



Fall 2024 Newsletter

A Season of Gratitude: A Message From The Executive Director



Grateful Hearts, Stronger Community

As we gather to celebrate Thanksgiving, I am prompted to reflect on the immense kindness and generosity that has shaped this year. Thanks to you, our supporters, we have achieved incredible milestones in enhancing the care we provide to our community. From all of us at Saratoga Hospital, thank you for your unwavering dedication to our mission.

Looking back on my first year with the Saratoga Hospital Foundation, I am filled with gratitude and excitement regarding our progress together. I am proud to share some of the milestones we've achieved as a team.

I am pleased to announce that our Foundation team is now fully staffed and stronger than ever. With this dedicated group of professionals, we are well-positioned to advance the critical initiatives that support Saratoga Hospital. Our Board of Trustees is highly engaged and supportive, and we are thrilled to welcome three new members: JP McPartlon, Abby Endres, and Kirsten Cattelier.

This year, our events including the Cantina Fun Run, Gala, and Golf Invitational, exceeded expectations. Thanks to the hard work and generosity of our committees, donors, volunteers, and partners, we not only sustained, but expanded on what has been raised in past years. We launched several new initiatives, and I am particularly proud of how our fundraising efforts supported hospital staff who worked tirelessly during the EPIC system conversion—a crucial step in enhancing our technological infrastructure to advance patient care.

The impact of these initiatives is already being felt across our organization. From providing essential support to our healthcare professionals to facilitating the EPIC conversion, the Foundation is pivotal in ensuring that Saratoga Hospital remains at the forefront of healthcare excellence.

As we look ahead, we reaffirm our commitment to making a meaningful difference in the lives of those we serve. I am incredibly enthusiastic about what the future holds and look forward to collaborating with our dedicated community of supporters as we continue to grow and evolve.

Thank you for your ongoing partnership. Together, we are making a lasting impact on the health and well-being of our community.

Warm regards,

Kelly Armer

Because of You, We Make a Difference

Fall Annual Appeal Success

This Thanksgiving season, we are thrilled to share the success of our Fall Annual Appeal. Thanks to your generosity, we raised over **\$40,000** to support the Saratoga Hospital Community Health Center and the Backstretch Clinic.

Your contributions ensure that everyone in our community, regardless of their ability to pay, receives the compassionate care they deserve.



[Learn More About These Lifelines Today!](#)



A New Chapter In Patient Care

This fall, we celebrated a major milestone—the ribbon-cutting for our state-of-the-art Siemens X.Cite CT scanner in the Alfred Z. Solomon Emergency Center. This advancement was made possible by the generosity of our incredible

community donors, including lead gifts from the **Saratoga Hospital Volunteer Guild, The Robert and Lisa Moser Family Foundation, Bill and Susan Dake/Stewart's Shops, Mike and Linda Toohey, and Millennium Medical Imaging**. Together, you have helped us take a leap forward in providing exceptional care.

“We are deeply grateful to these donors for their incredible generosity and for making the new equipment a reality,” said Jill VanKuren, Saratoga Hospital president and CEO. “The new CT scanner has already become an integral part of daily operations in the hospital’s Emergency Department and inpatient care since becoming operational in mid-August. In addition to its superior imaging, the scanner is designed with patient safety in mind, reducing radiation exposure and minimizing the need for repositioning during scans.”

The Siemens X.Cite CT scanner offers advanced imaging capabilities that enable quicker, more precise diagnoses, significantly enhancing the hospital’s ability to provide timely care. “The new scanner provides superior imaging, allowing for faster scans with improved diagnostic accuracy,” said David Hindson, M.D., Saratoga Hospital Medical Staff president and Millennium Medical Imaging vice president. “This means shorter wait times, faster

diagnoses, and more streamlined treatment planning—critical factors for better patient outcomes and clinical efficiency.”

Random Acts of Kindness - Employee Appreciation During Epic

The launch of our new Epic EMR (Electronic Medical Record) platform marked a transformative step forward for Saratoga Hospital. This innovative system enhances patient care by enabling better data tracking, improved monitoring, and more efficient processes.



Cara Mildé
Foundation Board Member

Equally inspiring was the overwhelming support from our community, which played a pivotal role in ensuring the success of this launch. Hixny, Bimbo Bakeries USA, and **Foundation Board Member, Cara Mildé**, along with the families of Caroline Street Elementary School, generously donated water, treats, and snacks to support staff working tirelessly on the Epic conversion.

These acts of kindness highlight the powerful bond between Saratoga Hospital and the community we serve. Your generosity continues to fuel our mission of delivering the best care possible. Thank you for being part of this journey and helping us achieve this important milestone.

[Donate to the Staff Appreciation Fund](#)

Sign up for MyChart now!

As part of the Epic conversation, Saratoga Hospital is now utilizing MyChart as our secure online patient portal. MyChart allows all patients to easily manage their own health care - anytime, anywhere.

[Sign up for MyChart](#)

Celebrating Generosity: Radiation Oncology Center (ROC) Donations



Spotlight on our Giving Community!

