



Elliot Hospital
Associates
Since 1890



Annual Report

2024-2025



The Mission Statement of the Elliot Hospital Associates

Because we care, The Elliot Hospital Associates strive to:

Support a warm caring atmosphere within the Hospital for patients and their families;

Manage the funds entrusted to the Associates to help the Elliot Hospital care for all the needy, and to add to these funds, whenever possible, for the benefit of all;

Collaborate with the Staff and Administration of the Hospital to provide both needed services and a link to the community we serve;

Provide opportunities for our volunteers to serve and grow within the Elliot Health System community.

We resolve to preserve our very rich history and to grow within the framework of an ever-changing environment.

President's Letter



Fiscal 2025 was yet another amazing year for the Elliot Hospital Associates. We accomplished much and achieved many milestones. At the onset of this report, I want to thank the dedicated Associates who work tirelessly to assure that we are successful. It is because of each of you that we have accomplished so much this year.

This year a 17-year Elliot Hospital Associate and Board member has retired. Diane Valade began as a member of the Associates Sewing Committee. Diane ultimately led the group and joined the Elliot Hospital Associates Board as the program chair for the Sewing Committee. Diane and her husband plan to travel to visit with family who are scattered across the United States. They also plan to travel to sites and countries that they have never visited. We are grateful for Diane's dedication and years of service to the Associates. We wish Diane and her husband the best and safe travels.

Below are some of our accomplishments that we, as a group, have achieved this year.

Accomplishments fiscal 2025:

The Elliot Hospital Gift Shop was excited to welcome its new manager, Kathleen Conway. In fiscal 2024, the Associates had contracted with Kathleen to be the Gift Shop's buyer and her skills made such a difference regarding the quality of the merchandise that she purchased on behalf of the Gift Shop. Her knowledge and expertise in the retail industry have made an immense difference. In addition, the artful way with which she displays the merchandise not only brings people into the Gift Shop but they buy some of the goods they see there, especially with the tastefully displayed seasonal merchandise that Kathleen puts out at the change of each of the seasons. Under Kathleen's leadership, the Gift Shop has continued to offer "pop-up" sales to staff and visitors at Rivers' Edge as well as outside the Hospital Cafeteria. The River's Edge staff always look forward to the Gift Shop's presence and new and exciting merchandise. In addition, signs have been displayed both outside and inside the Gift Shop reminding customers that their purchase gives back to the Elliot Hospital. That "give back" helps the Associates fulfill their capital pledges to the Hospital thereby allowing the Hospital to fulfill its mission.

The Finance Committee continued to manage the funds entrusted to the Elliot Hospital Associates from a generous bequest by the late Melusina Varick. The purpose of the Fund is to help pay the hospital bills for indigent/needy patients who received care at the Elliot Hospital. During fiscal 2025, a sum of \$53,175 was disbursed to the

Hospital to help pay for the hospital bills of some of those patients in need.

The Sewing Committee was busy again this year. Among their projects were dementia mats, fidget balls, purple hats for shaken baby syndrome awareness, baby blankets, as well as IV covers for the Pediatric department. These dedicated and talented individuals tackle both large and small projects and do their work with enthusiasm and purpose.

Under Rob Dionne's leadership, the Voluntares provided hours of enjoyment to residents of various Manchester area Nursing Homes. The residents look forward to the music selection and the concerts provided to them every year. The Voluntares are a gift, they live the Elliot Hospital Associates mission each time they provide the gift of music and song to our community members.

It was another active year for the Fundraising Committee. Because of their ambitious efforts, the Elliot Hospital Associates enjoyed another successful fundraising year that enabled us to meet our two pledge commitment payments to the Elliot Hospital.

- Trivia Night, our signature fundraiser, celebrated its 5- year anniversary with another sell-out. In fact, once again this year, Trivia night sold out 2 months in advance of the event Under the leadership of Dottie Kelley, this event continues to draw friends and colleagues who compete for the first prize and bragging rights. It is truly an event that brings people together in friendly competition year after year;
- The popular annual December calendar fundraiser was a hit again this year;
- The Valentine's Day basket drawing generated net proceeds that once again surpassed those of previous years;
- We introduced a new drawing this past Spring of a round of golf with a cart at the Manchester Country Club and a basket of accessories. This popular drawing far surpassed our expectations.

The Fundraising Committee also invited new vendors and welcomed back returning vendors. All the new and returning vendors were well received by the hospital staff and visitors. We are grateful to the Committee, the sponsors, donors, participants and also to those who volunteered to help make all of the fundraising events successful.

Once again, this year, we thank our dedicated Volunteers. These are the individuals who staff the Gift Shop, serve as way finders for patients and visitors, keep the vending machines stocked, provide cuddling services to NICU babies, deliver flowers to the Hospital's patients, provide assistance with delivery of Hospital mail to various departments, etc. These dedicated individuals, many of whom are also Associates, are among some of the unsung heroes of our organization.

