

WHAT'S HAPPENING

A newsletter for the Maine Medical Center family

BBCH Receives \$250,000 Endowment Commitment from Dunkin' Donuts Business Owners of Maine

The Barbara Bush Children's Hospital (BBCH) has announced that Dunkin' Donuts Business Owners of Maine have committed to a \$250,000 endowment of our Hospital-Based Teacher Program. The endowment will support Northern New England's only hospital-based teacher program and our teacher, Abby Snyder. This program will have a direct, positive impact for the thousands of children who visit the hospital every year.

The announcement was celebrated at an event last week, featuring speakers John Bancroft, M.D., Chief of Pediatrics, Lorraine McElwain, M.D.,

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Left to right: "Cuppy," the Dunkin' Donuts mascot; Dunkin' Donuts franchisees Dave Darosa, Ed Wolak, and Kim Garrett; Abby Snyder, BBCH Hospital-Based Teacher; John Bancroft, M.D., Chief of Pediatrics; and Lorraine McElwain, M.D., Pediatric Inpatient Director

Pharmacy Sneak Peek for Employees

Thursday, January 22

6 - 9 a.m. & 4 - 7 p.m.

Ground floor, near the East Tower entrance

Employees are encouraged to stop by the brand new Pharmacy on Thursday, January 22. Learn about patient and employee benefits, and find out how you can refill and transfer your personal prescriptions when the Pharmacy opens next week. Tour the space, see the new robot, and speak with pharmacists and technicians about services such as prescription fills, counseling, and compounding.

PEOPLE NEWS



Heidi Wierman, Division Director, Geriatrics, Maine Medical Partners, has been named a John T. Gorman Fellow by the John T. Gorman Foundation. The Fellowship is a new leadership program in Maine for nonprofit and public sector professionals. It aims to help its 10 partici-

pants become more focused on results and build the vision, confidence, and competence required to advance change and improve the lives of vulnerable people in Maine.

“We selected this first group of Fellows because of their commitment to solving the

problems that most profoundly affect Maine’s children, youth, families, and seniors,” said Tony Cipollone, President and CEO of the Foundation. “By investing in these extraordinary leaders, we hope to reap significant returns for the participants and the organizations they represent and, most importantly, affect change over the long term on the issues we care about.”

“BBCH Receives \$250,000 Endowment” from front

Pediatric Inpatient Director, former BBCH patient Riley Robertson, Riley’s mother Brandy Robertson, and Dunkin’ Donuts representatives.

Snyder spoke about the program and its impact on our patients. She is on-site and dedicated to helping school-aged BBCH patients stay connected with their class-

mates, teachers, and schoolwork. Based inside a classroom on the BBCH inpatient unit, Snyder meets with up to 12 patients every day and serves as the hospital liaison with their schools to ensure they stay up to date with their schoolwork during their hospital stays.

“When a child visits the hospital, the teaching program helps bring some normalcy to their day-to-day lives, even if it’s for just an hour,” said Snyder. “The

generosity of Dunkin’ Donuts not only solidifies the foundation of our program, but also allows us to provide necessary school supplies and appropriate activities.”

Dunkin’ Donuts will conduct fundraising activities over the next three years to meet the \$250,000 endowment commitment. To date, the company has contributed \$118,000 from previous fundraising activities such as Iced Coffee Day, where \$1

is donated for each iced coffee sold.

“On behalf of all the franchisees across Maine, we are so excited to support such a unique and impactful program at the hospital,” said Kim Garrett, a Dunkin’ Donuts franchisee. “As a mom, I’m honored to be a part of a program that will impact the children who visit the hospital for years to come.”

Pay Stub ‘Opt In’ Reminder

Starting with the February 6 paycheck, employees who use direct deposit will no longer automatically receive a pay stub. In order to continue receiving pay stubs, you must “opt in.” See the MMC Intranet for details.

Did You Already Opt In?

Pay stubs will be mailed directly to your home beginning February 6. Questions? Payrollhelp@mmc.org