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We're Back!

Thanks to your support and the hard work and dedication of our staff, contractors, state and city officials and countless others, there is a lot to be thankful for!

Before the fire, Signature Healthcare Brockton Hospital, supported by your generous contributions to the "Mission ~~H~~MPossible" Campaign, initiated significant improvements to the Emergency Department. These included plans for a new 12-bed secure triage area dedicated to treating patients with mental health needs. Additionally, construction commenced on a state-of-the-art outpatient surgery center at the former site of the radiation oncology center. We are pleased to share that both projects have now been successfully completed.

As well, the equipment in the Helen Greene Cardiac Catheterization Suite has been replaced with new technology augmented by improvements in the physical space.

The most noticeable improvement for the public is the extensive renovation of the hospital's main lobby, designed to create a brighter, more welcoming, and patient-centered environment for all patients, visitors, and staff.

To celebrate the reopening, Signature Healthcare hosted a thank-you event attended by staff, community members, civic leaders, and donors. Signature Healthcare President and CEO Robert J. Haffey expressed deep gratitude for the staff's resilience during these challenging times, commending their efforts and those of EMS providers who safely evacuated 162

patients. He also recognized the leadership team for their exceptional work in the fire recovery process and extended his thanks to major donors for their generous support of the fire recovery efforts and the "Mission ~~H~~MPossible" Campaign.

Joseph L. Tansey, chair of Signature Healthcare's Board of Trustees, honored the life of the recently deceased Board Chair David R. Wolohojian with a moment of silence. He also offered his thanks to the staff and community and all those who worked to make the reopening possible.

Mayor Robert F. Sullivan accentuated the collaboration of the many healthcare organizations in the region who worked together to care for patients after the fire. He specifically thanked Brockton Fire Chief Brian F. Nardelli for his leadership in controlling the fire scene and the successful evacuation of all patients without harm. He then bestowed a proclamation to Signature Healthcare Brockton Hospital on behalf of the city of Brockton.

THANK YOU to all who played a role in our recovery.

With your help, WE'RE BACK!

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110 Liberty Street Has a New Name

Fireman Medical Center

Thanks to the generosity of The Paul & Phyllis Fireman Charitable Foundation, Signature Healthcare's largest outpatient medical center at 110 Liberty Street in Brockton has a new name: the **Fireman Medical Center!**

Improvements to the building have included new flooring and paint on the first and second floors, new furniture, and a first floor café. Future plans include new waiting room furniture throughout the building, an informational kiosk in the lobby as well as new flooring and paint on the third floor. These changes will ultimately improve the experience of our patients.

Fireman's kindness also included a significant contribution to the "Mission IMPossible" Campaign.

A heartfelt thanks to The Paul & Phyllis Fireman Charitable Foundation for their commitment to our community!



Dunkin' and Dunkin' Joy offer Valuable Partnership to Signature Healthcare

Thanks to a generous \$25,000 grant from the Dunkin' Joy Foundation, Signature Healthcare has enhanced the experience for pediatric patients by providing educational toys, school supplies, books, games, sensory-friendly items, warm cozy items, kids' sports activity toys, swim safety resources, and more.

The gifts were distributed at various locations including the Signature Medical Group outpatient pediatric locations, urgent care centers, and OB/GYN offices.

Additionally, Dunkin' Brands was on site at 110 Liberty Street, Signature Healthcare's largest outpatient facility, to provide coffee and treats to staff members.

"Our Dunkin' partners understand the value of comforting our pediatric patients as they receive medical care, and the importance of showing gratitude to our staff as they care for our community. We are so appreciative of the support that Dunkin' Joy provides for our kids, and the recognition provided by Dunkin' Brands to our employees," states Lisa Pedranti, Manager of Annual Giving at Signature Healthcare.

Thank you



Dunkin's Icy Joe made an appearance at Signature Medical Group 110 Liberty Street to appreciate staff.



