

Your Support Could Save and Improve the Lives of People in Crisis



Elizabeth Bauman

Elizabeth Bauman and Luke Gullick, and the Bauman Family Foundation, recently announced a generous \$100,000 commitment towards the **Together We Can** - Behavioral Health fundraising goal of \$250,000. This is their second gift to the campaign, as they previously contributed \$150,000 for the Falzone Center expansion and renovation. Elizabeth and Luke invite the community to join them in supporting the campaign to help children and adults facing mental health crises. One of Exeter Hospital and Core Physicians' newest initiatives to provide mental healthcare services is the introduction of a Consultative Psychiatrist.

Core Physicians and Exeter Hospital recently created the new position of Consultative Psychiatrist for inpatient care, and are pleased to welcome Sarah Slocum, MD in this role. Dr. Slocum is board certified in both Adult Psychiatry and Consultation-Liaison Psychiatry, which is the study of psychiatric illness in medically ill patients. This can include the care of patients experiencing mental health issues such as delirium from an acute illness, or patients with an existing mental illness who have come in for medical care. Dr. Slocum will be providing psychiatric consultations for patients in Exeter Hospital's inpatient beds who are experiencing either of these conditions. When needed, Dr. Slocum then works with Exeter Hospital's social work team to make appropriate referrals for care when the patient is discharged.



Sarah Slocum, MD

"Psychiatric illnesses are among the most common diagnoses for people today," says Dr. Slocum. "While there is an increased incidence of mental health needs in our community, as is the case across the country, these conditions are often under recognized and undertreated, resulting in long term health consequences. By creating a more robust consultative service, we can improve diagnosis and management within the hospital, which helps set the patient up for a better outpatient treatment plan."

You can help us expand critical mental healthcare services by donating to the **Together We Can capital campaign.**

To donate today and learn more, visit unitedinwellness.org.

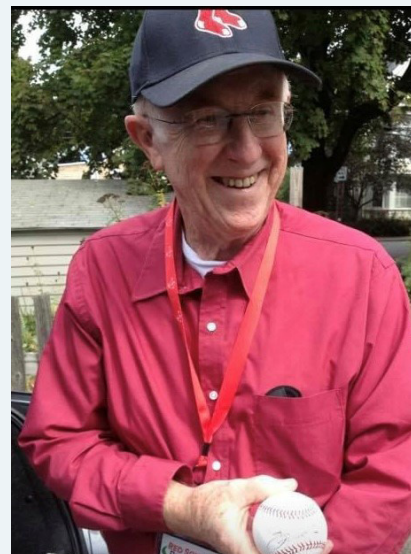


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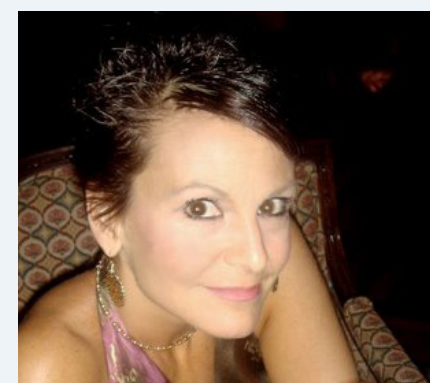
Paving the Way

Donate soon to reserve one of the limited commemorative pavers that will be part of the two gardens by the new main entrance of the Michael and Jeanne Falzone Center for Cancer Care. In recognition of your gift of \$1,500, you may personalize a paver in honor or memory of a loved one; for \$2,500, you may dedicate two pavers. Two recent donors shared the story behind their pavers:

Nancy Pailles: "My family donated because my dad, Brian Pailles lost his battle with pancreatic cancer very young and my step-dad, Pat Callahan, lost a battle with leukemia in 2018. I had recurrent breast cancer and received great care in the oncology and radiology departments at Exeter. Cancer impacts so many families and my family is appreciative of the great care I received right in my own community. It is a relief to have excellent care and expertise so close to home."



