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**Merry Christmas, Happy Kwanzaa, and Happy New Year!**

As I send out this Christmas Eve issue of *carenews*, I hope it finds you in good spirits, ready for a wonderful holiday with family, friends, and loved ones. I know I am personally looking forward to spending the day enjoying my family and our

personal blessings. I am certain that will be the case for so many of you in our extended Care New England family!

For many others here at CNE, just because it is the holidays, it doesn't mean the work stops. Unfortunately, people are still sick and need our care and attention. I know all of you working over the holiday week, sacrificing your family celebrations, will do everything possible to give your patients the best holiday despite being in the hospital. Your clinical care will continue to be superior, while your care and compassion will no doubt shine brighter than any festive lights could.

But there is also much joy and great reason to celebrate at our hospitals over the holidays. It is at Christmas we can send home adorable babies—bundles of joy wrapped in stockings. Really, what could be a better than to celebrate the gift of life? And we will greet New Year's babies of all shapes and sizes—reasons to celebrate indeed!

As we all know, there is an entire team that makes our operating units hum behind the scenes and they too will be there transporting, cleaning, cooking, serving, keeping us safe, troubleshooting electrical problems, and just

lending a helping hand with the many things needed to do the work we are so proud to do.

Speaking of pride, I could not be more proud of your generosity and charitable spirit so many of you have displayed this season. So many departments, teams, and individuals across the system have been taking part in toy drives, adopting families, making donations to local charities, and much more. Let me just say thank you! This is the true meaning of the holidays and you all demonstrate these principles and good character all year long. Your gestures will make this a wonderful holiday for many who otherwise would probably not have much. You should be proud!

In closing, you will see this issue of *carenews* is dedicated to all of you. I have included many great photos that we received from across CNE—holiday parties, gift wrapping parties, donation drives, and general merriment! I hope you enjoy. One quick note before I conclude, because of the holidays, the next *carenews* will be distributed on January 7, 2019.

My best wishes to you and yours no matter what holidays you might celebrate or special traditions you hold dear this wonderful season. I hope you do so in good health and good cheer! I look forward to all that is in store for Care New England in 2019, and I look forward to everything we will accomplish together!

Sincerely,

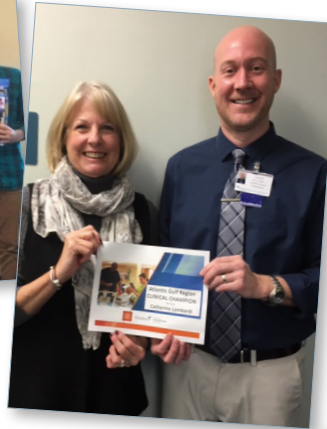
James E. Fanale, MD  
President and Chief Executive Officer

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## Care New England

The Care New England Marketing team recently donated toys to The Providence Center to benefit client families.



Catherine Lombardi, outpatient clinical liaison for Care New England Outpatient Rehabilitation, was recently awarded as Kindred's Atlantic Gulf Region 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Clinical Champion for her work spearheading the recent coat drive to benefit many of those in need. Catherine placed collection boxes at Service Road, the rehab unit at Kent Hospital, the outpatient clinics, and many other locations and collected over 300 coats.



## Butler





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## Kent



Top: Volunteers from Kent Hospital and Bishop Hendricken. Bottom: Kent hospital volunteers with President Robert Haffey.

## Service Road



Rather than exchanging gifts among themselves, this year CNE's Revenue Cycle and Revenue Finance departments adopted families from all three operating units to help out Santa, including Women & Infants Oncology, Kent's KEEP program, Butler's Patient Gift Drive, and the Riverview Nursing Home, among others.



## The Providence Center



The TPC IOP programs (Quitting Time and Women's Day/Project Link) also held a party for clients with food and gifts.



On December 14, TPC's Team 1E held their annual client Christmas party. Staff members decorated, prepared food, and brought in wrapped gifts to give to their clients.



Priscilla Villa (pictured) organized a TPC-wide toy drive to benefit the families of clients in need. So far, 275 toy requests have been filled!



## Women & Infants



*The administrative team from Women & Infants Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology recently got into the spirit of giving, collecting gifts for a family in need at the Obstetrics and Gynecology Care Center (OGCC). Thanks for your thoughtfulness and generosity!*



*Members of the Women & Infants' Division of Research with their holiday donation to Crossroads.*