Marketing and Public Relations Coordinator Peter Hoyer and Office of Development Executive Administrative Assistant Cathy Mallinson greeted staff in attendance at Brockton Hospital's recent re-opening event with gift cards donated from Dunkin' Brands.

2024 Ring of Champions Honors Alfred T. Niccoli

With an audience of 500 in attendance, Signature Healthcare proudly inducted Alfred “Fred” T. Niccoli to its prestigious Ring of Champions during an event on Thursday, December 5, 2024 at Gillette Stadium. Guests had a chance to honor Fred’s remarkable contributions, mingle with Pat Patriot and try on and take pictures with the six New England Patriots Super Bowl rings. Fred, who has been intimately involved with the operations of his family oil business, Niccoli Oil and Energy, since the age of 15, is a lifetime resident of the area. Over the years, he has served as a trusted friend, dedicated ambassador, and steadfast supporter of Signature Healthcare Brockton Hospital for many years making a lasting impact.



Vice President of Development Jeff Miller, President/CEO Robert Haffey, honoree Fred Niccoli, and Board of Trustees Chair Joseph Tansey.

“Fred has played a key role in the success of Signature Healthcare’s fundraising efforts for the past 15 years,” explains Jeff Miller, Vice President of Development at Signature Healthcare. “In addition to his personal financial contributions, Fred has connected us with numerous key individuals who now support our organization as well,” added Miller.

Fred is the Chair of the Signature Healthcare Development Advisory Board and a member of Signature Healthcare’s Board of Trustees. He has also chaired the “Bringing Boston to Brockton” and “Mission IMPossible” campaigns. With his help, the John, Steven and Caryl Greene Cancer Center provides comprehensive cancer care, including radiation therapy and medical oncology in the same building, on the campus of Brockton Hospital. Additionally, he helped to raise nearly ten million dollars for improvements to Signature Healthcare Brockton Hospital which includes upgrades to the Emergency Department, a new outpatient surgery center, new cardiac catheterization equipment and a beautifully renovated main lobby.

“I am honored to follow in the footsteps of the many local leaders who have received this special recognition from Signature Healthcare,” proudly states Niccoli. “There are so many good things taking place at Signature Healthcare to be proud of and I am fortunate to be a small part of such a great organization.”

State Grant from Bureau of Substance Addiction Services Will Expand Care

Signature Healthcare Brockton Hospital was one of 17 providers across the state receiving grant support from the Massachusetts Bureau of Substance Addiction Services (BSAS). The purpose of the grant is to support the provision of substance use services to patients presenting to the emergency department and will allow for deeper integration of hospital based and outpatient treatment.

Michael Dern, MD, Medical Director of Signature Healthcare’s Office Based Addiction Treatment program (OBAT) states, “This grant will have a significant impact on the delivery of addiction care to our patients. In addition to allowing us to better integrate inpatient and outpatient care delivery, this funding will allow us to expand our focus on addiction treatment beyond opioids to alcohol and other drugs.”

This long-term grant, expected to be up to seven years, will fund key positions including a program manager, a licensed social worker, an addiction consult practitioner, peer recovery coaches, and others.

“We have so many patients who will benefit from this generous funding.”
~ Michael Dern, MD

Future plans include moving the OBAT program currently located in Abington to the campus of Signature Healthcare Brockton Hospital and providing a comprehensive model of care that includes mental health,

substance use, and primary care.

“We are grateful to BSAS for this amazing support and opportunity,” stated Dern. “We have so many patients who will benefit from this generous funding.”



Brockton Hospital
School of Nursing
Faculty Member
Kim Spatola, NP

Planting Seeds for the Future of Others

Faculty Member's Love for Brockton Hospital School of Nursing Prompts Legacy Gift

Kim Spatola, NP, has been a cherished member of the Brockton Hospital School of Nursing (BHSON) community for over two decades. Her journey began in 2001 during a historic nursing strike, where she worked in the hospital per diem float pool. Specializing in pediatric care, Kim has found profound fulfillment in her role. She considers BHSON her professional home and a place where she built lasting relationships. Kim dedicated many years to teaching as a faculty member at BHSON, both in the classroom and during clinical rotations. Additionally, she built and oversaw the National Nursing Student Association at the school, guiding the student council to the national level where they presented on the important issue of student food insecurity.

