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Bridgeport Hospital Foundation Report Highlights Past Year's Patient Care And Fundraising Successes

BRIDGEPORT, CT (July 24, 2019) – Bridgeport Hospital Foundation's latest annual report is now available online. Visit bridgeporthospital.org/news-media/publications.aspx to view or download the report.

"For Bridgeport Hospital, 2018 was a year of noteworthy successes," said Steve Jakab, president of the foundation. "The Bridgeport Hospital Foundation celebrated its 30-year anniversary, marking three decades of inspiration, investment and impact in the Bridgeport Hospital community. "Over its three decades, our physicians, nurses and caregivers have inspired charitable giving of over \$150 million to the Foundation in support of the hospital's mission."

Among the many highlights of the year was the opening of the completely modernized Allison Family Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. Another was the prestigious recognition of the hospital's Primary Care Center as a Patient-Centered Medical Home. The annual employee giving campaign, supporting the Foundation's 30th anniversary raised more than \$50,000.

"Although the hospital continued to face pressures on state and federal levels surrounding payments and reimbursements for services, we met the demands of increased patient volumes, both inpatient and outpatient and continued to enhance clinical programs and add service locations to meet patients' needs," add Michael Ivy, MD, interim hospital president and CEO.

"More than ever, charitable contributions from our donors are advancing the safe, high-quality patient care we deliver, as well as our graduate medical education program, clinical research and service to our communities," Jakab said.

The annual report includes the stories of four major fundraising causes and some of the people behind them:

- Meghan McCloat and Brooke Bento, philanthropic partners of the Norma Pfriem Breast Center
- The Friends of Pediatrics, supporters of Yale New Haven Children's Hospital at Bridgeport
- Gina Calder, Vice President, Ambulatory Services, recently-appointed Administrator of the hospital's new Milford Campus and donor to the Primary Care Center
- Bob Kilton, Emergency Department volunteer, donor and charter member of the new Susan Hubbell Legacy Society

In addition, The Bridgeport Hospital Foundation achieved GuideStar's 2018 Platinum Seal of Transparency. GuideStar gathers, organizes and distributes information about more than 2.7 million U.S. nonprofits. During the past year, year, there were more than 26 million searches on GuideStar's website as people sought trustworthy information to make decisions about nonprofits and the work they do.

For information about how to support Bridgeport Hospital Foundation, visit foundation.bridgeporthospital.org.

Bridgeport Hospital, part of Yale New Haven Health, is a non-profit 501-bed acute care hospital with two campuses (plus 42 beds licensed to Yale New Haven Children's Hospital). Both Bridgeport Hospital and the Milford Campus of Bridgeport Hospital serve patients throughout Fairfield and New Haven counties. The hospital admits more than 23,000 patients and provides nearly 350,000 outpatient treatments 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. Bridgeport Hospital is committed to providing safe, compassionate and cost efficient care its patients and the community. www.bridgeporthospital.org

Photo caption: (l-r) Brooke Bento and Meghan McCloat, two of the community fundraising leaders featured in the report, pictured on the cover