Some of Elizabeth and Charlie D’Amour’s favorite letters come from people they’ve never met.

Patients write to thank them for the care they’ve received at the D’Amour Center for Cancer Care, or the solace they’ve found in the D’Amour Family Healing Garden at Baystate Medical Center.

An employee of the Big Y, where Charlie is CEO, mentioned that he found comfort in a glimpse of the D’Amour name on the garden plaque during care at the hospital. “It’s remarkable how many lives one can touch, on so many levels, by giving to Baystate,” says Charlie. “We feel so blessed to be able to help create care environments for patients, as well as our health care professionals who do God’s work every day.”

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A calming place
Following in the footsteps of his father, Gerald, Charlie was chair of the Baystate Health Board of Trustees during the expansion of Baystate Medical Center, then known as the “Hospital of the Future.”

When a rooftop healing garden emerged as an intrinsic element of the facility, “we jumped at the opportunity to be part of it,” he remembers. “There are a lot of studies that show the therapeutic value of outdoor spaces,” says Elizabeth. “If you spend time in the healing garden, you can feel it. You might encounter a nurse finding a few minutes of tranquility at lunch, or a patient sitting in the sunshine with an IV pole, or someone deep in thought. It’s a calming place.”

Better together
In addition to underwriting the cost of the D’Amour Family Healing Garden, Elizabeth and Charlie were hands-on in creating it – both in its original form, when it was first planted six years ago, and in its redesign last summer by their landscaper, Daphne Ottani of Ottani Landscaping Design.

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Baystate Health never says no. Because you say yes.
Yes, our health care professionals whisper to tiny babies and seriously ill children. Yes, we’re here for you.

Yes, our care teams say to people who are living with chronic illness and people who are recovering from trauma. Yes, they say, as they care for our neighbors who struggle with mental illness and addiction. Yes, they say, as they provide life-saving care for people who do not have the resources to pay for it.

Yes, our health care professionals say, in every word and action, as they help people lead safe, healthy lives while coping with the challenges of aging.
Baystate Health says yes to innovative therapies and next-generation surgery and new care models that keep us at the vanguard of health care. Every day, we say yes to our community – always mindful of our patients’ needs.

It all happens because you support extraordinary health care by giving to Baystate Health Foundation. Your generosity fuels the culture of philanthropy that fuels Baystate Health. I’ve seen that culture deepen over the many years in which I’ve been involved with Baystate Health—and particularly during my tenure as chair of the Foundation.

Over the past two years, I’ve been honored to serve and lead an organization that vibrates with positive energy. As I prepare to conclude my term in January, I’d like my final message to be one of gratitude.

- Thank you to our talented Foundation staff, led by Jane Albert at the beginning of my tenure and now by Scott Berg.
- Thank you to my successor, Dena Hall, a true volunteer who will bring her distinctive energy and creativity to her role as our next Foundation chair.
- Thank you to the health care professionals of Baystate Health, who make us proud—and to their patients, who inspire us with their courage.
- Thank you to Mark Keroack, who leads us with vision, heart, and acuity of purpose.

Finally, I extend my most profound thanks to you. The impact of your generosity is everywhere at Baystate Health—in highly visible facilities and programs and services that are made possible by philanthropy, and in small moments of compassion that mean the world to someone in pain or in need.

It has been a privilege to walk beside you, and witness your compassion, and steward your gifts. I look forward to seeing you at Baystate Health Foundation events in 2019. In the meantime, please accept my warmest wishes for health and happiness in the new year.

Baystate Health says yes. Because you say yes. Yes, our health care professionals whisper to tiny babies and seriously ill children.

Baystate Health Foundation is on Facebook!

Like our page today! We’d love to keep you informed all year long—sharing stories about how Baystate Health’s exceptional care is impacted by gifts made by generous people like you.

Thanks to generous people like you, Baystate Health is nationally recognized for its excellence and innovation.
Thanks for the love, Bud!

Turners Falls resident leaves a legacy at Baystate Franklin Medical Center

When pancreatic cancer threatened the life of Turners Falls resident Harold “Bud” Collins, he took it in stride.

At age 91, Bud felt that he had lived a full and good life. A World War II veteran and active community volunteer, with a long career in accounting, Bud had enjoyed a wonderful marriage to his wife, Helen C. Collins. After she passed, he had been lucky enough to fall in love with Helen L. Stotz, his companion for 26 years until her death.

