Barbara Bush Children’s Hospital Welcomes New Angel Ambulance

The Barbara Bush Children’s Hospital at Maine Medical Center (BBCH) now has two ambulances for neonatal and pediatric intensive care transport. Staff, patients, families and donors gathered outside MMC on Aug. 20 to welcome MMC’s new Angel Ambulance.

“We are excited to have a second ambulance to provide support to the families in Maine whose children need specialized care,” said Jeff Sanders, MMC Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer. “As a child born in Northern Maine who needed to travel to Portland for care, I know first-hand the importance of getting the right team at the right time.”

Each year, more than 250 babies and children are transported from community hospitals to BBCH for a higher level of care. While in the ambulance, newborns and children receive care from specialized transport teams of BBCH nurses, neonatal nurse practitioners, respiratory therapists and physicians.

Chelsea Sesto and Zach Raven, who attended the ribbon cutting, remembered how important Angel Ambulance was to their family on the day their son, Evan, was born. His heart rate was dangerously low and an Angel Ambulance was called to bring him to BBCH’s neonatal intensive care unit.

“We feel so lucky every single day. We wouldn’t be standing here today if it weren’t for Angel 1 and the team that took care of Evan when he was born,” said Sesto. “This new Angel Ambulance will give other families their chance at a miracle.”

The Angel Ambulance Program is supported by the generous philanthropy gifts, and this new ambulance was entirely funded by money raised to support BBCH.
The MaineHealth United Way Food Drive runs Friday, August 24, through Friday, September 7.

Drop off your donation at the Bramhall Main Lobby or employees can check the MMC Intranet for all donation locations.

You can also purchase canned food for donation at the Bramhall Impressions Café and Westbrook River Front Café, then just place it in the box near the registers.

Most-needed food:
- Canned tuna, beans, soup, chili, fruit
- Peanut butter
- Granola bars
- Brown rice; other whole grains
- Applesauce
- Pasta and pasta sauce
- Unsalted nuts and seeds

Neurourgery’s William D’Angelo, MD, is retiring after 34 years of service to Maine Medical Center. Dr. D’Angelo’s retirement reception was held on Aug. 23, and friends and colleagues gathered to wish him well. Above, Dr. Jim Wilson (L), neurosurgeon, presents Dr. D’Angelo with a certificate of thanks for his long service to MMC. Dr. D’Angelo plans to travel with his wife and continue to work in the neurosurgery clinic part-time.