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Good afternoon,

This month, Butler Hospital celebrates a monumental milestone, its 175th anniversary! This makes Butler the oldest hospital in the state of Rhode Island, which says quite a lot about the high-quality behavioral health care it has been providing to patients since the mid-19th century. All of us at Care New England (CNE) should be proud of Butler's long-held reputation as the leading provider of innovative psychiatric treatments in the region.

I am particularly moved by Butler's rich history, steeped in compassion. Since 1844, founded in a new era of "Moral Treatment," Isaac Ray, MD, the hospital's first superintendent, believed that each patient should be treated humanely in a clean, safe environment. His beliefs in the healing effects of quality care and the legal rights of mentally ill patients remain an integral part of patient care at Butler today.

Butler has always been, and still is, a safe place where people can receive treatment in an understanding and private setting. Butler's anniversary marks a very important time in Rhode Island's history, where the health and wellness of mind, body, and spirit were seen as crucial for overall wellness, much as it is today.

Given its place of paramount importance in the Rhode Island health care industry, it's only appropriate that Providence Business News (PBN) ran an article highlighting its remarkable history in the health care industry. To read the article in its entirety, please visit, pbn.com/butler-hospital-celebrates-175th-anniversary.

In celebration of this milestone anniversary, I'd like to invite all to join the celebration at Ray Hall. Please reserve some time on Thursday, Dec. 12, between 2 to 5 p.m., to stop in and join us for a special celebration.

Happy anniversary, Butler Hospital!

Thank you!
Sincerely,

James E. Fanale, MD
President and Chief Executive Officer



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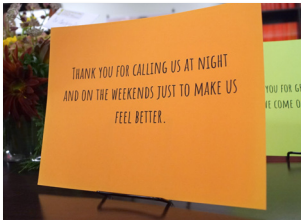
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Grateful patients visit Women & Infants Hospital



Pictured from left to right: Corissa and Kevin Keefe.

On Friday, Nov. 22, Corissa and Kevin Keefe donated a “Caring Cradle” in memory of their daughter, Paige Marie, at our 27th Annual Night of Remembrance. This special piece of equipment will give the “gift of time” for grieving parents. The dedication of this cradle was a special moment in the evening sponsored by the Miscarriage, Infant Death, and Stillbirth, (M.I.S.) and Pregnancy After Loss Support Group (P.A.L.S.) Bereavement Council groups.



The following week on Wednesday, Nov. 27, Kristin and Michael Cassarino treated the Fertility Center staff to a catered Thanksgiving lunch for 65 people, in honor of their son Alan, who passed away at birth almost two years ago. As patients of the Fertility Center and Eden Cardozo, MD, they spoke of their experience with the team they encountered as being second to none and noted that after multiple pregnancy losses, surgeries, rounds of IVF, and the loss of their son at birth at 24 weeks, the team has become family to them.



Pictured from left to right: Elizabeth, Catherine, and Victoria Schultz.

The Schultz triplets: Elizabeth, Catherine, and Victoria, who are former NICU babies and now 18 years old, had the opportunity to visit the NICU last Monday, Dec. 2, as part of their senior project focused on the many different aspects of prematurity and the heroic deeds of the hospital staff members who saved their lives. The triplets, who were born extremely premature between 24 and 26 weeks of pregnancy and weighed less than two pounds each, also had the opportunity to meet one of the nurses who cared for them 18 years ago. Their story was also featured in The Providence Journal and at turnto10.com.

CARE NEW ENGLAND

Update on the “Thanks for Giving” food drive

Care New England Revenue Cycle departments have concluded their ‘Thanks for Giving’ food drive and surpassed their goal of 3000 pounds with a grand total of 3503.57 pounds. The R.I. Community Food Bank will be picking up donated items and storing them in their facility for usage by Westbay Community Action and other local food banks. Thank you all for your very generous donations in the spirit of giving.



Pictured from left to right: The Providence Center’s Ralph Toribio and Fernanda Furtado, employment specialists.

Similarly, The Providence Center’s Consumer Advocacy Council (CAC) put together a total of 51 baskets and 28 gift cards for families in need thanks to the staff members, and the Staff Innovative Fund committee, who went above and beyond expectations with their Thanksgiving basket donations.

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Additional library guide available on carenet

An additional library Guide has been created by Arline Dyer, BSN, MLIS, librarian. The "Libguide" is entitled "Race, Social Equity and Medicine" and includes extensive resources on diversity, equity, and inclusion, as well as a separate tab on "Trauma Informed Care", with extensive literature and pertinent information. To access, follow this path: carenet->libraries->libguides:subject guides by topic->race, social equity and medicine, or click on the attached link, carenewengland.libguides.com/c.php?g=980410.

Also, thanks to Arline, the Midwifery Libguide, carenewengland.libguides.com/c.php?g=678335, is the most widely used at Care New England, and was copied this year, with permission, by the University of Michigan Medical School in an effort to provide 80 obstetric hospitals in Michigan with resources for their Obstetrics Initiative.

DATES TO REMEMBER

WOMEN & INFANTS HOSPITAL

Health Literacy series | Tuesday, Dec. 10 | 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. | South Pavilion, Auditorium 3
This month's topic: Environmental Health Literacy: Understanding how chemicals found in consumer products may affect health, and the actions consumers can take to reduce exposures.



This session will primarily focus on chemicals that disrupt the endocrine systems such as phthalates and fragrances.

This holiday season give a green gift with national environmental health expert, Lisa Chan, MSN, RN, perinatal professional practice specialist at Women & Infants Hospital.

Learn about environmental toxins while making a gift for yourself and your loved ones.

Make and take gifts:

- Body scrub
- Sweet dreams pillow spray
- Lip balm
- Lavender sachet

Light refreshments will be served. Transportation and childcare may be provided, if needed. For more information, please email Lisa Chan, at lmchan@wihri.org.