Bud passed away this past April. His generosity carries on, thanks to his decision to make a gift from his retirement accounts in support of Baystate Franklin Medical Center’s mission to keep quality care local.

A gift of love and gratitude

When Bud received a Baystate Health Foundation mailing about giving opportunities, he realized he could make a difference for patient care while honoring the memory of his two Helens. He decided to make Baystate Franklin Medical Center the beneficiary of his retirement assets.

Bud found the process very easy. After talking to a Baystate Health Foundation team member, he contacted his IRA custodians who sent him an IRA beneficiary designation form. Bud completed the form – naming Baystate Franklin Medical Center, c/o Baystate Health Foundation, as the primary beneficiary of the IRAs – and mailed it back.

He shared with Baystate Health Foundation that he was making this gift in loving memory of his wife and of his sweetheart, who are now honored – along with Bud – through recognition plaques on the doors of two adjacent patients’ rooms at Baystate Franklin. “It would be just like Bud to give back. It was an honor to provide his care, and I am so glad that his name will now become a part of Baystate Franklin,” shared Rebecca Hamil, BSN, RN, one of the BFMCA nurses who cared for Bud.

A life of service

When asked what he was most proud of in his life, Bud replied “My naval service.”

Buds World War II career took him to Iwo Jima and Okinawa. He served aboard the USS Henry A. Wiley, a destroyer minelayer, in the Pacific Theatre of Operation – ultimately attaining the rank of Radioman Second Class and receiving the Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal with Four Stars and World War II Victory Medal, along with other honors.

After the war, Bud returned home to graduate from Northampton Commercial College, with a degree in accounting. He moved to Washington, DC to work for the U.S. Government Printing Office from 1948 to 1955 – but returned to his beloved Turners Falls and was employed as an accounting auditor. Bud retired from Hallmark Color Labs in 1988.

Bud achieved his goal of remaining at home in Turners Falls and independent to the end of his 92 years, surrounded by his model car collection and doing his beloved crossword puzzles.

Thanks to his generous gift, Bud’s rich legacy of service to his community includes high-quality care for his friends and neighbors.

His brother, Jerry Collins of Arizona, says it well: “Bud was so thankful for the wonderful care he and his loved ones received. He wanted to give back to this community and help others.”

To learn more about how you can leave a lasting impact and honor a loved one, please contact Kylie Johnson at 413-794-7789 or kylie.johnson@baystatehealth.org.

Dena Hall to chair Baystate Health Foundation Board of Trustees

Dena M. Hall, who has served as Baystate Health Foundation’s vice chair for the past two years, will succeed Jean Deliso as the Foundation’s chair in January.

“Jean has left an indelible stamp on the Foundation over the past two years, and we are incredibly proud of all that we’ve achieved together under her leadership,” says Scott Berg, vice president for philanthropy for Baystate Health and executive director of Baystate Health Foundation. “We are grateful for the gift of Jean’s talents and thrilled that she will be passing the baton to someone as accomplished and committed as Dena.”

Hall is executive vice president, chief marketing officer for Hometown Financial Group and its banks BankESB, based in Easthampton, Mass., and bankHometown, based in central Massachusetts. She is also the president of the bankESB Charitable Foundation. An active and dedicated business leader, she brings a strong record of community service, as well as valuable insights to her new role at the Foundation.

Hall is a member of the Board of Trustees for the Springfield Museums and the Springfield Thunderbirds Foundation.

Through her leadership role on the Baystate Health Foundation board, as well as her tireless contributions as a fundraiser, Hall has been instrumental to the growth of philanthropy at Baystate Health. A longstanding volunteer for Baystate Noble Hospital, she and her husband, Eric, chaired the 2009 Baystate Noble Ball, helping to generate vitally important funds in support of the hospital in Westfield. In her previous role as Western Massachusetts regional president of United Bank and president of the United Bank Foundation, she launched support for the innovative Acute Care for Elders (ACE) Unit at Baystate Medical Center with a $50,000 grant from the bank. Dena continues to invite new funders to the hospital to consider supporting this important program.

Hall is a graduate of the University of Massachusetts-Amherst, the Massachusetts School of Management. Hall earned a certificate in fundraising from the University of Massachusetts School of Management. Hall resides in Westfield with her husband, Eric, and their children, Gabriel and Marina.
Your contributions support innovation

Mark A. Keroack, MD, MPH
President & CEO, Baystate Health

In 1873, there were 178 acute care hospitals in the United States. One of them was situated right here in Springfield, Massachusetts. Though it was named Springfield City Hospital back then, you may better recognize it as Baystate Medical Center.