Patrick "Pat" Callahan



Anne-Marie Viviano

Carrie Shaw: "I am pleased to be sponsoring a paver in memory of my sister, Anne-Marie Viviano. My sister was and continues to be a daily inspiration in my life. Her strength, courage, absolute joy and love for life, along with a passion for helping others as she founded **The Beyond**

the Rainbow Fund, continue to this day to touch the lives of so many. I am beyond blessed to be her sister. Sponsoring a paver in her memory helps us continue to honor her and her legacy, as well as the beautiful life she lived."



Celebrating 125 years of caring for our community

Our newsletter will soon be coming to you by email!



The Together We Can Campaign Cabinet, United in Wellness Leadership Advisory Board and staff at a recent tour of Exeter Hospital's Michael and Jeanne Falzone Center for Cancer Care.

Michael and Jeanne Falzone Center for Cancer Care Taking Shape

It is exciting to see daily progress as the renovations are well underway to expand and improve our home for state-of-the-art cancer care. The roof was completed in September, the exterior walls have been constructed and the team is creating the interior space including walls, ceiling, doors, windows, and flooring. Our patients and staff are happy knowing that by mid-January, we will occupy a new lobby and reception area and be able to treat patients in a new infusion suite. The new space

will have many windows overlooking beautiful gardens. These renovations, part of Exeter Hospital's **Together We Can** capital campaign, increase the size of the Michael and Jeanne Falzone Center for Cancer Care by approximately 30%. Larger infusion bays allow patients to bring a loved one for support, and the new corridors are wider, allowing for easier ambulation. The layout is more modern, spacious and efficient.

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The 10th Annual Trick or Treat Trot 5K & United In Wellness Cancer Walk Was Dedicated to the Memory of Beloved Community Leader, James S. Dill

This year's 10th anniversary Trick or Treat Trot 5K & United in Wellness Cancer Walk, held on Sunday, October 30th, was dedicated to the memory of James S. (Jim) Dill of Stratham. His personal battle with cancer ended in June of 2021, but his impact on the communities of the Seacoast won't be forgotten.

Jim grew up in Bow, NH. He attended New Hampshire College, where he played on the soccer team and met his wife Christine. The couple celebrated 31 years of marriage together, raising their sons, Brandon and Tyler, in Stratham.

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Brandon, Jim and Tyler Dill

World-Class Pediatric Care Close to Home

A talk with Michelle Savoie, MSN, RN, NE-BC, Senior Director of Acute Care Services



Michelle Savoie

How is Exeter Hospital delivering a higher level of pediatric care right here in this community?

We have a relationship with Mass General for Children, which brings pediatric hospitalists onsite at Exeter Hospital 24/7. These specialized pediatricians care for children in our Emergency Department (ED) as well as pediatric inpatients, and assess newborns in our Family Center.

How do the hospital staff – doctors, nurses, and other providers – feel about having these Mass General for Children doctors here?

The Mass General pediatricians are truly an integral part of our team. We are at the two year anniversary of this partnership, and we cannot imagine not having pediatric hospitalists onsite. They add a level of expertise in pediatric care. If there is a child who may need specialty care, they can consult by phone with their contacts at Mass General to either develop a care plan or make a referral if needed.

In the ED, where we are always incredibly busy, the staff and providers feel better supported. They know if they have a critical pediatric patient, the pediatric hospitalists are right there to help. In the Family Center, if there is a baby who needs support, the Mass General pediatricians can jump in with their expertise.



Mass General for Children pediatrician, Rifat Zaman, MD (in purple) with Family Center nurses and staff.

What would you say to community members about how important their donations are to this program?

The benefits of this program to our community are many. Pediatric care in small community hospitals is going extinct – it's hard to maintain the costs and clinicians to provide that level of care. While other hospitals are sending children to Boston or other big cities, we are committed to providing high level care in our own community. We don't want families to have to travel, especially during a medical emergency - we want to care for our children right here.

