

From the Executive Director - Nicholas J. Stahl, CFRE

Response to our first issue of *Why We Ask* was great, and we are pleased to provide this latest report of how gifts to the Hospital are making a tangible difference for our patients. As we look forward to the Hospital's 85th summer in service to our community, we remain, as always, thankful for the support that makes great things happen at the Hospital every day.

Annual Appeal 2010 Update

Each fall and spring we ask members of the local community to consider making a gift to our annual fund so that the hospital's mission, to compassionately provide a superior standard of community healthcare across generations, continues to be a reality.

Thanks to your support the annual fund has raised more than \$650,000 toward our 2010 goal of \$1.0 million. This year that money will be used to cover prioritized capital improvements which include:

- the development of an electronic medical record, so that secure information about a patient's care is available where needed, when needed;
- new imaging equipment for our pain management program;
- upgrades to the cardiac catheterization laboratory;
- the latest anesthesia technology for the operating room,
- substantial improvements in the delivery of healthcare services to our women patients, including: breast health, cardiac care, gastroenterology, obstetrics, and female adolescent health.

Paying Tribute

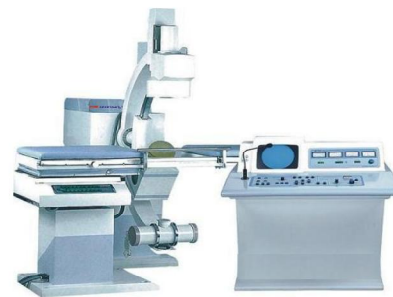
Some donors like to use their gift as an opportunity to pay tribute to a friend or family member. The names of memorialized individuals are displayed in our Angel Garden. The names of those honored and memorialized are published in our Tribute Journal. If you would like a copy of our most recent journal, please contact Nick or Ruth at (401) 348-2300.



What's a C-Arm and How Does it Help People?

A C-Arm is a highly complex piece of equipment which uses x-rays and produces a 'live' image feed which is displayed on a video monitor. A special component of the machine allows low intensity x-rays to be amplified, resulting in a smaller dose to the patient, with greater accuracy and safety.

Gifts to the Annual Fund in 2009 and 2010 have helped the Hospital acquire additional C-Arm capacity, which is used in a variety of surgical procedures. This includes the Hospital's growing Pain Management program, in which the C-Arm assists the physician in guiding needles through which pain medication can be most accurately delivered for the best results.



"I just wanted to let you know that I had the best experience ever having a procedure done yesterday. As you know, Dr. Hamburger, I've been going to Brigham & Women's Spine Clinic in Boston to have this done for the past seven years. Although the doctors at Brigham are great, you, along with Marilyn Garrison, showed true caring and made the whole experience so much easier. Today, I went back to work and put in a day with very little pain. This is remarkable. I have no skin pain - a first. So, I just wanted to thank you. I'm so glad you're at The Westerly Hospital."

One Size Fits None

When considering your estate plan, and documents like your will, it may be tempting to use some sort of a generic pre-printed form. If it's good enough for others, it'll be good enough for me. One size fits all. But, you are a unique individual, and there is no one with precisely the same estate holdings and wishes for disbursement. There is nothing to take the place of sitting down with an estate-planning attorney who has done this "a zillion" times and knows probate law thoroughly.





A qualified professional can ask questions that will prompt you to consider things you might not have thought of. Considering the importance of the distribution your lifelong assets, it makes sense to engage someone who has the experience and skills to cover every possibility. Where does one find a good estate-planning attorney? We have many locally and in the region. Talk to your friends. Ask for a recommendation from a trust officer at your bank or a trusted financial planner.

Write, email or call us at the Foundation for a copy of our free publication *Ways of Giving*.
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Resiliency and Character of Our Community

Although flood clean up efforts are still underway throughout the area and some still require assistance, the hardships experienced by many in our community have not only revealed the resiliency of our community, but the caring and generous character of our community, our civic leaders and all those who stepped forward to lend a helping hand to assist those in need during this historic flood. At The Westerly Hospital, as with other natural disasters, the flooding tested "the system" and revealed that the Hospital is prepared for such a disaster. At the very beginning of the crisis, the Incident Command team at The Westerly Hospital was set up to monitor local flood conditions and to begin planning for various scenarios should they occur. The administration and staff of The Westerly Hospital would like to extend a heartfelt thanks and kudos to all of these individuals, including area emergency management directors, police and fire personnel, local officials, state and federal officials, Red Cross staff, FEMA staff, Cox Communications employees, National Grid employees, and all of those countless volunteers and organizations who gave freely and willingly of their time, talent or treasure to help those in need during the flood.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

May	June	August	September
			
20, 21, 22 Designer Trunk Sale Thursday~ Saturday Stonington Velvet Mill	12 Ocean House Designer Showcase The Ocean House	19 85 th Anniversary Founders Society & Cornerstone Society Reception	27 22nd Annual Benefit Golf Tournament Stonington Country Club

For further information on any of these events or articles in this newsletter please contact Nick Stahl, 401-348-2300, nstahl@westerlyhospital.org

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