Throughout those 145 years, a lot has changed. We’ve grown – adding hospitals and outpatient centers, new specialty practices, and treatment options. Through it all, we have adhered to our core mission of improving the health of our communities with quality and compassion.

With all the growth and change we have experienced comes the need for innovation.

We’ve come a long way, and we’re going to continue moving forward, thanks in large part to donors like you. Your gifts support us in many ways that tie innovation and patient care together, including cameras that allow new parents to watch their infants in the NICU and carts that allow our medical team to assess a patient right at their bedside.

Thank you for helping us continue to grow, innovate, and be the health system you call on when you need it. Your continued support makes a difference in the lives of our patients and our team as they care for the people we are privileged to serve.

I’d also like to thank Jean Deliso, outgoing chair of the Baystate Health Foundation Board of Trustees, for her exemplary leadership and service to the health system in her role. We appreciate her dedication to the Foundation over the past two years.

Wishing you and your family a safe and healthy winter.

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“We approached the garden design with the complete experience in mind,” Elizabeth explains. “We wanted to make sure there was lots of color, for instance, and we included plants that attract butterflies. We were also careful not to overwhelm patients with scent. Daphne worked closely with Baystate’s architectural professionals and clinical staff on the aesthetic aspects of the garden as well as the technical requirements, such as ensuring that irrigation systems wouldn’t affect the operating rooms directly below.”

Collaboration is a core value in every facet of life, including philanthropy, says Charlie. “At Big Y, our credo is better together. That spirit of partnership certainly pervades care at Baystate – and extends to all of us who help to support that care. We love connecting and giving back to our community in this way.”

A place to remember

Every bench in the D’Amour Family Healing Garden has a story. Edward V. Vivier’s story lives on there.

During Ed’s two-month stay at Baystate Medical Center after cardiac surgery, he really missed sunshine. “He loved to be outside,” remembers his wife, Donna. “It meant a lot to him. And he always stressed the importance of getting his Vitamin D.”

With the D’Amour Family Healing Garden just an elevator ride away, Ed’s care team was able to give him precious time outside with his family. They sat on a favorite bench together, enjoying the fresh air and each other.

On the night of December 22, 2017 – which would turn out to be the last night of Ed’s life – a nurse took him out into the garden to enjoy the crisp evening air.

Not long after Ed’s passing, Donna Vivier made a very special gift to Baystate Health – dedicating a bench in the D’Amour Family Healing Garden in her husband’s memory. Donna sits on Ed’s bench sometimes. She thinks of him. And, just as he would have wanted, she turns her face toward the sun.

A few naming opportunities remain in the D’Amour Family Healing Garden. If you’d like to honor or remember someone special, $2,500 will help support our work. To learn more, contact Kathy Tobin at 413-794-5996 or kathy.tobin@baystatehealth.org.
Growing up grieving

New York Life partners with Baystate Health to help children whose lives have been touched by suicide

On the back of Riley DiPillo’s bedroom door is a dog-eared sheet of paper. Riley’s Christmas Morning Instructions – starting with “get up at 5:30 am” – have been there ever since his big sister wrote them, when she was seven and he was four. They’ve been there for all the years Riley has been missing her.

On July 1, 2014, fifteen-year-old Laura DiPillo – a luminous girl whose life was shadowed by depression – died by suicide. Riley can still feel his sister’s hug.

“Laura’s hugs said more than words ever could,” he remembers.

Epidemic of loss

More and more children are grieving a loved one lost to suicide. Every 14 hours, someone in Massachusetts dies by suicide. Experts estimate that each loss leaves between six and 80 other people who feel bereaved. And, because suicide is the second leading cause of death for young people between 15 and 24, a generation of brothers, sisters, cousins, friends, and classmates are navigating traumatic grief during critical developmental years.

Thanks to a $100,000 Grief Reach grant from the New York Life Foundation, the Family Advocacy Center at Baystate Children’s Hospital – the only agency in the region that focuses on traumatic grief – is launching a program designed to help children between 3 and 17 grieve the suicides of people close to them. The Grief Reach grant is designed to help providers overcome barriers in bringing services to youth not served by existing programs.

