

Report on Giving

Fiscal Year 2023





To Our Generous Donors

In a time when there is so much suffering and conflict around the globe, we both have the pleasure of being able to thank you for your support in advancing our capacity to bring health and healing to our local community.


There is much to celebrate! We appreciate your support in bringing *Breathing New Life: The Campaign for the Childbirth Center* to its successful conclusion. We appreciate the outpouring of generous gifts for the ongoing Emergency Department campaign. We appreciate every one of you who supports our Annual Fund and our many special events, including our Golf FORE Health tournament. And we appreciate those of you who choose to leave a lasting legacy by including Cooley Dickinson in your estate plans.

We would both like to extend special thanks to all the people who have spoken with us to learn about the needs of your hospital. We feel privileged to be part of a community that recognizes that the healthcare services accessible locally depend, to a large degree, on philanthropy.

We hope you enjoy the stories about the individuals, businesses, and organizations that allow us to be the very best hospital we can be for our community.

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Emergency Department Project Update: A Groundbreaking Occasion

The sun shone bright on July 20, 2023 as more than 200 people gathered at the hospital for the groundbreaking of the new Emergency Department. This event marked the kick-off of the Emergency Department's expansion and transformation.

Ray Conway, MD, Cooley Dickinson Director of Urgent Care and chair of the Emergency Department Campaign, spoke passionately at the event about how transforming the department will benefit patients and staff.

"I have watched the Emergency Department grow over the past 40 years," said Dr. Conway.

"It was built to serve only 17,000 patients annually. That's less than half the patients they serve today. This expansion and complete renovation will make Cooley Dickinson the ideal place for emergency medicine. As I look at the hospital's history and future, it is community investment that makes everything we do possible."

Cooley Dickinson wishes to thank the donors who have given \$8.2 million to date to support this \$26 million project. The new Emergency Department will accommodate more patients in specialized spaces designed for our community because of your generosity.



▶ Freedom Credit Union made the largest gift it has ever made to Cooley in support of the Emergency Department Campaign.

Freedom Credit Union and Cooley Dickinson:

Partners in Caring for our Community

Despite his titles, President and CEO of Freedom Credit Union, Glenn Welch, is a down-to-earth and easily approachable guy.

When asked about Freedom Credit Union's longtime support of Cooley Dickinson, Glenn answers matter-of-factly: "Were it not for our community, Freedom Credit Union wouldn't exist. So it's important and necessary to support important organizations and projects our community depends on."

Freedom has responded to our community's needs through annual gifts, past campaign gifts, and regular gifts to the Golf FORE Health tournament. During the COVID pandemic, Freedom stepped forward yet again.

Recently, Freedom made the largest gift it has ever made to Cooley Dickinson in support of the Emergency Department campaign. Says Glenn, "We all know how our community needs a strong ED. So when the hospital reached out to us, Freedom's board understood the ED's importance and was glad to get behind it."

Thank you, Freedom Credit Union, for empowering us to care for our community.





Richard Cooper and Catherine Kay: Keeping their Connection to Community Alive and Well

When you hear Richard Cooper and his wife, Catherine Kay, talk about the importance of community, you can feel their sincerity. It's quiet, yet visceral. It also explains why they recently made a significant gift in support of the Emergency Department Campaign at Cooley Dickinson.

Until 2023, Rich owned and operated Cooper's Corner in Florence and State Street Fruit Store, Deli, Wines & Spirits in downtown Northampton. "I literally grew up in the business," notes Rich, whose father, Russell Cooper, bought a Florence dairy in 1936 that became Cooper's Dairy, which evolved into Cooper's Corner and State Street Fruit Store.

Rich's connection to Cooley Dickinson also spans decades. His father was born there. His parents met through Cooley, where his mother studied nursing. She became Cooley's head of maternity. Rich and his two brothers were born there, as were his and Catherine's three children.

Catherine, a lawyer for Community Legal Aid and a musician, devoted several years working in the family business. "It was great for me to learn parts of the business in very specific ways and to recognize, as Rich does, that the success of any small business isn't just about the owner. It involves employees, our customers, our whole community."