Kim's deep appreciation for the school and its impact on her career led her to name BHSON as a partial beneficiary in her will. She explains, "I love Brockton Hospital School of Nursing and feel that it has given me a wonderful career. The team has become my community and a second family. It has been a very rewarding piece of my life." Through this generous future gift, Kim hopes to ensure that the school's equipment remains cutting-edge and that it continues to be a state-of-the-art institution where future nurses can learn and excel.

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Kim's husband, Paul Spatola, shares her enthusiasm, finding joy in the thought of their legacy contributing to BHSON. He witnessed firsthand the happiness and fulfillment BHSON brought to her. Kim stated they have found the process of arranging their bequest straightforward and secure through the online FreeWill tool, which they completed in just 20 minutes. She encourages others to use this efficient tool to plan and set up their future contributions to BHSON.

Kim believes that many donors working together can help cultivate a lasting legacy for BHSON, fostering a vibrant nursing community for the years to come by "planting the seed for the future garden."

With her gift, Kim becomes a member of the Rosa Field Society which honors the legacy of Rosa Field, an early benefactor of the school.

For more information about the Rosa Field Society, please contact Lisa Pedranti at 508-941-7187 or LPedranti@signature-healthcare.org.

For information regarding the FreeWill website, please go to www.FreeWill.com/SignatureHealthcare and/or giving@signature-healthcare.org.

New Donor Wall Recognizes Generous Donors

View the Virtual Display from Home

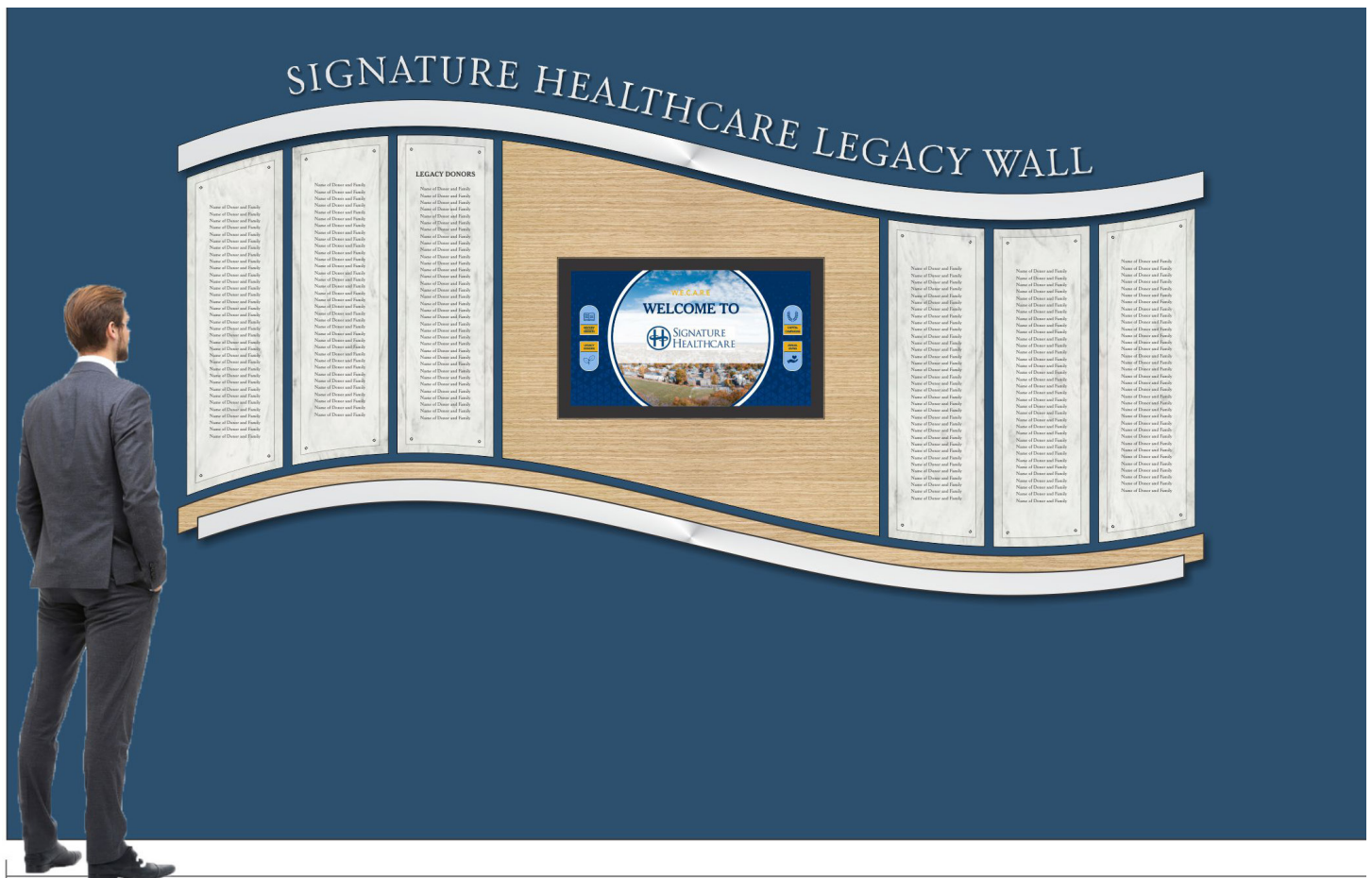
Signature Healthcare Brockton Hospital's new lobby will soon feature a modern and up-to-date donor wall to thank so many generous individuals and organizations who help us provide safe and exceptional care to our patients. The wall features both a "static" area for donors whose historical gifts reach the \$20,000 level and a virtual touch screen which highlights annual gifts of \$100 or more made to Signature Healthcare in the prior year.

