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Gifts and commitments to Emerson Health Care Foundation totaled $3.3 million this past fiscal year. Over $1.1 million of those dollars were donated to the Annual Appeal, and those unrestricted gifts are critical to the daily operations of the Hospital. The remainder of the giving was directed toward a variety of important capital, endowed and memorial funds.

Every day, miracles happen at Emerson Hospital. There are so many stories from doctors, patients and families who have experienced Emerson’s personalized brand of patient care. We share four such stories with you in the pages that follow.

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Denise and Eric Haartz (left), celebrate with Mary and Bob Kemp (right) during the Auxiliary Pops Concert fundraising event held last spring. The event raised $6,565 for Emerson Hospital.
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Steve Verrill (right) is happy to pose with Disney’s Princess Belle (Emma Romanso) during the Verrill Farm Harvest Festival in Concord. Proceeds from the event benefitted pediatric programs at Emerson Hospital.
Hundreds of children and their families enjoyed this wonderful seasonal event.

Brothers David (2 years old) and Alex (5 years old) McGonigle proudly display their cookie decorating skills at the Verrill Farm Harvest Festival in October.
The Emerson Hospital Auxiliary held their 16th annual Golf Tournament at Nashawtuc Country Club in September. These combined events have raised more than $1M in donations for hospital programs. (left to right) Kevin Kane, SVP and Debb Colony, VP from Middlesex Savings Bank, Emerson Hospital President and CEO Christine Schuster, Haywood Schmidt, CEO Axenics, Inc. and Robert Nardella, CPA, Partner Nardella & Taylor
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A robust endowment helps ensure the financial well being of Emerson Hospital and the continued delivery of high quality health care for future generations. Since the hospital’s founding in 1911, many donors have contributed to its endowment.

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ANJUM BUTTE, MD, CHOSE A FIELD THAT IS EVER-CHANGING

Few fields are as dynamic as cardiology, which is continually being shaped by research that leads to new, improved medications and procedures. It keeps cardiologists on their toes, says Anjum Butte, MD. “The entire field is ever-changing. The things I trained in, such as early interventional procedures, are obsolete now.”

Her parents encouraged her to do something important. “They said I needed to make a difference to society,” she says. “I was always attracted to science, and I liked challenges. By the time I was 16, I knew I wanted to go to medical school. I also knew that heart disease is the most prevalent health problem in the world.”

Cardiology advances have come quickly. “We have so many tools now—more medications, as well as stents, pacemakers and defibrillators,” she notes.

On the other hand, practicing cardiology can be humbling. “We don’t really know, at the cellular level, what causes coronary disease. We have identified risk factors, and we know how to modify them. However, I have patients who have every possible risk factor, and their coronary arteries are clean as a whistle. These are rare, lucky people.”

Dr. Butte initially thought she would remain at an academic center but decided to establish a private practice. “I like taking comprehensive care of my patients, rather than having trainees involved,” she says. “I like the relationships that develop from taking care of them. My professional satisfaction comes from managing my patients the right way, like the man who is back to running in marathons since I inserted a coronary stent.”

Dr. Butte, mother of three, including two sons now out of college, lives in Sudbury with her husband and 15-year-old daughter. She joined the Emerson medical staff 18 years ago and is pleased with the changes that have occurred since then. “The facility itself is very good,” she says, “and our affiliations with other hospitals work well. If I need to arrange for a patient to be seen at one of our affiliates, I can get them in right away. Of course, most of our patients don’t need to go anywhere else.”

Day to day, Emerson is a hospital that works well, she notes. “There’s good teamwork here. If my patient needs to have a cardiac test performed, it gets done today, and I review it today. In other hospitals, it can be difficult to get things done quickly.”

Dr. Butte gives generously to Emerson. “I feel this is my home,” she says. “It’s very important to me that the hospital does well. Emerson is a great place, and we have a wonderful community. I’m proud to be on the Emerson medical staff.”

“I support Emerson because I feel this is my home. I’m proud to be on the medical staff; it’s very important to me that the hospital does well.”
Rich and Maria Churchill have always considered Emerson to be a community hospital worthy of their trust. Like many couples, the Concord residents made numerous trips to Emerson’s Emergency Department over the years when their children were sick or injured.

“It was convenient to have a hospital with great services nearby,” says Mr. Churchill, who formerly worked in private equity. The Churchills own, and Mrs. Churchill runs, The Cottage, an interior design and home furnishings store in Concord.