Finally, the Associate members also provided the Mary & John Elliot Foundation with the gift of their time as they volunteered to help with Hospital events such as the two annual golf tournaments and the Walk for Hope.

I continue to be proud, humbled and fortunate to be counted among the ranks of the Elliot Hospital Associates, and I look forward to continuing the Associate's good work.

Respectfully,
Eva Martel, President

Program Reports

Fundraising

The Fundraising Committee continues to identify and implement unique opportunities to generate revenue in support of The Associates and their mission to “manage the funds entrusted to it and to add to these funds whenever possible.” Throughout the year, The Associates hosted a number of vendors, each of whom contributed a portion of their proceeds to benefit Elliot Hospital. These efforts not only provided a consistent source of funding but also strengthened relationships with longstanding vendor partners while establishing new collaborations with first-time participants.

This year, The Associates were fortunate to engage in a wide range of fundraising initiatives. We were pleased to welcome new vendors, including Ken’s Korn, while continuing to enjoy steady sales from valued partners such as Black Forest Nursery, Maria Palmer Designs, Gunther’s Goodies, and Queen City Cupcakes. In addition, See’s Candy online sales contributed to our fundraising success.

Our longstanding traditions also continued to thrive. The annual Calendar Sale and select holiday drawings once again served as

major fundraisers, reflecting the enduring generosity of our supporters.

The Associates’ signature event, the Trivia Night Challenge, was held at The Puritan Conference Center and sold out once again, bringing together community members for an evening of fun and support. We continue to seek out new fundraisers to bring in additional funds for our cause, ensuring that The Associates remain a vital source of support for Elliot Hospital.

Publicity

The Elliot Hospital Associates regularly communicate updates to members via email, providing information on upcoming events, volunteer opportunities, fundraising initiatives, and recent contributions. Members are also encouraged to visit our periodically updated website for the latest news.

The Elliot Hospital Inside Report, a monthly publication distributed to hospital physicians and staff, includes updates from the Associates and reaches all members. Flyers are included with the report, distributed throughout hospital departments, and posted in high-traffic areas to promote vendor visits such as

Black Forest Nursery, Gunther’s Goodies, Maria Palmer, Ken’s Korn, Queen City Cupcakes, and others.

In addition to vendor events, flyers are also used to promote fundraising raffles, including the Cash Calendar, Manchester Country Club golf package, Valentine’s Day gift basket, and the Mother’s Day tablet drawing. Email outreach is also used to recruit volunteers for on-site ticket sales and other event-related support.

The Associates’ largest annual fundraiser—Trivia Night—is promoted well in advance through all communication channels to ensure maximum participation and ticket sales.

Melissa Poltronieri
Publicity Chairperson

Membership Committee

As of June 30, 2025, the Elliot Hospital Associates membership roll currently stands at 296 members.

We were pleased to welcome 10 new members this year. They are:

Barbara Allard
Don Beecy

Karen Connor – Yearke
Kathleen Conway
Mildred Crocker
April Gray
Teresa McGuigan
Marjeanne Vacco
Elsie Vratsenes
Dan Wells

Elliot Hospital Associates members actively contribute their time and talents in a variety of volunteer roles, including staffing the Gift Shop, singing with the Volontaires, sewing, knitting, and participating in other activities that support the mission of Elliot Hospital. Many of our members are also hospital employees who generously volunteer their time to further the efforts of the Associates.

We are always eager to welcome new members who are interested in making a meaningful impact within our hospital community.

Melissa Poltronieri
Membership Chairperson

Volontaires

The Elliot Hospital Associates Volontaires is an all volunteer group of committed singers under the direction of Rob Dionne and accompanist Ruta Daugela.

Rob reported that the Volontaires had their best year since before Covid.

From September 2024 through May 2025 the Volontaires performed more concerts with more members since 2019.

In addition, they held another

wonderful spring concert for the public.

The Volontaires rehearse weekly from September through May. Their dedication and commitment is admirable and the Elliot Hospital Associates are proud to be represented by their voices and shining light.

Dottie Kelley
Liaison to the Voluntaries

Elliot Sewing Ladies

This has been another busy year for the talented ladies of the Sewing Committee. They have made several dementia mats as well as crocheted fidget balls. This group has also mastered the process of making IV stretch covers, a request that they had received from the Elliot Hospital's Pediatric department. Among other requests, this gifted group also continued to make purple hats for Shaken Baby Syndrome awareness as well as baby blankets.

No task is too big or challenge too great for this group. In fact, they enthusiastically accept the challenge and find a way to fulfill requests and provide a quality product.

Thank you to all the ladies who generously give of their time to help the Elliot Hospital departments by making items that help these departments provide better care for their patients.