On the back of Riley DiPillo’s bedroom door is a dog-eared sheet of paper.

“My goal is to help kids develop coping skills that will help them deal with trauma and grief when something triggers them. Children are welcome to come back, years later, if they need us. Grief is not linear.”

Power of community

Riley DiPillo is now older than his big sister will ever be. Sometimes he feels older than he is.

With support from family, friends, and community, he’s grown up a lot over the past four years.

“My parents were very open and always there for me, even while they were going through their own grief,” says Riley. “I’ve also met a lot of people who have experience with loss at a summer camp for grieving boys that I attend. Not feeling alone is incredibly important.”

Over the past three years, thanks to hundreds of people who have expressed their love for the DiPillo family through philanthropy, Riley has become the top fundraiser for the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention’s annual Out of the Darkness Walk.

“Having a community of people supporting me – including peers that I can talk to – has really helped in my grief journey,” he says.

Members of the Baystate Health team and local New York Life team came together to celebrate the Grief Reach Grant given to the Family Advocacy Center.

“Pediatricians, emergency department personnel, and health care professionals throughout Baystate refer children to us,” says Jessica Wozniak, PsyD, clinical research and development manager at the Family Advocacy Center, noting that calls for help through the new suicide bereavement program have already started to come in. “The state Department of Children and Families (DCF) also reaches out to us to help family members tell children about the loss of a loved one and help them grieve. We regularly work with schools, to support students and staff, when a loss has been experienced.”

Personalized therapy

“New York Life Foundation’s support will allow us to offer breadth and depth not achievable through programs traditionally funded through health insurance reimbursement,” says Wozniak, explaining that each child will receive a comprehensive needs assessment followed by personalized, evidence-based therapy – including individual and group therapy and more. Remembrance services, and other special activities designed to help kids make meaning of sudden loss, are also planned.

“Isolation is a huge factor for children processing the suicide of someone important to them,” says Wozniak. “Stigma is a big hurdle. And post-traumatic stress symptoms get in the way of grieving. Children often experience self-blame as well. Was it my fault? Should I have noticed something?”

Q & A: Barry D. Sarvet, MD

Barry Sarvet, MD, chair of Baystate Health’s Department of Psychiatry and the Department of Psychiatry at University of Massachusetts Medical School-Baystate, discusses our community’s growing need for mental health services.

Why is it important to provide support to people who have lost someone to suicide? Suicide is a tragedy that affects multiple lives. The suffering is extreme for the loved ones of a person who has completed suicide. They may be processing feelings of guilt, shame, and anger – including anger toward the person who died, which can lead to more guilt – while grieving. People often feel isolated – because of stigma, and even because of fear that people will judge them for ‘letting it happen.’ It’s important to give people a safe space – guided by professionals and supported by peers – to work through it all.

How does traumatic grief counseling make a difference in the lives of survivors? Whenever you suffer a loss, you enter a grief process. Because suicide is usually unexpected, and sometimes involves a violent mechanism – the aftermath of which is sometimes witnessed by survivors – access to grief counseling that integrates trauma-focused psychotherapy is important. It’s also incredibly important to connect with peers who have been through what you’re going through. When people come together in support group settings, for instance, they make meaning from their grief by telling their stories and understanding that they’re not alone. And they can turn their grief into something that can help others – empowering them at a time when they may be struggling with a perceived failure to stop this tragic event.

How can we continue to help people at risk of suicide and the people who love them? There has been a significant increase in completed suicides over the past decade. It’s now one of the leading causes of death for people in the prime of their lives – many of whom have undiagnosed mental health problems. We need to reduce stigma, improve coverage, address the shortage of mental health providers, and make it easier to take time off from work to access services. Perhaps most importantly, we need to integrate mental health care into primary care. We need to ask our patients how they’re feeling, emotionally as well as physically, and assess symptoms of depression and other conditions.

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It’s been a little more than a year since I joined Baystate Health Foundation. If I had to summarize the past year in a single word, it would be caring. From our donors to the entire Baystate Health team, each person I’ve come in contact with has shown me another reason to be a proud member of this organization.

Jean Deliso, our outgoing Baystate Health Foundation Board of Trustees chair, is an excellent example of this. She’s served as an inspirational leader who deeply cares for her community, and her volunteer service has helped Baystate Health Foundation achieve much success. Thank you for your leadership, Jean.

In my role, I have the privilege to see the many ways the health system impacts patients, team members, and the community it serves.