The virtual display allows scrolling through a menu which includes Signature Healthcare's History, Mission and Values, Transformational Capital Initiatives, Annual Giving and Events, and the Brockton Hospital School of Nursing. New names can be added electronically by select staff offering an inexpensive and efficient way to update the donor list year after year.

The new donor wall is a tribute to the many individuals, businesses, foundations, and other grant sources demonstrating their belief in our mission. "Philanthropic support plays an important role in sustaining and enhancing current operations and developing new programs, services, and capital initiatives aimed at helping our patients get the best care possible," states Jeff Miller, CFRE, Vice President of Development for Signature Healthcare. "As a stand-alone healthcare network anchored by a safety-net hospital, this support is crucial. We are extremely grateful for the kindness of our many donors."

The new donor display is expected to be in place by year end.

The virtual wall can be viewed online now at <https://MySignatureCare.org/GivingWall>



New Nursing School Graduates Selected for Formal Residency Program at Brockton Hospital

With financial support from the Yawkey Foundation, nine graduates of Signature Healthcare's Brockton Hospital School of Nursing will be entering into the Nursing Residency Program at Signature Healthcare Brockton Hospital along with eight graduates of other schools including Curry College, Cape Cod Community College, and Quinnipiac University. The purpose of the program is to offer new graduates an opportunity for supervised nursing training as they rotate through various departments of the hospital and have access to specific lectures and training during the one-year residency period.

According to Barbie Malacaria, R.N., Associate Vice President of Nursing, the program is a win-win for newly graduating nurses and for the hospital. "By entering into our residency program, newly graduated nurses have the opportunity for advanced training during their first year of employment at Signature Healthcare Brockton Hospital. As they rotate through various hospital departments, they find what areas of nursing are of most interest to them. This is helpful for their future employment pathway," explains Malacaria. "It's also a great way for us to attract new nurses into our hospital and expose them to our highly acclaimed culture of quality and safety early in their career," she states.