When Rich retired and sold his business, he and Catherine were in a position to make a larger gift than they had made in the past. "We wanted to maintain and enhance our connection to the community in a meaningful way," notes Rich. "The ED is the front door to the hospital for so many people. When you go there, you want the very best care in the very best facility." Catherine adds, "It feels right that the fruits of Rich's labor and the labor of his employees should go right back into the community that has given so much to us."



Patrick and Lois McCabe: Preparing for Future Emergencies Now

Cooley Dickinson is grateful to Patrick and Lois McCabe, long time Valley residents, for their support over many years.

As a former portfolio manager, Patrick understands the importance of investing for the future. As a former fundraiser for higher education, Lois understands the importance of community support. Their experiences have motivated their contributions to multiple Cooley Dickinson Hospital projects.

Most recently, the McCabes made a generous contribution to the Emergency Department campaign. Notes Lois, “We feel very well taken care of by Cooley. But over time, it’s been clear that utilization of certain departments has grown exponentially. For us, the ED was a case in point.” Long before the coronavirus pandemic, the McCabes needed emergency care for Pat’s mother. “The

extended wait in the cramped ED hallway with others in need was excruciating for my mother and distressing for Lois and me,” notes Pat. “The take-away for us is how critically important it is to have the right facilities at hand before the need arises. We’ve been happy to support ED improvements Cooley has been wanting to make.”

The McCabes hope that more people will consider supporting the Emergency Department campaign. “Remember,” says Lois, “emergencies happen in all families. And when they do, we all want compassionate, professional, and timely care for the people we love.” Says Pat, “For this to become a reality, those who have the means need to step forward and give to the ED campaign. Whether it’s a check, a QCD from your IRA, or appreciated stock, it will help create the state-of-the-art ED our community wants and needs now and in the decades to come.”

October 2022 through September 2023

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Michael Klare and Andrea Ayvazian: Empathy in Action

In June 2022, Michael Klare was experiencing shoulder pain so excruciating he asked his wife, Andrea Ayvazian, to take him to our Emergency Department (ED). “When we got there, it was packed,” notes Michael, a retired Hampshire College professor, currently a senior visiting fellow at the Arms Control Association, a nuclear disarmament advocacy organization in Washington, D.C.

“Everyone treated me very well, but they had to put me in the corridor on a gurney.” From that vantage point, Michael observed: “There was a lot going on. Everyone was working so hard, addressing a lot of different injuries and problems. It was clear that they were working in an inadequate, hard-pressed facility.”

Even as he was suffering, Michael felt tremendous empathy for the staff and their working conditions. Once he received pain medication, he spoke to the emergency physician in charge and expressed his interest in supporting the campaign to improve the Emergency Department. “That conversation strengthened my determination to give, because I

learned that for a city of our size, Cooley’s ED serves a disproportionately high number of patients, as well as a disproportionately high number of patients with a range of special needs.”

Andrea, who currently serves on the Ministerial Team at Alden Baptist Church in Springfield, is no less passionate about supporting improvements to the ED. “Our family has deep, deep roots with Cooley Dickinson Hospital and with the ED in particular. My father, a retired physician, my mother, Michael, and I have all been through the ED. My parents have been hospitalized here. Our son was born here. My sister, her wife, and I have all had surgery here and all of us have received wonderful care.”

Adds Michael, “We’ve been in Northampton for over 40 years. Our deep roots with the hospital, and my own recent ED experience made us see that giving wasn’t just important for me and our family, but for our entire community.”



Dr. Michelle Helms: Supporting Cooley Dickinson's Emergency Department Campaign

From the time she was a kindergartener, Michelle Helms knew she wanted to be a doctor. Talk to her now, and that passion still shines bright. "I feel fortunate every day that I get to do what I do," says Michelle, a board-certified surgeon, president of the medical staff, and a member of Cooley Dickinson's Board of Trustees.

Michelle's passion is part of what inspired her to make a generous gift to Cooley's Emergency Department (ED) campaign. But there's more. "Of all the places I've practiced, I've never encountered such a bright, smart, patient-centered group of people. They love their work and really want to take the very best care of their patients." Michelle knows this, not just as a colleague, but as a patient. In 2016, alarming pain brought her into Cooley's ED, where her colleague, Dr. Holly Michaelson, operated on her. "I received amazing care, and I'm eternally grateful."