Our array of events, from a record-setting 94.7 WMAS Radiothon for Baystate Children’s Hospital on a snowy week in March to the 25th Rays of Hope Walk & Run Toward the Cure of Breast Cancer on a chilly October morning, along with a variety of fundraisers in between, are only successful because people care. Our thousands of donors, including you, bring caring to life through their financial contributions that ensure Baystate Health has the resources needed to deliver the highest quality of care. For that, I’m incredibly thankful.

I wish you and your family happiness and good health in 2019. Thank you for your support this year.

Scott Berg
Vice President of Philanthropy, Baystate Health
Executive Director, Baystate Health Foundation

Inside look: grants

The generosity of grantmaking organizations comes to life every day at Baystate Health in the form of clinical and research programs that directly impact high-quality care for the people of western Massachusetts. Here’s a glimpse of what we’re achieving together.

CVS Health

A $25,000 grant from CVS Health to Baystate Health Foundation is supporting opioid treatment programs at Baystate Mason Square Neighborhood Health Center and Baystate Brightwood Health Center. The grant is helping Baystate Health train more providers to obtain the waiver required to prescribe treatments for opioid addiction. CVS Health’s support is also assisting in the implementation of multidisciplinary office-based addiction treatment rounds – facilitating case discussions, ongoing team/colleague education, and continuous program improvement.

TD Bank

TD Charitable Foundation, the charitable giving arm of TD Bank America’s Most Convenient Bank, has provided a grant for Baystate Child Partial Hospitalization Program’s Collaborative Problem Solving Program – enhancing outcomes and patient satisfaction by helping to improve communication among patients, parents, and practitioners.

This program is the only of its kind in western Massachusetts, serving 700 children, adolescents, and their families.

Giving Tuesday supports music therapy for young patients

The soothing strum of a guitar. The sound of maracas shaking. You may think you’re at a concert, but this is all taking place at Baystate Children’s Hospital during the Pediatric Music Therapy Program.

Each week, Music Therapist Michael “Rusty” Russell, MT-BC, visits patients and provides music-focused activities and therapeutic interventions, ranging from playing soft guitar to aid in the relaxation and comfort of patients to trying new instruments, song writing, and providing patients the opportunity to perform.

In celebration of Giving Tuesday on November 27, donations made to Baystate Health Foundation’s Annual Fund supported the expansion of the Pediatric Music Therapy Program. Raising more than $3,000, the funds helped to purchase more instruments – including a bedside keyboard and ukuleles for long-term patients – and add more music to the halls of Baystate Children’s Hospital.

To learn more about how you can support initiatives like this through the Annual Fund, contact Director of Annual Giving & Events Kathy Tobin at 413-794-5996 or kathy.tobin@baystatehealth.org.
For Kevin and Sue Lawson, giving back is about the difference they can make by sharing their time, talent, and resources. It’s never about the recognition. In fact, the Lawsons usually prefer to give anonymously. They’ve made an exception in allowing Baystate Health to honor their recent gift to the Acute Care for Elders (ACE) program at Baystate Medical Center by dedicating the community room.

“We believe in the life-changing importance of this care, and it’s our hope that our gift will inspire others to support compassionate, innovative care for elders,” Sue explains.

**It started with surgery**
Kevin underwent cardiac surgery at Baystate Medical Center in 2005. Sue followed him into the operating room in 2008. Almost immediately, they started volunteering – expressing their gratitude by helping other patients.

“Thanks to Baystate, we were still here – and still are!” Kevin says with a smile.

As a businessman, Kevin joined a committee dedicated to ensuring Baystate Health’s future vitality by shaping and promoting legacy giving. Initially volunteering in the Cardiac Rehabilitation Program, Sue was recruited to serve on Baystate’s new Patient-Family Advisory Council (PFAC) – and was promptly elected chair.

“I’ve gained a new awareness of the power of the patient’s voice in healthcare – and it’s an incredible honor to represent all of the patients who take the time to share their valuable feedback and unique perspectives with us,” says Sue. “Together, we’re all working to improve care every day.”

**A new model of care**
It was through her role in PFAC that Sue learned about Baystate Medical Center’s new Acute Care for Elders (ACE) program. The program’s specialized approach delivers transformative care and support – from reducing falls and adjusting medications to helping people reclaim their quality of life or make decisions on end-of-life care – in an environment that evokes the happiest times in patients’ lives. This new service resonated deeply with Sue and Kevin, who were caring for their own parents at the time. For the couple, ACE married two passions: helping people meet the challenges of aging and compassionate, excellent care.

