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## **\$15 Million Gift Will Build New, State-Of-The-Art Patient Pavilion at Norwalk Hospital**

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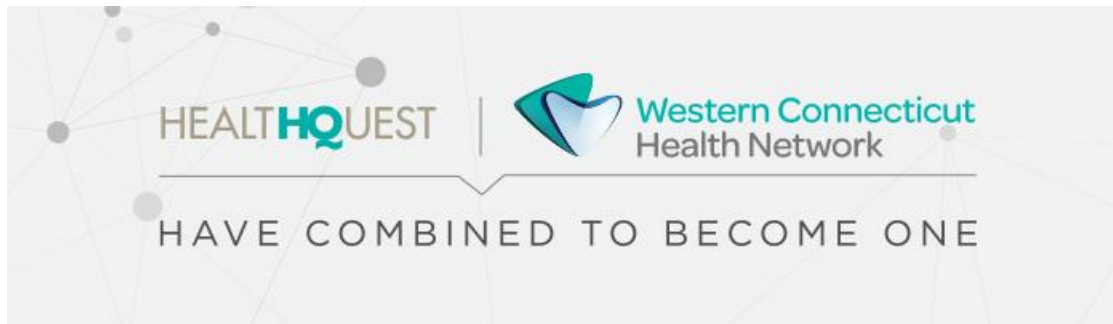
NORWALK, Connecticut, April 29, 2019 — Norwalk Hospital Foundation announced the receipt of a \$15 million gift toward a major expansion of Norwalk Hospital. The donation from long-time supporters and benefactors George and Carol Bauer of Wilton, Connecticut will support the construction of a new state-of-the-art Patient Pavilion.

The Patient Pavilion is the largest expansion in Norwalk Hospital's 126 year history and will bring cutting-edge critical care, surgical, women, and pediatric facilities and services to Fairfield County, Connecticut.

"We could not be more appreciative of Mr. and Mrs. Bauer's remarkably generous gift to Norwalk Hospital. Their leadership and commitment to Norwalk Hospital over the past 30 years has allowed us to provide innovative medical care close to home for Fairfield County residents," said John M. Murphy, president and CEO of Western Connecticut Health Network (WCHN). "We are dedicated to making investments in people, facilities, programs, and services to advance the caliber and scope of care we provide our patients. This transformative gift from the Bauers will allow us to do just that in Norwalk."

"Speaking on behalf of our entire family and our foundation, it is our honor to support Norwalk Hospital as it prepares to care for the next generation of community members," said Mrs. Bauer. "Many of the special services housed within the Patient Pavilion are near and dear to our hearts. We welcome the opportunity to help Norwalk Hospital provide patients with high-quality medical care well into the future, and we invite others to join us in this most critical effort."

The Patient Pavilion at Norwalk Hospital will be a seven floor, 200,000 square-foot tower. This contemporary facility will feature patient-centered amenities and advanced clinical facilities and programs, including intensive care and step down units, a medical-surgical unit for inpatient and outpatient surgical procedures, and an inpatient pediatric unit.



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The Patient Pavilion will also include a comprehensive Center for Women and Children with a first-class labor and delivery space, nursery, neonatal intensive care unit (NICU), and enhanced pediatric specialties.

The private patient rooms were designed to enhance comfort, safety, and privacy and will include new technologies to increase diagnostic and treatment capabilities.

"We are eternally grateful to Mr. and Mrs. Bauer for their inspirational gift," said Peter R. Cordeau, president of Norwalk Hospital. "Mr. and Mrs. Bauer's incredible generosity has helped so many people at Norwalk Hospital throughout the years. They are truly changing and saving lives by supporting Norwalk Hospital as we evolve to not only meet but exceed the health care needs of the communities we serve."

The Norwalk Hospital Patient Pavilion is expected to break ground next year and open in 2022.

**About George and Carol Bauer**

The Bauers are among Norwalk Hospital's most loyal supporters, having first contributed to Norwalk Hospital in 1987. Since then, their philanthropic gifts have helped to establish The Bauer Emergency Care Center, Jeffrey Peter Bauer Newborn Intensive Care Unit, and the Carol Bauer Nursing Scholarship. The Jeffrey Peter Bauer Newborn Intensive Care Unit was named in memory of their son who passed away shortly after his birth.

Not only have the Bauers invested their resources in Norwalk Hospital to advance programs and services, they contribute time as dedicated volunteers. Mrs. Bauer has volunteered at Norwalk Hospital for 40 years and is currently the on-call chaplain for maternal health and child care.

Mrs. Bauer has also served as a Norwalk Hospital Trustee for almost 20 years. She was the first woman elected chairman of the board, and in 2012 she was the recipient of the prestigious Healthcare Hero Award from the Connecticut Hospital Association. Most recently, Norwalk Hospital honored Mrs. Bauer with the Founders' Award, which recognizes exceptional members of the community whose caring and influence are both life-changing and transformational.



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Mr. Bauer, a respected executive who spent more than 30 years with IBM, has served as a member of the Norwalk Hospital Board of Trustees, the Norwalk Hospital Board as Treasurer, and WCHN Board of Directors.

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**About Norwalk Hospital**

[Norwalk Hospital](#) is a premier, patient-centered healthcare organization. Established in 1893 by our devoted community, Norwalk Hospital was built for the people they continue to serve in western Connecticut and adjacent New York. The 325-bed hospital is a place where patients always come first, and where our talented, compassionate staff takes pride in keeping people well. For 126 years, Norwalk Hospital has grown to not only meet but exceed the healthcare needs of the community. Norwalk Hospital recently earned America's Best Hospitals, America's Best Hospitals for Pulmonary Care, Gastrointestinal Care Excellence, and Stroke Care Excellence recognitions for demonstrating superior clinical outcomes. Norwalk Hospital is part of Western Connecticut Health Network (WCHN). WCHN and Health Quest have combined to form a new nonprofit health system. The name for the new health system will be Nuvance Health (pronounced NEW-vance). To learn more about Nuvance Health, visit our [website](#).

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