Until her emergency surgery, Michelle admits she thought of Cooley foremost as her employer. "My emergency reminded me how I want the very best care in the very best medical facilities for my neighbors, my friends, my colleagues, our community, and myself."

Michelle also understands that environment matters. "We all know the ED is cramped and outdated. I work in the North Building, which is gorgeous. ED patients and my ED colleagues deserve a work environment that they're proud of and that makes them feel good."

Another reason she made such a generous gift? "My colleagues gave an enormous amount to the Kittredge Surgery Center and to the North Building campaign. The med staff has a proud legacy of giving. That's something I'm proud to continue."

"Cooley Dickinson is my hospital, not just my employer. So of course I want to support it."



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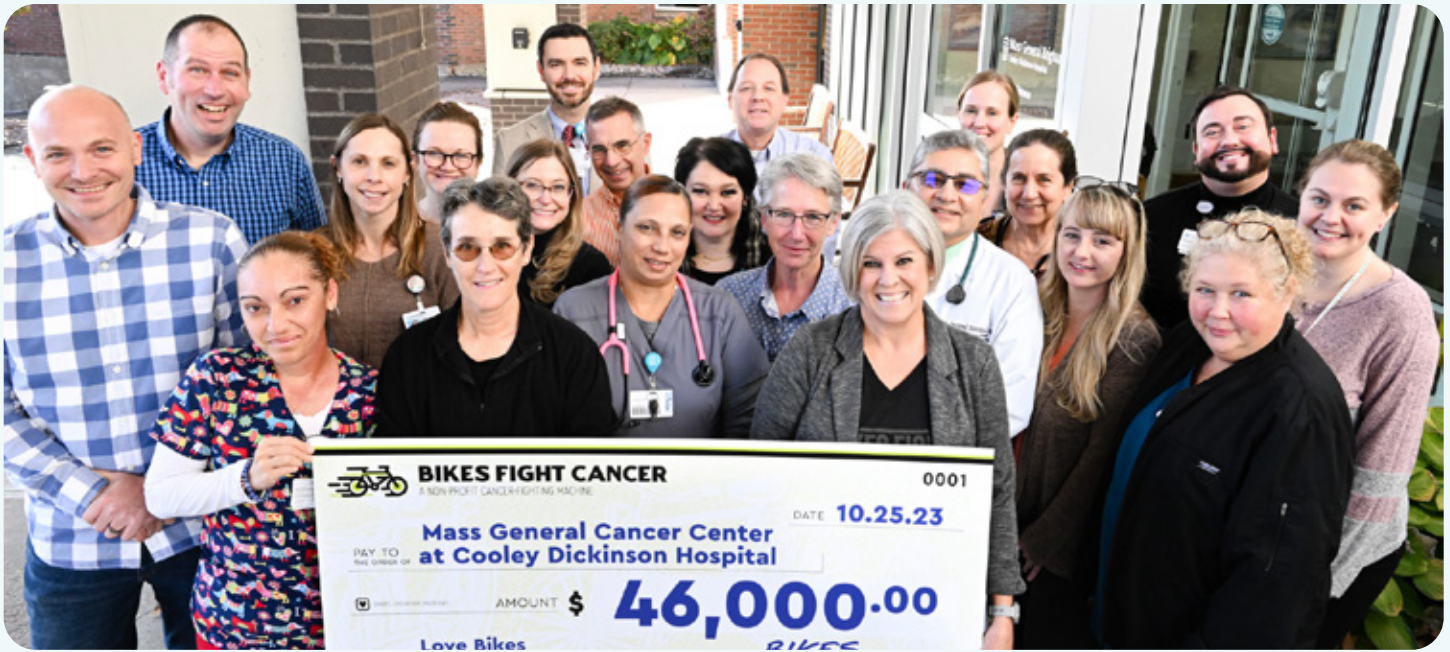
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Last spring, Easthampton residents Johnny and Meghan Morin approached Jennifer Margolis, in Cooley Dickinson’s development office, with the following proposition:

If you create a Cancer Center team to participate in our Bikes Fight Cancer Charity Ride, we’ll donate 100% of the funds they raise and contribute a portion of what the Charity Ride earns to the Cancer Center. Jenn was intrigued. All our staff had to do was ride? And Bikes Fight Cancer would donate? Why would anyone do this?