Over time, the Churchills’ connection with Emerson deepened. “As our parents aged, I’ve come to see the hospital differently,” he says. “My mother, mother-in-law and aunt have all been cared for at Emerson.”

Mr. Churchill was especially impressed with the care his mother received at the Mass General Cancer Center at Emerson Hospital-Bethke. “We developed an intimate relationship with my mother’s providers, who were always caring and professional,” he recalls. “I was very touched by the experience. Emerson became much more special to me.”

His appreciation has grown since then. “A lot of people—not just my family—have benefited from Emerson. There’s a time and a place for academic medical centers, but for the majority of the care we need, Emerson fits the bill. A community hospital of such quality is an incredible asset. That is why we regard Emerson as a special philanthropic opportunity.”

The Churchills have supported the hospital’s galas, Annual Appeal and special fundraising initiatives, including Project SCORE, a major facility renovation and expansion, and the cancer center campaign, which funded critical facility improvements. Mr. Churchill was invited to join the hospital board in 2009 and is an enthusiastic member.

“I’ve learned there is nothing as complex as a hospital. There are so many different constituencies to consider. I give Chris Schuster and her team a lot of credit; from year to year, they can’t count on the same revenues. As a result, they must continually reinvent the wheel.” Mr. Churchill now chairs the board’s Finance Committee. He formerly served on the board and as treasurer at both Concord Academy and Nashoba Brooks School.

Health care is on everyone’s radar screen today, he says. “There are implications from the Affordable Care Act, Massachusetts legislation aimed at containing costs and the ongoing hospital consolidation across the state.

“In the midst of all that, I think area residents are catching on that Emerson is much more than a community hospital,” says Mr. Churchill. “People used to go to Boston to have a baby. I’m happy to say that my daughter delivered her first child at Emerson. She had a great experience.”

“A community hospital of such quality is an incredible asset. We have deep appreciation for the way Emerson delivers care.”
Jeanne Kangas grew up in a family that encouraged public service and volunteerism. Her father, Avery W. Steele, was a three-term state representative, and her mother was a “Pink Lady”—the nickname given to early hospital volunteers—at Emerson. “As a member of the Emerson Hospital Auxiliary and as a Pink Lady, she did whatever was needed, including bringing bedpans to patients,” says Ms. Kangas, who absorbed her parents’ lessons. She was the first female selectman in Boxborough, where some of her forebears settled in 1783, and has held numerous roles at Emerson, beginning in 1993 as a corporator. Today, Ms. Kangas serves as co-chair of the Corporator Executive Committee.

“The corporator role has changed a lot since I joined,” notes Ms. Kangas, who founded Arnold & Kangas, a law firm that focuses on probate and family law, mediation and motor vehicle and criminal cases, in 1981. “The goal now is more involvement—that is, for corporators to have more opportunities to share their skills and talent. Emerson has benefited from this.” She has been generous in sharing her considerable energy, skills and talent.

Corporators also are expected to support Emerson financially, something to which Ms. Kangas is committed. She is a long-time hospital donor who has served on the Emerson Health Care Foundation Board, including as its Annual Appeal Committee chair. “I tell people ‘sooner or later, you will be at Emerson.’ The hospital’s job is to make sure we are provided with the best care. They are doing that—with outstanding facilities and technology, as well as affiliations with various Boston hospitals. But the hospital needs the support of the citizenry. Emerson can’t do it alone.”

Ms. Kangas, who had all four of her children at Emerson, was a patient at Emerson last year. She saw several familiar faces. “An old friend who volunteers at the hospital pushed my wheelchair,” she recalls. That is what happens when you’ve lived in the community for much of your life.

“I was born and raised in Boxborough, as my father was, and his father was—on and on,” says Ms. Kangas, who continues to live on a portion of the first Steele Farm, where she grew up riding horses with her identical twin sister, including at local parades and rodeos. “These days, I play golf, hike the Berkshire Hills, bicycle a little and kayak.”

The little town she knows so well has experienced steady growth. “Boxborough used to have more cows than people; the reverse is true today.” She is on the board of the Boxborough Conservation Trust and a member of the Steele Farm Advisory Committee.

She acknowledges that many talented people have moved to Boxborough. “That’s very good, because you need a lot of volunteers to run a town,” says Ms. Kangas. “Many hands make light work.”

“Emerson is a philanthropic priority for me. I tell people ‘sooner or later, you will be at Emerson.’ The hospital deserves and needs your support.”
ROD SPARROW AND FAMILY HAVE A DEEP CONNECTION WITH EMERSON

There are ways to give that are especially meaningful, such as the two initiatives at Emerson funded by Rod Sparrow. He says each felt “just right” to him from the beginning, and each has had an enduring, positive impact.