“If we can have nurseries with nice music in pediatrics, we should have comfortable and familiar accommodations for our elder patients,” said Sue. “The goal is to serve people from birth to end of life in a compassionate and comfortable way.”

This holiday season, the Lawson family – from Sue and Kevin to their children and grandchildren – are helping to fulfill the ACE Holiday Wish List for its community room, including everything from games and crafts to weighted blankets and free weights for patients and families.

**Giving from the heart**
At its core, Sue and Kevin’s gift is their way of saying “thanks” to those who have come before them.

“Providing a safe, soothing space to spend time with one’s family and care teams – a place that’s in the hospital but doesn’t feel clinical – can encourage conversations that help patients make decisions about how they want to live the rest of their lives, and perhaps how they want to die,” Sue explains.

“Having helped our own parents with health challenges as they aged, we did not want funding to be the issue that keeps this community’s elders from receiving the compassionate care they deserve,” she continues. “We give what support we can – and we hope anyone in this community who has helped an aging loved one, or who is coping with the challenges of aging themselves, will join us in giving back.”

“Making a gift to ACE is a very small return for the gifts of these patients’ lifetimes,” says Kevin. “We need this type of care for a population that has served this community for more than 70 years. We owe them.”

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Would you like to make a difference for the Acute Care for Elders program by making a gift now – or later – through your estate plans? To explore ideas, please reach out to Director of Philanthropy Kathleen Bronner at 413-794-7798 or kathleen.bronner@baystatehealth.org.
2019 Calendar of Events

94.7 WMAS Radiothon for Baystate Children’s Hospital
March 5-March 6, 2019
Baystate Home Health
Wine & Beer Tasting
April 12, 2019
Children’s Miracle Network
for the Kids UDance
April 13, 2019
Baystate Children’s Hospital
Golf Tournament
May 20, 2019
Max’s BIG Cocktail Party to Benefit Baystate Health’s Heart & Vascular Program
June 6, 2019, 6-9 pm

Wheeling for Healing
August 25, 2019
Baystate Wing Golf Tournament
October 4, 2019
Rays of Hope Walk & Run Toward the Cure of Breast Cancer
October 27, 2019
Baystate Noble Ball
November 2, 2019
Extra Life Gaming Marathon
November 2, 2019

Fall events in support of patient care
The fall and winter were filled with fun that made a difference – from celebrating our donors to walking toward the cure for breast cancer!

They came. They saw. They celebrated…in pink! Puttin’ on the Pink, this year’s President’s Evening of Gratitude, was a big hit. On September 17, under the stars at the Carriage House at the Barney Estate in Forest Park, we thanked Giving Society donors for their contributions to Baystate Health Foundation – with special recognition for Ed and Ellen Noonan, co-chairs of the Baystate Wing Hospital Emergency Department campaign, who were honored with the Baystate Health Foundation Impact Award. Lucy Giuggio Carvalho, founder of the Rays of Hope Walk & Run Toward the Cure of Breast Cancer movement, was also recognized in honor of the 25th anniversary of the event.

Guests spent an enchanted evening at the 54th annual Baystate Noble Ball on November 3! More than 450 people enjoyed a night filled with mystery, magic, and illusion at the MassMutual Center. Proceeds from this year’s event will benefit the Pulmonary Rehabilitation Program at Baystate Noble Hospital.

The pink came out in full force for the 25th anniversary of Rays of Hope Walk & Run Toward the Cure of Breast Cancer on October 21! More than 20,000 walkers and runners made a #ROHPinkyPromise to help future generations grow up in a world without breast cancer. Rays of Hope has raised more than $14.2 million since it began, all of which stays in western Massachusetts.

The Baystate Wing Hospital Golf Classic celebrated its 13th year on October 1 as golfers enjoyed a beautiful day at the Country Club of Wilbraham. Proceeds went toward the purchase of equipment that continues to enhance care at the new Baystate Wing Hospital Emergency Department.

Your holiday shopping can support Baystate Health!
AmazonSmile donates 5% of all purchases to Baystate Health Foundation when you select Baystate Medical Center as your charity of choice! Simply go to smile.amazon.com and use your regular Amazon login information. Thank you!