This is my last annual report as the Sewing Chairperson. After 17 years as a member of the Elliot Hospital Associates Sewing Committee, I am

retiring so that my husband and I can visit our many grandchildren scattered across the United States as well as travel to countries we have not yet visited. It has been my honor and privilege to work beside the dedicated women who make up the Elliot Hospital Associates Sewing Committee.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Valade
Chairperson

Gift Shop

Fiscal year 2025 marked a positive chapter for the Elliot Hospital Associates Gift Shop. It has been an honor to collaborate with the gift shop's dedicated volunteers, Associates, and staff. Together, we have cultivated a welcoming atmosphere for patients, visitors, and the hospital community.

The gift shop features an array of beautiful gifts, accessories, fresh flowers, snacks, and comfort items. It is a priority to curate enticing displays designed to enhance customer visits. Also, at regular intervals throughout the year the gift shop goes "on the road" with pop-up shops at River's Edge and outside the cafeteria at the main hospital. The pop-up shops allow patients and staff who do not have easy access to the main shop to be reached, and give busy employees the opportunity to purchase our lovely items while on the go.

In addition to serving its customers, the gift shop supports the community it serves. All proceeds from the shop go back to the hospital to support healthcare

advancements. This important message is being conveyed through signage in and around the shop, letting customers know how much we appreciate that they are contributing to excellence in patient care with every purchase.

It is exciting to share that the gift shop has established a presence on social media platforms! Accounts have been created on both Facebook and Instagram, allowing the gift shop to connect with and grow its customer base and showcase its offerings. Each day, photos featuring the beautiful gifts available at the shop are shared, providing followers with a glimpse of what awaits inside the shop.

The future of the gift shop looks bright. The gift shop surpassed gross sales figures nearly every month when compared to the previous year and gross profit rose by 21%. Top-performing product categories were fashion accessories as well as fresh flowers and baby items.

Finally, many thanks to everyone who contributes their time and talent to the shop, especially our dedicated volunteers. They are an invaluable part of the gift shop team and their commitment drives the shop's success. We look forward to another year of exploring new ways to engage our customers and continue growing at the Elliot Hospital Associates Gift Shop.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathleen Conway, Gift Shop
Chairperson

Finance

The Elliot Hospital Associates Finance Committee meets on a quarterly basis. One of our functions is to oversee the distribution of the dividends from the Varick Fund.

The Varick Fund was established in 1941 as a result of a generous bequest made by the late Melusina H. Varick to honor the memory of her husband and son. The purpose of the Fund is to pay the outstanding bills of indigent patients at the Elliot Hospital.

As a result of the fiscal 2025 quarterly meetings, the Committee distributed \$53,175.40 in dividends from the Varick Fund. This distribution helped to pay the outstanding balances of 16 patients at the Elliot Hospital. In addition, the distribution also helped to pay for prescription drugs for an additional 16 indigent patients who, even though cleared for discharge, did not have the means to pay for their discharge prescriptions and so potentially faced a longer stay, or a future readmission to the hospital.

The information needed to make a decision and approve the distribution was provided to the Committee by the following Elliot Hospital employees: Crista Darling, from Patient Account Services and from the Director of Care Coordination, Social Services and Pastoral Counseling.

Respectfully submitted,
Eva Martel, Chair Elliot Hospital
Associates Finance Committee

Treasurer's Report

July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025

Elliot Hospital Associates Fundraising Activities and Annual Gifts to Elliot Hospital

Combined Investment Fund-Restricted Donations	\$12,615
Baby Portrait Program	\$5,125
Total Restricted Funds	\$17,740
Combined Investment Fund-Unrestricted Donations	\$15,215
Gift Shop & Lottery (net)	\$27,818
Vending Program	\$18,104
Dunkin Donuts	\$64,391
Trivia Night (net)	\$14,457
Other Fundraisers (net)	\$ 11,325
Contributions	\$8,855
Dividends & Interest	\$8,547
Accounting Fees	\$(3,512)
Other Expenses	\$(4,865)
Total Unrestricted Funds	\$160,334
Total	\$178,074

Varick Fund for Indigent Patients **\$53,175**

Support to Elliot Hospital for:

Women's and Children's	\$12,522
Respiratory Health	\$2,466
Nursing	\$2,752
Indigent Patients' accounts at the Elliot Hospital	\$53,175
The Memory Garden	\$300
The Elliot Hospital Emergency Room	\$41,320
The Elliot Hospital Hybrid Operating Room	\$45,660
Total	\$158,159

Dedicated Hearts

**Dedicated hearts like yours
Are not so easy to find.
It takes a special person to be
So generous and kind.**

**To care so much for your fellow man
Is a quality all too rare.
Yet you give of your time and talents,
For all in need to share.**

**So thank you for being a volunteer,
We're privileged to work with you.
We want you to know how appreciated you are,
Not just today, but the whole year through.**



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