When Mr. Sparrow’s wife, Debbie, died of breast cancer in 2010, he knew he wanted to do something in her memory. “Debbie mentioned how important the nurses were as she was facing chemotherapy and later, as her situation became more difficult,” recalls Mr. Sparrow, a Bolton resident who is owner and president of Leaktite Corporation, a family business established in 1945. “Focusing on the nurses seemed like a natural.”

The family, including his two daughters, Tobey (left) and Stacey (right), established the Deborah Sparrow Nursing Education Fund, which promotes leadership development among outstanding Emerson nursing staff. “We’ve worked closely with Joyce Welsh on the initiative,” says Mr. Sparrow, in reference to Emerson’s chief nursing officer, who collaborated with the Organization of Nurse Leaders to develop a leadership course. “So far, five Emerson nurses have been selected for a scholarship to attend the course, and many more will participate. We want the program to flourish.”

The Sparrows made an additional gift to the Mass General Cancer Center at Emerson Hospital-Bethke initiative that conveys their gratitude for the care Mrs. Sparrow received throughout her radiation treatments. The “night sky” mural of twinkling stars on the ceiling above the linear accelerator replicates a planetarium and is intended to relax patients during treatment. The nearby plaque reads:

When you wish upon a star—
The “night sky” given in loving memory of Debbie Curtis Sparrow by her family—
Rod, Tobey and Stacey.

“We became very close to the staff in radiation oncology,” Mr. Sparrow explains. “They are fabulous.”

The Sparrows have a strong connection with Emerson. “As a family, we’ve spent so much time there,” he notes. “Our daughters were born at Emerson and so were our three grandchildren. We have so many good memories, along with the sad ones.”

Mr. Sparrow became an Emerson corporator in 2011 and was asked to join the Emerson Health Care Foundation board a year later. He says he has come to understand the hospital’s need for philanthropic support. “My eyes have been opened,” he says. “I tell people: we can’t take Emerson for granted.

“It’s such a good hospital that you don’t miss a beat by going to Emerson for your care. When you have a place like Emerson in your community, you have to cherish it and work hard to keep it.”

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Dr. David Rose, Christine Cournoyer and Dr. Vlassis Travia (left to right) enjoy a moment together at the Emerson Hospital Annual Meeting held at the Westford Regency last January.
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Jay and Judy Keyes care deeply about Concord and Emerson Hospital

PLANNED GIVING RESULTS IN BENEFITS to those who make the gift and to the organization that will receive it. Jay and Judy Keyes know this, which is why the couple, who live in Concord, recently made a second unrestricted planned gift to Emerson. The hospital will be able to apply the Keyes’s gifts where the funds are needed most.

Their charitable gift annuity again resulted in an immediate income tax deduction and is producing lifetime fixed quarterly payments. It is an arrangement that just makes sense, says Mr. Keyes, who served as chairman of Boston Financial Group until his retirement.

“The tax incentives associated with a charitable annuity are considerable and should not be ignored," he notes. “If you have a highly appreciated stock that is not paying any dividend, you can make a gift of it at its market value, avoiding taxation and gaining an income stream. Making our first charitable gift annuity to Emerson was a good decision, which is why we made another.”

The Keyes’s are cultural enthusiasts. Mrs. Keyes served as chair of the Ladies Committee at the Museum of Fine Arts (MFA) and for 27 years was an MFA gallery instructor. She is also a lifetime member of the Emerson Hospital Auxiliary.

Mr. Keyes has a long-standing interest in conservation and is involved with the Trustees of Reservations, New England Forestry Foundation and the Concord Land Conservation Trust. He feels the same way about history, notably that of Ralph Waldo Emerson. Through his position on the board of the Ralph Waldo Emerson Memorial Association and involvement with the Concord Trails Committee, Mr. Keyes helped establish the Emerson-Thoreau Amble in 2013. The walk from Concord center to Walden Pond was made many times by Mr. Emerson and Henry David Thoreau.

Because Mr. and Mrs. Keyes care deeply about Concord, they appreciate Emerson Hospital and the high-quality care provided there. “I’ve met such wonderful staff there—especially the nurses,” says Mrs. Keyes. “The care is so very good and delivered with skill and warmth.”

It has inspired the couple to support the hospital, adds Mr. Keyes. “We give to Emerson because, living in Concord, we’re so fortunate to have such an excellent hospital, with such caring and warm-hearted professionals, close by.”
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