From left to right, Allyson Cupka, Annalisa Rodrigues, Madelyn Tobin, Sarah Ferbert, Ryon Pratt, Rosetta Leclair, Jelani Toure, and Jocelyn Mendes (not pictured Emma Sampson).

Through grant funding from the Yawkey Foundation, new graduates from the Brockton Hospital School of Nursing receive a financial incentive for entering the program. Maureen Bleday, President of the Yawkey Foundation explains, "We are deeply committed to assisting Signature Healthcare Brockton Hospital and the students of the Brockton Hospital School of Nursing, which is housed at the Yawkey Center on the hospital campus. This program gives new graduates an opportunity to more quickly advance their nursing skills and helps the hospital to build and maintain a skilled nursing workforce."

There's no better time to give
THANKS

Thank you to everyone who has played a role in the reopening of Signature Healthcare Brockton Hospital!

Your continued support is essential to ensuring the delivery of safe and exceptional care to our community.

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Signature Events Support Patient Services

Because of you, the annual events offered by Signature Healthcare are providing much needed support for programs and services that directly impact our patients.

Champions Fighting Cancer Walk

Each year on the first Sunday in May, hundreds of walkers participate in the Champions Fighting Cancer Walk to honor loved ones who have lost their lives to cancer, to support those who are battling cancer, and to celebrate those who have survived. Teams decked out in tee-shirts in remembrance or support walk the 4.5-mile route from Brockton High School to Signature Healthcare Brockton Hospital. The walk culminates with live music, food, fun games for the kids, and a health fair for the adults.

In partnership with the Chrystine M. Sullivan Memorial Foundation, the Champions Walk supports cancer care at the Greene Cancer Center and several community cancer support charities adopted by the Chrystine M. Sullivan Memorial Foundation.

For information on assembling a team or supporting the 2025 Champions Fighting Cancer Walk, contact Valerie Flynn at vflynn@signature-healthcare.org or call 508-941-7179.



2024 Charity Golf Classic

Our annual Charity Golf Classic fundraiser was held on Monday, July 15, 2024. It was a fun day for all involved. Thank you to our generous sponsors and golfers who helped raise \$170,000 in support of the "Mission IMPossible" Campaign.

Auburn Construction Team placed 1st in the tournament. Team J. & M. Brown placed 2nd and Health Plans, Inc. Team placed 3rd.

Auburn Construction Team: Marc Bullio, Jeff Burke, Jon Cocker, and Angela Gallucci make a winning team!

2024 Falmouth Road Race

The race was held on Sunday, August 12, 2024. Twenty-six runners were part of the "Bringing Boston to Brockton" charity team to support patient care at the John, Steven and Caryl Greene Cancer Center. \$36,000 was raised. Thank you to all our runners and those who supported them!



2024 Team "Bringing Boston to Brockton."

2024 NYC Marathon

The marathon was held on Sunday, November 3, 2024, with a full team of six runners. Proceeds of this event support cancer care at the John, Steven and Caryl Greene Cancer Center. Over \$24,000 was raised by our "Bringing Boston to Brockton" charity team.

The above fundraisers are annual events. To participate or sponsor any of these events, please contact Valerie Flynn at VFlynn@signature-healthcare.org or 508-941-7179.

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Dedicated

Your Signature Moments is dedicated to the friends of Signature Healthcare whose contributions allow us to carry out our mission to be the leading community-based healthcare delivery system in Southeastern Massachusetts providing the full range of primary care, specialty care, hospital care, and related ancillary services on a coordinated basis. Signature Healthcare physicians and Signature Healthcare Brockton Hospital strive to be recognized as the “providers of choice” by staff, patients, and the community.

We strive to live by our vision statement:

To Provide Safe, Quality Care with Compassion ...That's Our Signature



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