Some people want dinner out at one of Maine’s best restaurants for their birthday. Others are hoping for a sweet treat and a nice bottle of wine. Mary Beth Patnaude of Wells is asking her friends and family to donate to The Barbara Bush Children’s Hospital (BBCH).

Just six weeks ago, her 14-year-old son, Aaron, was fighting for his life in BBCH’s pediatric intensive care unit. Patnaude wants to use her birthday to support other children who need life-saving care.

“Aaron was admitted to BBCH on Dec. 27 with what we thought was pneumonia. It turned out he had a rare and almost fatal infected chest cavity, known as a Pleural Empyema,” Patnaude said. “When someone asked what I wanted for my birthday, I said all I want is for Aaron to be well. BBCH gave me what I wished for, and now I want to give back.”

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Aaron underwent three emergency surgeries to remove the infection and spent eight days hospitalized at BBCH. Thanks to the team of pediatric specialists at BBCH, he is expected to make a full recovery.

Patnaude is using the My Miracle Birthday website platform to collect donations. The website allows the birthday donor to personalize their fundraising page and share with friends and family via email or social media.

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The amount that Patnaude raises in support of the children being treated at BBCH will be doubled, thanks to matching gift commitments from Saco & Biddeford Savings Institution and P&C Insurance.

“Every dollar makes a difference, and we are happy to partner with BBCH and others to assist in making these wishes come true,” said Bob Quentin, President and CEO of Saco & Biddeford Savings. “We hope our support encourages others to join in.”

Donations to The Barbara Bush Children’s Hospital through the My Miracle Birthday program enhance the care provided at Maine’s only children’s hospital through the purchase of pediatric medical equipment and by providing financial support for specialized programs, like Child Life.

Visit MMC.MyMiracleBirthday.org to learn how children, parents and community members can use their birthdays to help The Barbara Bush Children’s Hospital provide life-saving care for local kids.

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Joshua Asbury, Anesthesiology
Trina Austin, EVS
Shohreh Azadian, Interpreter Services
William Bezanson, ED Nursing
Rebecca Bodwell, Vocational Services
Jenelle Boulanger, Family Birth Center
Felicia Cummings, Cardiology
Kary Franchetti, Geriatrics
Kevin Gagnon, IT
Melissa Guimond, Employee Health
Christine Gunduz, Philanthropy
Donna Hildreth, EVS
Cheryl Lombard, Administrative Office
Melanie Lord, BBCH
David Oliver, Security
Cynthia Rathbone, ED Nursing
Gary Scott, ED Nursing
Vonnett Seeger, Anesthesiology
Jefferson Slack, Medical Affairs
Charles Smith, IT
Rachel St Ours, Cardiology
Kyle Steen, Anesthesiology
Alyssa Stiles, Pharmacy
Mark Vo, Pharmacy
Ann Contardo, CICU
Deborah Corbeau, Vocational Services
Brenda Daly-Weiss, Care Management
Sarah Dodge, PICC Line
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Joshua Hazelton, Engineering
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