It turns out, there’s a deeply personal reason why. When Johnny was just 18 years old, his father was diagnosed with cancer. The family had no health insurance. Thanks to an organization that enlists bikers to raise money for cancer research, his father was able to participate in a cancer trial for free. Johnny’s dad died in 2005. Says Johnny, “I wanted to find a way to turn my grief into something positive.” That’s when he and two friends established Bikes Fight Cancer, a team of riders that raises money

for the organization that helped his dad. “It’s so empowering to get on a bike and work for something greater than yourself,” notes Johnny. But he also wanted to do more locally.

In 2023, Bikes Fight Cancer was thrilled to announce their 501 (c) 3 nonprofit status, allowing them to help fight cancer right here in western Massachusetts. At their Bikes Fight Cancer Charity race in June, over 300 riders, including 16 Cancer Center staff members, rode through pouring rain. Team Cooley raised \$6,000, all of which is going right back to the Center. And Bikes Fight Cancer donated an additional \$40,000.

Cooley Dickinson thanks Bikes Fight Cancer for pedaling their proposal to us. Half of that \$46,000 will support services not funded by insurance, including our nutritionist, financial counselors, and integrative therapies. The other half will support the Patient Care Fund, which helps families experiencing financial hardship, due to a cancer diagnosis. That means a lot to the Morins. And it means a lot to us.

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Jack and Nancy Spanbauer: A Gift from the Heart

When Jack and Nancy Spanbauer, residents of Northfield, made a gift to the Emergency Department Campaign, Jack particularly wanted to express his gratitude to three individuals.

In July 2022, Jack, a retired civil engineer, began experiencing shortness of breath, sudden weight loss, and debilitating weakness. He was so sick, he asked his wife to take him to the Emergency Department. “Physician Assistant, Aaron Morse, possibly saved my life,” says Jack. “He put me through a very extensive battery of tests and determined that I was having a severe reaction to a medication I was taking. PA Morse then connected me to the specialist who helped me resolve this situation over the next six months.”

Jack also wanted to honor Emily Martinez, RN, who works in Cooley’s anticoagulation clinic. “My recovery from last summer involved taking

a lot of different medications. Because I’ve had atrial fibrillation for over 20 years, I take Coumadin. With every medication change, my Coumadin levels would change. Emily was on top of all of it. She researched each medication and made sure my Coumadin was always at the right level.”

Finally, Jack wanted to honor Carey Kelleher, a triage nurse at Hampshire Cardiovascular Associates, part of Cooley Dickinson Medical Group. “Because of atrial fibrillation, I’ve had eight or nine cardioversions to shock my heart back into regular rhythm. Over the years, Carey has been exceptional scheduling the procedures and tests for the procedures, usually in a really tight time frame.”

Thank you, Jack and Nancy, for your support! It’s gifts like yours that help pay for the high level of service and care we all expect and want.

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The following list reflects those Cooley Dickinson health care professionals who were recognized when a donor made a gift to Cooley Dickinson Hospital in their honor during fiscal year 2023. Cooley Dickinson is grateful to every patient who chose to publicly honor and thank the providers below with your generosity.

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▶ Today, Cooley Dickinson's Childbirth Center provides a warm, joyous atmosphere for families to welcome their little ones into the world. **And it is truly thanks to you!**

The Childbirth Center: Updated, Upgraded, and Elevated Thanks to You!

Cooley Dickinson embarked on a project in 2020 to make childbirth an experience of even greater comfort and joy by breathing new life into our community's Childbirth Center. And in the face of a pandemic, donors like you stepped forward to make this vision a reality. We are thrilled to share that as of June 2023 local families are welcoming their babies into the world in a fully updated, upgraded, and elevated Childbirth Center.

Thanks to you, twelve postpartum rooms were updated with new furnishings and comfortable beds large enough so that family members can cuddle with each other and their babies.

Thanks to you, six labor and delivery rooms were upgraded with state-of-the-art equipment, including halo bassinet swivel sleepers, panda warmers, wireless fetal monitors, and a new laboring tub.

Thanks to you, the nursery was renovated to be elevated to Level 1B status by the Department of Public Health, meaning that newborns who require additional care can receive it at their community hospital, surrounded by family.





Lisa Ekus: Celebrating Life!

