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A New Year Message from MMC President, Jeff Sanders

Dear Maine Medical Center Colleagues,

As we enter the New Year and a new decade, I wanted to share with you some key areas of focus for 2020 and why this work will position Maine Medical Center to achieve substantial progress toward our mission of caring, education and research, as well as our broader MaineHealth vision.

In the coming months, we will create MMC’s new three-year strategic plan. This work will account for our patients, our people (colleagues), the populations we serve, and the value of care we provide. Developed with input from our colleagues and in conjunction with our health system, this work will establish our goals and priorities, which is an excellent way to begin the new decade. Some of the most exciting and important work in 2020 will be the investments we are making in our people. We are expanding our focus on Care Team Well Being. The recent announcement of a parental leave policy enhances benefits for families. Our compensation program for 2020 strengthens our commitment to our entire team, including an increase in our entry level wage to $13 an hour. We will increase our efforts to prevent workplace violence by protecting all colleagues from harm and abuse and ensuring they are treated with respect. This work is a top priority for our entire institution and we will address it through training, new policies and open communication.

We will continue to develop a workplace culture that values Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI). Our DEI Committee is providing purposeful guidance on this effort, which is an important journey for us all to take together.

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Shamrock Sports & Entertainment and the Korn Ferry Tour have announced that The Barbara Bush Children’s Hospital (BBCH) will be the beneficiary of the golf tour’s inaugural Live + Work in Maine Open at the Falmouth Country Club in Falmouth from June 8 - 14.

This year, 156 golfers will compete for a $600,000 purse, with a goal of raising $100,000 for BBCH through ticket sales and special events throughout the tournament week.

Former PGA TOUR Commissioner Deane Beman will serve as Honorary Chair of the tournament. Beman, an esteemed former amateur player and four-time PGA TOUR winner, was the TOUR’s Commissioner from 1974 through 1994.

“My wife, Judy, and I became very good friends with the Bush family, so it is an honor for me to chair this wonderful Korn Ferry Tour event that will directly benefit BBCH,” said Beman.

Deane Beman addresses the crowd at BBCH during the Live + Work in Maine Open press conference. Photo by Tim Greenway
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Maine Medical Center will always be a welcoming place for all who work and receive care here. One of the most visible efforts this year will be progress toward our Master Facilities Plan. The two new floors atop the Coulombe Family Tower are the most advanced medical units in Maine.

The Maine Medical Partners Medical Office Building at our Scarborough Campus will be partially complete by the end of the year, and once open in 2021 will significantly increase access to important health services. Earlier this week we began using our new St. John Street parking garage. The garage was designed to deliver predictable and ample parking, but it is a change for all of us, and as always, we welcome your feedback so we can improve. Thank you for your patience and support as we settle into the new parking and shuttle service. Finally, we will soon begin demolition of the Gilman Garage to make way for our Congress Street Medical Building that will serve as the future home for cardiovascular care.

This will be a momentous year because of this work, but the most important factor will be you and your colleagues.

As you know, the work you do is extraordinarily important and at times stressful. It requires commitment, professionalism and sacrifice. But the work is also incredibly rewarding. There is no better profession than health services – the care, education and research that we provide not only directly improves lives but also communities and even our entire state and region.

Every day, I consider myself fortunate to work with the finest group of health care professionals. Thank you for all that you do for Maine Medical Center, one another and our community. My very best for a healthy and prosperous 2020.

Respectfully,

Jeff Sanders
President,
Maine Medical Center

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What’s Happening is a weekly print newsletter for Maine Medical Center colleagues, patients and community members. What kind of stories would you like to see us cover? Send us an email at mmcnews@mmc.org with the subject line, What’s Happening Feedback. Thank you in advance!

2020 Junior Volunteer Program
Applications Open Jan. 16

Do you have a teen who is interested in volunteering this summer? The MMC Summer Junior Volunteer Program will be accepting applications at 3 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 16 through Friday, Jan. 24 at 4 p.m.

Last year 143 Junior Volunteers covered areas throughout the hospital. The eight-week program gives teens the opportunity to learn responsibility and skills in the workforce and exposure to the healthcare industry.

More information can be found by visiting mmc.org and clicking on “Ways To Give.”