Bridgeport Hospital donates house for use by young families

Bridgeport, CT (Dec. 9, 2016) – A 1 pm ceremony is planned for Friday, Dec. 16, to mark Bridgeport Hospital’s donation of a two-story vacant house at 1534 Seaview Avenue, near the corner of Williston Street, to the Bridgeport Neighborhood Trust (BNT).

Bridgeport Hospital acquired the house in 2012 as part of its ongoing commitment to neighborhood improvement along the Seaview Avenue corridor, a major thoroughfare between I-95 and the hospital main campus.

“We applaud BNT for the work they have done throughout Bridgeport, including recent work in the East End,” said Pamela Scagliarini, Bridgeport Hospital’s chief operating officer. “Through collaborations like this one, we can accomplish so much more together.”

The hospital has had an ongoing relationship with BNT, also donating a two-story house on Bell Street in 2011 used as a temporary lead-safe home for children undergoing treatment for lead poisoning and their families.

BNT plans to renovate the house at 1534 Seaview Avenue, creating four apartments on the second floor for young adults with children and retail or community space for renters on the first floor.

Other community partners in the project include TD Bank, Corporation for Supportive Housing and Eversource.

“The renovations will add to improvements already done along Seaview Avenue,” said Elizabeth Torres, BNT’s chief executive officer. “More importantly, the corner of Seaview and Williston will be transformed into what it was many years ago – a beautiful historic home that will provide young families with beautiful space in which to live and enjoy.”
Bridgeport Hospital, part of Yale New Haven Health, is a 383-bed acute care hospital (plus 42 beds licensed to Yale-New Haven Children’s Hospital) serving parts of Fairfield and New Haven counties. The hospital admits over 19,000 patients and receives more than 280,000 outpatient visits annually. The Connecticut Burn Center at Bridgeport Hospital is the only burn center in the state and one of only 64 verified burn centers in the United States.