When Hatfield resident and entrepreneur Lisa Ekus retired after forty-one intense and exciting years in business, she thought long and hard about doing something she cared about in the community.

“Health care came up number one,” says Lisa, who in 2000 founded the nation’s first and only specialized culinary-books public relations firm, which has since evolved into being the go-to cookbook literary agency.

Last spring, Lisa made a donation to the Childbirth Center campaign by purchasing a petal decal that is part of the mural that welcomes people to the Center. The petal is inscribed with three names: Sally Rachel, Amelia Claire, and Maybelline Grace. Says Lisa, “It has been extraordinarily meaningful to be able to honor, in a tangible way, the three women I care about most on the planet—my two daughters and my granddaughter, who were all born at Cooley. My donation also honors the place where they were physically brought into this world by helping to ensure that other babies and their parents have

the very best equipment, services, and surroundings possible.”

For Lisa, support of Cooley Dickinson extends far beyond her contribution to the Childbirth Center Campaign. “Cooley touches lives from the very beginning to the very end,” notes Lisa, whose breast cancer was treated at Cooley and whose parents received “incredible end-of-life care” from Cooley Dickinson VNA & Hospice.

By volunteering for the Emergency Department expansion campaign and co-chairing the Patient Family Advisory Council, Lisa puts her gratitude into action. “We all want great health care and we all know how health care today is stretched and challenged. I want to be an ear for our community’s needs and a voice for that community inside Cooley. And I want to help people understand how this hospital’s excellence depends so much on each of us.”

Thank you, Lisa!

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Finck & Perras Goes Platinum!



Through the years, Finck & Perras, the Florence and Easthampton based insurance agency, has made many generous gifts to Cooley Dickinson's capital projects. The Cancer Center, the Childbirth Center, the list goes on.

This year, Gen Brough, president and sole owner of Finck & Perras, decided to make the largest gift the agency has ever made to the Golf FORE Health tournament, the proceeds of which will support the Emergency Department Campaign. When asked why she wanted Finck & Perras to be a Platinum Sponsor, the tournament's highest sponsorship level, Gen says, "Our hope is that a Platinum gift at a very social event will broadcast the importance of supporting the ED to a different group of people."

Pat Brough, a sales and marketing executive at the agency, is Gen's husband and has co-chaired Golf FORE Health for seven years. He adds, "The weather at this year's tournament wasn't ideal, it wasn't

the most comfortable, but neither is a visit to the Emergency Department for the patients, staff, and family members. But that is why we all show up to support the hospital and the Emergency Department, even if we ended up a little uncomfortable."

Gen notes, "Coming out of the pandemic and knowing the stress it placed on the ED, I felt a real sense of urgency to contribute serious support to a community resource that is important to us all."

The Brough's support is also personal. Their daughter is a Cooley baby. Gen's parents have received treatment here. Smiling, Gen adds, "Pat's used the ED several times throughout our marriage." "Thankfully nothing too serious," Pat interjects.

Cooley Dickinson is grateful to Finck & Perras for its ongoing support and for all the work the Broughs do to make us the very best community hospital we can be.

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The following list reflects those individuals in whose memory Cooley Dickinson Hospital received a gift during fiscal year 2023. We are very grateful to each and every person who chose to honor the memory of their loved ones with your generosity.

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Daniel Polachek: Inspiring an Outpouring of Memoriam Gifts

Following the death of her husband Daniel from pancreatic cancer, Tracey Polachek received nearly fifty memoriam gifts to Cooley Dickinson's Cancer Center and VNA & Hospice in his honor.

"To be honest, I was overwhelmed," says Tracey. "I kept thinking that Dan would be a little embarrassed, and also very touched, that people thought to do that. We live a quiet life and you don't think about what you mean to someone else."

But Dan, who founded Daniel W. Polachek, PC, a Northampton accounting and advisory firm in 1981, meant a great deal to a lot of people. Memoriam gifts came from friends, family, business associates, clients, and people Dan hadn't heard from in years. Throughout his life, Dan coached and refereed multiple sports from the youth through the college level, and memoriam gifts came in from his athletic connections.

