

# FOUNDATION FOOTNOTES

YOUR GIFT AT WORK AT THE ELLIOT HEALTH SYSTEM



## 2023 Event Recap

### Garden Party

On Thursday, May 18, 2023, The Mary & John Elliot Charitable Foundation welcomed guests to the Annual Garden Party at Labelle Winery in Amherst. The event raised just over \$38,000 to help support The Outpatient Elliot Rehabilitation Department. During the event, we were able to hear from George, an Elliot patient, who has experienced first-hand the remarkable care provided by The Elliot Rehabilitation team during his journey of being able to walk again. Funds raised at the Garden Party helped to purchase a Ceiling Mounted Supported Ambulation Unit, which allows patients more flexibility and independence in their rehabilitation.

### Walk for Hope

On June 11, 2023, over 500 people gathered for the 5th Annual Walk for Hope at our new location, Southern New Hampshire University raising over \$60,000 for the Solinsky Center for Cancer Care. Funds raised support various services and programs at the Cancer Center including lunch services for patients in treatment for several hours at a time, a food pantry, rideshare services and gas gift cards, mental health bundles, and art therapy programs to all those who walked or donated. We are grateful for all of YOU for participating in the Walk for Hope.

### Elliot Golf Classic & Fall Golf Tournament

The 24th Annual Elliot Golf Classic took place in June at Passaconaway Country Club in Litchfield. It was a gorgeous and hot day on the course, raising just over \$127,000 for the growth of The Elliot's Perioperative Services. The Elliot Health System Fall-Fest Golf Tournament returned in September at Hidden Creek Golf Course also in Litchfield. The event raised \$17,000 also for the growth of The Elliot's Perioperative Services.

We were happy to welcome local event sponsors, donors, as well as many of our own Elliot physicians and staff at these events. We are grateful for the support of our Golf committee, sponsors, vendors, and volunteers who continue to make these events a success!

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### Elliot Health System Gala

The evening of Friday, September 8th, 2023, was an inspiring and successful Elliot Gala. This year's event raised over \$230,000 for Perioperative Services and cancer care. Over 370 guests joined us for the Northern Lights themed event and heard from Dr. Curtis Quinn and one of his patients about advances in the Thoracic Surgery program at The Elliot.



### Bouquets For Hope Event

This October for Breast Cancer Awareness Month, The Mary & John Elliot Foundation held the first Bouquets for Hope event, supporting The Elliot Breast Health Center. Guests enjoyed a night of flower arranging under the direction of Amelia Ihlo from Rooted Farmers. Amelia also discussed her own journey running a women own business. Dr. Lana Shikhman and Dr. Marina Feldman from Elliot Breast Health joined as well, speaking on the importance of cancer screenings early on.



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## Elliot Impact Fund

The Elliot Impact Fund is a new initiative focused on raising funds for impactful patient programs at the Elliot Health System. Help us make a difference and be a champion of impact! There are various opportunities to get engaged and have some fun while making an impact in your community! Whether it's our annual book drive or helping raise funds in October for the Breast Health Center, there are many ways to get involved.

One program we have seen success in is the Dementia Friendly Initiative, Comfort Pets Project. These stuffed comfort animals, available for "adoption" for \$25, have helped our patients with Alzheimer's and Dementia who may be confused and lonely while in the hospital. Elliot staff have seen the impact that these comfort animals have on patients daily. Recently a patient living with dementia was distraught during her stay because she missed her dog, "Lady," a golden retriever. A nurse presented the stuffed dog to the patient who was visibly calmed upon receiving her "pet." The patient was so touched that wept stating how beautiful she was and that she looked just like her dog. She was so happy and continued to pet the dog and smile. The nurse remarked, "It was so touching to know we could do just a little something to help to calm her and make her day."



Learn more about  
The Elliot Impact  
Fund here!



# 2024 SAVE the DATES

**Elliot Health System Garden Party**  
Thursday, May 30, 2024  
Bedford Village Inn **new location!**

**Elliot Health System Golf Classic**  
Thursday, June 6, 2024  
Passaconaway Country Club

**Elliot Health System Walk for Hope**  
Sunday, June 9, 2024  
SNHU Main Campus

**Delta Dental/Elliot Road Race**  
Thursday, August 8, 2024  
Veteran's Park, Manchester, NH.

**Elliot Health System Gala**  
Friday, September 6, 2024  
DoubleTree Manchester

**Elliot Health System Fall Golf Tournament**  
Thursday, October 3, 2024  
Passaconaway Country Club **new location!**

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## Grateful Patient Spotlight

In late March, Robert Sanzo began his cancer treatment journey to treat Stage 1 prostate cancer at The Solinsky Center for Cancer Care at The Elliot.

“I had a great deal of doubt, anxiety, and concern as to the impact of my treatments,” says Robert. “However, from the first day of arrival my concerns were comforted by the friendly and compassionate care of the entire staff from reception, to the radiation team, and of course my doctor and the wonderful nursing staff.”

Robert completed his treatment on May 9, 2023 and his prostate-specific antigen (PSA) is now at zero. PSA tests are used primarily to screen for prostate cancer. PSA is a protein produced by both cancerous and noncancerous tissue in the prostate.

Robert credits the Cancer Center team for their compassionate and outstanding care. “My heartfelt thanks go out to each and every one of them. They are a gold star team of outstanding clinicians and staff.”



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Thank you for supporting The Elliot through the  
Mary & John Elliot Charitable Foundation!

The generosity of our community has allowed for improvements  
directly impacting the care we provide our patients.

Charitable giving from donors like you has made an impact for  
patients through:

- The building of the new Elliot Emergency Department which opened in June 2023
- The expansion of cancer services at The Solinsky Center for Cancer Care
- Training tools to help our pediatric staff quickly identify signs of distress in infants
- Comfort items to make a hospital stay more comfortable for patients with dementia
- New Hybrid Operating Room with the most advanced technologies available in New Hampshire

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