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Welcoming Breast Surgeon Dr. Rong Tang

Core General Surgery in Exeter is pleased to welcome Rong Tang, MD, a fellowship-trained breast surgeon with expansive women's health expertise, including residencies in plastic surgery and obstetrics and gynecology. Her fellowship in breast surgery was completed at Massachusetts General Hospital.



Rong Tang, MD

"I have always had a passion for women's healthcare," says Dr. Tang. "My areas of clinical expertise include nipple-sparing mastectomies, skin-sparing mastectomies, lumpectomy margins, benign breast disease management, and the use of Enhanced Recovery After Surgery protocols that decrease post-operative pain and recovery time. My special interests also include utilizing plastic surgery techniques to improve cosmetic outcomes

while achieving optimal oncologic goals. In addition to breast surgery, I am also passionate about gynecologic and obstetric care for breast cancer survivors."

As a breast surgeon, Dr. Tang will work closely with the oncology team of Exeter Hospital's Michael and Jeanne Falzone Center for Cancer Care. The Center's radiation oncologists and medical oncologists/hematologists, as well as nurse practitioners, are Massachusetts General Hospital Cancer Center providers who work onsite in Exeter. All breast cancer patients receive care through a multi-disciplinary clinic, which brings together a collaborative team of physicians and specialists to review each patient's case and provide a collective plan for the best course of treatment. Dr. Tang is a member of the full oncology surgery team at Core Physicians, including specialists in the areas of gastroenterology, urology, thoracic/lung, and ears, nose and throat.

For more information about our surgical team, visit corephysicians.org. For information about cancer care, visit exeterhospital.com/cancer.

Michael Falzone: Remembering in Gratitude

The Exeter Hospital community is deeply saddened by the passing of Michael Falzone in August 2022. Michael, along with his wife Jeanne, made a historic gift of one million dollars to the *Together We Can* capital campaign last year to support the renovation and expansion of Exeter Hospital's Center for Cancer Care. Due to the momentous impact of this gift, the Board of Directors voted to rename the Center the "Michael and Jeanne Falzone Center for Cancer Care". Michael had a successful and distinguished career on Wall Street, having worked at First Boston, other firms and ultimately heading up the Boston office of Jones and Associates. It was there that he met and married the love of his life, Jeanne, and together they built a life filled with love, family, friends, travel, community and generosity. They resided in North Hampton since 2000. He was a devoted communicant of St. Theresa Church in Rye Beach and a deeply spiritual person throughout his life. In his battle with cancer, Michael spent many hours in treatment and together Jeanne and Michael endowed Exeter Hospital with their generous gift to be used toward creating a state-of-the-art facility with a spacious, comfortable, calming, and healing environment. The Exeter Hospital community will remember Michael with deep gratitude for his and Jeanne's generosity. His legacy of empathy and compassion will serve the community for decades to come.

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They enjoyed spending time on Nantucket island, where Christine was born, and on their adventures traveling the world.

Jim was a highly respected business leader and worked for 17 years at Lindt USA, most recently serving as Vice President of Sales. "Jim was a true inspiration to our organization and will be remembered as an incredible professional, leader, and friend to us all," said Daniel Studer, Lindt Group Management (Former President and CEO, Lindt USA).

Jim's love of sports fit perfectly with his dedication to his sons' busy lives. He always made sure he could be at important events in their lives and loved his time coaching youth sports. Jim continued playing competitive soccer in his adult life and became a devoted runner, competing in nine marathons. "For over 30 years, my dad was a big part of the community. He coached all of our teams growing up. A family man, super-selfless, he always put others before himself," said Brandon Dill, Jim's oldest son. "He made a positive impact on so many people's lives."

When Jim was diagnosed with stage 4 esophageal cancer, he and his family turned to Exeter Hospital for care. "Thankfully, Exeter Hospital sprang right into action," said Brandon. "I can't say enough good things about the whole team at Exeter."