"Our family decided to ask people to make gifts to the Cancer Center and VNA & Hospice in lieu of flowers because of the amazing care we received." Tracey especially valued "the small-town aspect of the care. All the nurses at the Cancer Center were so kind and friendly, even if they weren't Dan's nurse. Hospice was with us for the last three weeks, and they were just angels. At the memorial service VNA & Hospice puts on, one of the nurses said, 'I wave every time I go by your house.' And I said, 'Keep waving. I'll wave back.'"

Thank you, Tracey, for sharing your story.



January 5, 1953 - January 30, 2023

► Thanks to all who honored Dan and Cooley Dickinson with their memoriam gifts.

Susan Hodgkins:

A Lifetime of Involvement with Cooley Dickinson Hospital

Cooley Dickinson would like to honor the life of Susan Hodgkins whose incredible dedication of time and talent to this hospital spanned over half a century.

It's hard to fathom an individual beginning to volunteer at the age of 23 and continuing that work decade after decade. But that was Susan. She was an active member of the Auxiliary (now called Friends of Cooley Dickinson) working energetically to make events such as Trees of Love & Thanksgiving and the Annual Fashion Show a success. She served as Auxiliary president for two years and also served on Cooley Dickinson's Board of Trustees.

For over twenty years, Susan chaired the Volunteer Awards ceremony, which honors volunteers dedicated, as she was, to supporting the continual improvement of hospital facilities and services.

Susan was the face of Cooley Dickinson for many years, greeting incoming patients and visitors at the Locust Street desk and then at the Main Desk. She provided information, directions, and a reassuring smile to people who were often anxious or afraid.

Thirty-four years ago, Susan and her husband Tom were among the original founders of the Golf FORE Health Tournament, Cooley Dickinson's only major fundraising event that has consistently galvanized support for hospital buildings and programs that serve our community's needs.

We are grateful to Susan. Her impact lives on, not only in the memories of those who knew her, but through the services we are able to deliver thanks to her tireless efforts.

January 12, 1943 – July 19, 2022



September 14, 1940 - June 4, 2022



Marcia E. Burick: Her Commitment to Community Lives On

When Marcia E. Burick passed away in June 2022, she left behind an incredible legacy of service both internationally and here, in her beloved community.

Marcia traveled the globe for her work. She was on the staff of the Press and Public Affairs Office of the US Mission to the UN in the 1960s, including during the Cuban Missile Crisis, and worked as the Press Officer during the Chinese Table Tennis Team's trip to the United States in 1972, at the very beginning of renewed US-China relations. She consulted for years on social services and government best practices in countries such as Poland, Nigeria, South Africa, and Indonesia.

Even so, Marcia was deeply dedicated to Northampton, the town she called home for 54 years. She served on the board of the Community Foundation of Western Massachusetts, was a very

active member of Congregation B'nai Israel, and was chief aide to the Mayor of Northampton in the 1980s. A mover and shaker, Marcia never missed a political event.

She also never missed an opportunity to support Cooley Dickinson Hospital. Marcia gave generously during her life, supporting each of the hospital's major initiatives. And now, her generosity lives on through an estate gift to benefit Cooley Dickinson's patients. The impact of Marcia's commitment to local health care will be felt for generations to come.

Marcia's family shared how deeply they appreciate the care she received at Cooley Dickinson. They are grateful that Cooley, as well as other local organizations, cared for and cherished her in return.



Jon Steinberg: A Valentine for Marilyn

While chocolates and roses may be the standard Valentine's Day fare, this past year Jon Steinberg surprised his wife with a gift that will keep on giving.

"I recently established a Charitable Gift Annuity with Cooley Dickinson Hospital for my wife, Marilyn Richards," explained Jon. "I wanted Marilyn to know how important she continues to be in my life. As well, she has devoted nearly 30 years of heartfelt support for Cooley Dickinson's mission to provide quality care for the health of our community."

Jon's Charitable Gift Annuity will provide the couple with an income stream for life and, after they pass

away, Jon's gift will become a donation to benefit Cooley Dickinson Hospital.

Jon shared, "The funny thing about my gift is it developed in my mind in the midst of doing our wills. Not a very romantic undertaking. This exercise can be emotionally difficult for any couple. I became concerned about Marilyn's feelings. So, I gave the largest gift ever in my life on Valentine's Day to assure Marilyn of my love."

Thank you, Jon, for honoring Marilyn's decades of service with your generous Valentine's Day celebration!

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