- **Kathy O’Neill and The Okby Group at Morgan Stanley** including Saratoga Hospital Foundation Board Member **Zachary Zaloga, Michael Okby, and Stephen Aguglia**, raised \$8,112 at the 6th Annual Labor of Love Breast Cancer Event, benefiting the Mollie Wilmot Radiation Oncology Center.
- Since 2006, Ann Marie Richardson’s memory has been honored by her daughter, Foundation Board Member **Erin Luciano**, and the **Desadore, Izzo, Luciano, Ramnes, Richardson, Verdile, and Russo families**. These families generously hosted an annual event to collect holiday gifts for cancer patients and their families at our Mollie Wilmot Radiation Oncology Center. This event has kept Ann Marie’s legacy alive in a meaningful way and brings comfort and joy to so many.
- **St. Mary’s and Saratoga Central Catholic Schools** rallied their students, staff, and families to support the Mollie Wilmot Radiation Oncology Center with a memorable "wear pink" day and donation collection.

Thank you for demonstrating the power of community and making a lasting impact!

Welcome New Faces: Board and Staff Updates

We’re thrilled to welcome two exceptional leaders to our Saratoga Hospital Foundation Board of Trustees! **Kirsten A. Catellier** and **Abby Endres** bring their expertise and passion to our mission of serving the community. Together, we look forward to making an even greater impact.



MEET OUR 2024 NEW BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEMBERS



KIRSTEN A. CATELLIER
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STUDIO A LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE AND ENGINEERING

Kirsten is the President and owner of StudioA, a landscape architecture firm based in Saratoga Springs.

She is deeply appreciative of Saratoga Hospital and is eager to contribute to its future successes and initiatives.

Kirsten enjoys spending time with her three young children.



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ABBY ENDRES
M.B.A.

LIFT MARKETING

Abby is the founder, owner and CEO of LIFT Marketing, an ad agency based in Saratoga Springs.

She has participated in our Cantina Kids Fun Run and many hospital events.

Abby currently resides in Saratoga with her husband, Kurt and two teenage boys.

Meet Our Foundation Board of Trustees

In addition, we are excited to introduce our Saratoga Hospital Foundation team members! Their skills and dedication will further enhance our ability to advance the hospital’s mission and serve our community.

Together, we are well-equipped to strengthen our impact and continue supporting Saratoga Hospital’s mission.



Kelly Armer
Executive Director

Foundation Team



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Heather Daniele
Coordinator,
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Madison Mendel
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Looking Ahead To Another Year of Impact

2025 Signature Events



SAVE the DATE



June 1, 2025
Congress Park



July 30, 2025
Saratoga Casino Hotel



September 10, 2025
Saratoga National Golf Club

This year, your support for our three signature events helped raise over **\$685,000** for our Saratoga Community Health Center, Saratoga Hospital Nursing Education & Professional Development Program, and Saratoga Hospital Pediatric Emergency Services. Mark your calendars to make 2025 just as bright!

Dine and Donate: A Delicious Way to Give Back

Enjoy a meal that makes a difference!

- Dine to Donate Nights at **The Local Pub** and **9 Miles East Farm** help fund the Employee Annual Campaign.
- **Pay It Forward Night** at **The Brook Tavern** gives **100% of proceeds** to the Saratoga Community Health Center.

Skip the cooking, support local businesses, and contribute to a great cause. Your table is waiting!

DINE TO 
DONATE

Supporting: Employee Annual Campaign

Employee-driven initiatives such as the Angel Fund, Random Acts of Kindness, Staff Appreciation, Staff Education, and more.



**Wed.
Dec. 4**

The Local

**10% Meal Proceeds
Donated**

3 - 10 P.M.

142 Grand Ave



**Mon.
Dec. 9**

9 Miles East

**20% Meal Proceeds
Donated**

**Must mention Saratoga Hospital*

11 A.M. - 4 P.M.

64 Excelsior Ave



DINE TO 
DONATE



Pay It Forward Night at The Brook Tavern

Supporting:
Saratoga Community Health Center

The Brook Tavern

100% Food Proceeds Donated.
Reservations Recommended.

4 - 9 P.M.

139 Union Ave



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Giving Tuesday: Make a Difference on 12/3

Join us on Giving Tuesday, December 3, to make an impact! Your gift directly supports the vital work of Saratoga Hospital.

Together, we can continue to provide exceptional care to our community.

[Make Your Gift Today](#)

Celebrate the Season with a Saratoga Keepsake

Celebrate the holidays with the 29th collectible ornament in our Saratoga Hospital series! This year's design honors **John Hendrickson** and his deep appreciation for Saratoga's heritage. Featuring the beloved "Pink Pup" pack from Saratoga Dog Walkers alongside the iconic Native Dancer statue in Congress Park, this ornament beautifully captures the spirit of our community.



Every purchase supports the Saratoga Hospital Cancer Patient Fund, bringing comfort to those who need it most.

Pre-order yours today for \$25 and own a piece of Saratoga history!

Pre-Order Available Now



With Gratitude, From All of Us at Saratoga Hospital...

Thank you for being part of our journey. This Thanksgiving season, we are grateful for your generosity, kindness, and dedication. Together, we are building a healthier, stronger community.

New Mailing Address?

We don't want you to miss out on any of our latest news or upcoming events. Send new address to: foundation@saratogahospital.org

Show Your Support

Giving online is easier now than ever. Visit our **website** for more information.

Stay up to date on Foundation news and events by following us on social media.

MAKE A
DIFFERENCE





Try email marketing for free today!