While Jim was undergoing treatments, he was able to be with his family and continue to work, in part because of the proximity of his care team at Exeter Hospital's Michael and Jeanne Falzone Center for Cancer Care. "My dad said, 'If I had to go to Boston 3-5 times a week, I don't know if I would have done it,'" according to Brandon. "The whole time, he kept working," said Brandon. "He even went to the office dressed up as a Pilgrim and handed out turkeys to the team, even though he was in the middle of chemo."

Jim's leadership and personal commitment to supporting important causes, particularly healthcare in the Seacoast, helped make the Trick or Treat Trot 5K & United in Wellness Cancer Walk especially important to him. "It is so fitting that this year's event has been dedicated to the memory of Jim Dill," said Davis Farmer, chair of the *Together We Can* campaign. "Honoring Jim has reminded many people of the strength and commitment we have in our community, and how important it is for all of us to help each other, and work together. He truly personified the spirit of 'Together We Can'."

"It's so inspiring that the Trick or Treat Trot has been dedicated to my dad. It combines all of the things he loved—helping others, running, and dressing up for special occasions," said Brandon. "Everyone who participated or contributed is helping build on the things I know he valued and will help make life better for everyone in our community."

Learn more at unitedinwellness.org

Trotting Toward Expanded Healthcare for our Community

This year's 10th annual Jim Dill Memorial Trick or Treat Trot 5K & United in Wellness Cancer Walk was back in person on the Exeter Hospital campus this year, with an option to participate virtually. More than 560 people participated in this fun, Halloween themed event, and this was our most successful fundraising event to date, raising money to support cancer, pediatric and mental healthcare services at Exeter Hospital through the *Together We Can* campaign. The event was also supported by a record-breaking number of sponsors, including title sponsor Emanuel Engineering and premium sponsors Lindt and Humana. This year's event was dedicated to the memory of Jim Dill of Stratham - a leader, coach, mentor, colleague, and inspiration to many.



The Radiation Oncology team had a birthday theme for their costumes this year.

It's not too late to donate! You can support the *Together We Can* campaign in the area of your choice - cancer, pediatric or mental healthcare services, or supporting Exeter Hospital's healthcare heroes. Learn more at unitedinwellness.org.

Michael and Jeanne Falzone Center for Cancer Care Taking Shape

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The spacious new reception area will welcome both radiation and medical oncology patients.

On October 19th the first group of donors, staff and grateful patients toured the new spaces currently under construction and were impressed and thrilled to see the progress and the promise of what the new and expanded Falzone Center will offer patients, families and the community.

After January, renovations will continue to improve radiation oncology and also expand the clinic space in medical oncology with final completion later in 2023.

Your donation during this final phase of the capital campaign will help us complete this much-needed renovation to bring our physical space up to the same level of excellence as the care we provide. Learn more and donate at unitedinwellness.org.



E. William Johnson, MD, MPH (right) with *Together We Can* campaign donors Jerilyn and David Brownell.

"I'm cancer free...it's because we have the people, the doctors, the nurses, the facilities right here in our backyard. Right here. And the more we can do to support this facility, this organization, the doctors and nurses and all the staff, the better off all of us are in the Seacoast."

- Dave Brownell, who was among the first group of donors, staff and grateful patients to tour the expansion of the Michael and Jeanne Falzone Center for Cancer Care. In recognition of the Brownells' significant donation to the *Together We Can* campaign, the Geritourinary Multidisciplinary Clinic will be named in their honor.



Jeanne Falzone (center) with John Capron (left), dear friend of the late Michael Falzone, and *Together We Can* champion Paul Bamford on the recent tour of the Falzone Center.



The addition to the Center is taking shape. This new space will house our larger infusion bays with windows that look onto tiered gardens.

There are still some naming opportunities available. For more information, email advancement@ehr.org or call 603-580-6668.



"And they're off!" More than 560 people participated in this year's event, many dressed in costumes for the spirit of Halloween.