families and friends of Care New England came out to support this important and lifesaving cause. The idea of coming out to support our community and critical research is just another example of how you continually come together to do the right thing. While I know the idea of sleeping in on a Sunday morning could be compelling, many of you chose to lace up your sneakers and walk for a cause. This year we saw nearly 118 walkers, raise \$14,427. While the walk is over, remember you can continue to turn in your donations a little bit longer. I want to also be sure and thank all of our team captains and Tish Devaney, this year's CNE Heart Walk champion, for all of her help and leadership of the CNE effort. Great job by everyone!

This week also mark's Care New England's annual Care Awards. I am looking forward to seeing many of you tomorrow, June 6, at 2:30 p.m. at Ray Hall on the Butler Campus. This event is an annual highlight for me because it represents the collaboration, teamwork and collective dedication and innovation you bring to your work. We will recognize and highlight the work that is integrating our system, simplifying challenges that exist across operating units and helping to ensure we are constantly pushing ourselves to advance health care and teamwork for each other and those we serve. I am sure this year's event will be another tremendous and inspiring gathering. Also, please be sure to cast your vote for the People's Choice Award. Voting opens today and you can find out all of the details below.

In closing, please be sure to take a few minutes and read on. It's always a great privilege to be able to share with you the great things we have going on across the organization. On any given day and in the course of any given week, advancements are being made, you are raising the bar of excellence, and you are proudly demonstrating the spirit of caring, compassion and leadership.



*Top photo: The Care New England walkers join together for a group photo to kick-off the Southern New England Heart Walk! Bottom photo: Dean Carlson, Sr. HR Director, Workforce & Organizational Development, joins Dan Jaehnig, NBC 10 anchor at the finish line.*

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## Voting opens today! Cast your vote for CARE Award's People's Choice Award!

The People's Choice award recognizes and rewards the project currently submitted for a Care Award, that earns the most votes from Care New England employees. Voting is completed online at <http://bit.ly/2rA9eIB>. Browse this year's 25 applications and cast a vote for your favorite—there is

only one vote per employee! The polls are open all day today, June 5, through 10 a.m. on June 6. The winner will be announced at the CARE Awards ceremony on June 6! Cast your vote at <http://bit.ly/2rA9eIB>!



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## Care New England Behavioral Health Services to host open house

Join physicians, clinicians and other providers from CNE, Integra and other community resources for an open house on Thursday, June 8 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Ray Hall Conference Center on the Butler Hospital campus. Learn

about services offered throughout the system and across the state, and enjoy an opportunity to network with colleagues. RSVP at <http://carenewengland.org/openhouse>.

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## Department of Ob/Gyn Residency Program announces leadership



Dr. Bridget Kelly, assistant professor of obstetrics and gynecology, clinician educator at The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University, has accepted the position of associate program director for the Obstetrics and Gynecology Residency. Kelly joined the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology after completing her residency program at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston.



At Baylor, Kelly was administrative chief resident where she worked to overhaul the residency coverage system and designed a new intern orientation and lecture series. Recognized for her outstanding contributions, Kelly was awarded the Raymond H. Kaufman Resident Mentor Award. Kelly was selected to participate in the ACOG Robert C. Cefalo National Leadership Institute. As a faculty member, she embraces teaching opportunities with students and residents, and is a valued role model and mentor.

Dr. Matthew Esposito, assistant professor of obstetrics and gynecology, clinician educator, has accepted the position of associate clerkship director for the Obstetrics and Gynecology Clerkship. Esposito completed his fellowship in maternal-fetal medicine with the Brown/Women & Infants program. He returned to the Brown/WIH Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology in 2010 after several years as assistant professor in the Division of Maternal-Fetal Medicine at UMass Memorial Medical System.

Esposito has been involved in medical student, resident and fellowship teaching since joining the faculty. He is a member of the Undergraduate Medical Education Mentoring Committee, small group leader for the Human Growth and Reproduction preclinical course, medical student preceptor and core clerkship and LIC lecturer. He is also developing an extended ultrasound curriculum for students, residents and fellows. Esposito has been recognized with numerous awards for his excellence in both student and resident teaching.

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Have a great week ahead!

Sincerely,

Dennis D. Keefe  
President and Chief Executive Officer



## The Providence Center honors donors at annual event

The Charles E. Maynard (CEM) Society annual gathering was held on May 24 at the historic Hope Club in Providence. This special recognition, named in honor of The Providence Center's (TPC) founder, Charles E. Maynard, was established to acknowledge donors who have made a significant contribution to TPC.

This year's guest speaker, Providence Police Captain, Dean Isabella, spoke on behalf of department's partnership with The Providence Center in an effort to divert people away from the criminal justice system and into the proper services. Isabella thanked members of the CEM Society for helping make this program not only a possibility, but a success.



To be inducted into the CEM Society, members have named TPC as a beneficiary of a planned gift, such as a bequest, trust or retirement plan, or have a cumulative giving history totaling \$10,000 or more.

"The dollars that you've spent supporting this program are saving people's lives," said Isabella. "I can't think of a better way to spend money."

"The police department is often times the first point of contact for someone experiencing a serious mental health issue whether it be substance abuse or a person who is going through some type of psychosis," added Isabella. "Our diversion program consists of a clinician from The Providence Center, Jessica Zira, who does an unbelievable job in working with our police officers in order to respond to these types of calls every day."

Zira shared a firsthand account of her experiences so far. "A crisis does not discriminate, it happens in a split second," she said. "There are so many Rhode Islanders calling out for help every single day. It is these critical moments when the police arrive, and I have the honor of partnering with them on these calls."


The program has been successful in the Providence, West Warwick and Warwick Police departments.

## Care New England hosts 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Afib Symposium

On Wednesday, May 24, Care New England Cardiovascular Care hosted its 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Afib Symposium at the Crowne Plaza in Warwick. Coordinated by Dr. Bruce Koplan, MD, MPH, director of the cardiac arrhythmia service at Care New England, along with his colleagues, the session was attended by nearly 310 interested members of the community. Since the first symposium the event has continually grown to become a well-regarded and beneficial community-based educational opportunity.

Atrial fibrillation (Afib) affects more than two million people in the United States and is the most common type of irregular heart rhythms. Koplan explains the symposium's objective, "Because of the prevalence of this illness, it is important to provide our community with beneficial education and awareness in dealing with AFib. It is my hope that attendees take away an increased understanding of this condition and the latest developments available in its diagnosis, treatment, and management."

Forum topics included:

- What is atrial fibrillation?
- Understanding pacemakers and Afib.
- Stroke risk factors.
- Lifestyle and nutrition for atrial fibrillation.
- Medications for rate and rhythm control.
- Anticoagulation choices.
- Catheter ablation for atrial fibrillation. 



Top photo: Bruce Koplan, MD, MPH. Bottom photo from left to right: Alice Kim, MD, FAC; Ara Tacijian, MD; David Goldberg, MD; Bruce Koplan, MD, MPH. Clinical experts who led discussions, but were not pictured include John Murphy, MD, FACC and Heather Hurlburt, MD.

