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Bristol Hospital Unveils Renderings And Plans For New Beekley Center For Breast Health & Wellness

BRISTOL, Conn.—Bristol Hospital and Health Care Group Inc, unveiled artist renderings and details of its new Beekley Center for Breast Health and Wellness, at a ground-breaking ceremony on Tuesday, May 14.

The new, 6,100-square-foot center—which will offer patients comprehensive breast care and wellness in a spa-like setting—is scheduled to open in late summer. The Beekley Center for Breast Health & Wellness will be built in the former laboratory and pharmacy space on Level C of Bristol Hospital. ACG North America Inc, Building Contractors is overseeing the design and construction of the Beekley Center for Breast Health & Wellness.



“We are fulfilling a need in the community with this beautiful new breast center,” said Kurt A. Barwis, FACHE, president and CEO of Bristol Hospital and Health Care Group Inc. “Our vision is to provide the very best care in a calm and soothing environment. This would not be possible without the generous support of the Beekley Corporation and Family Foundation, and other community donors.”

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The Beekley Corporation and Family Foundation made a \$1 million naming gift to the breast center project, reinforcing their commitment to the health and well-being of the Greater Bristol community. A team of stakeholders consisting of community breast cancer survivors, medical staff, and other Bristol Hospital and Beekley employees had significant input into the design and layout of the center, and visited other breast centers in the region to gather information.

“We are proud and excited to be so involved in this important project,” said Ayn S. LaPlant, president and CEO, Beekley Corporation. “The Beekley Corporation has been a long-time supporter of Bristol Hospital’s Community Breast Health Project, which provides free access to life-saving mammograms for those in need, so being a major supporter of the new breast health center was just the next natural step for us.”

In addition to the finest medical components available, the breast health center will include such soothing features as a water wall, cool colors, and special lighting, all aimed at making patients feel at ease. Each patient will have a nurse navigator who will assist with appointments and other details of their treatment.

Also at the event, Kurt Barwis introduced the center’s newly-appointed breast surgeon Sai Varanasi, MD. Dr. Varanasi comes to Bristol Hospital from the Hudson Valley Medical Group in Cortlandt Manor, NY. She completed her surgical oncology fellowship at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center and her surgical residency at the State University of New York Health Science Center at Brooklyn, NY.