

FOUNDATION FOOTNOTES

YOUR GIFT AT WORK AT ELLIOT HEALTH SYSTEM

Advanced Care and Compassionate Support Make a Life-Saving Impact



Elliot Smith, a board member of The Mary & John Elliot Charitable Foundation since 2021, and his wife, Nicole, welcomed their newborn son, Lewis, at the Elliot Hospital in November, 2024. With roots in the Greater Concord area and a new home in Dunbarton, their decision was based not on proximity but on their familiarity with Elliot Hospital and our exceptional care, including a Level III NICU. Today, they couldn't be more grateful for that choice.

At 41 weeks, a routine check-up turned into a same-day induction due to late term preeclampsia. As first-time parents, Nicole and Elliot were immediately reassured by the hospital's collaborative approach to childbirth. The staff skillfully balanced genuine respect for the couple's concerns and preferences—ensuring they felt heard and supported throughout the process—with their own input and expertise when it was most needed. After a lengthy induction and active labor, their very healthy baby boy was delivered through a cesarean section. However, Nicole required critical medical intervention due to postpartum

hemorrhaging. The practitioners from Bedford Commons OB/GYN and the staff at The Elliot used cutting edge technology (JADA system) to control the excess blood loss and save Nicole's life. Simultaneously, they provided compassionate support for Elliot and routine care for their newborn baby all in the same room.

Looking back, Elliot and Nicole are certain they would not have made it through this journey without the extraordinary skill, dedication, and patient-focused care of The Elliot Hospital staff. They will be forever grateful for their experience and know first-hand that The Elliot will always be the provider of choice for their growing family.

"The staff within the labor/delivery department saved my wife's life. I have no doubt that without them the outcome would have been very different for our family. They were so supportive of our family. Even the team members who brought food for us to eat had the same quality of character and bedside manner as the nurses or doctors. Our anesthesiologist in the OR, who also turned out to be a bagpiper, took the time to coach us through the entire experience and keep us apprised of each step in the process. I will forever be grateful to The Elliot and its staff for making sure that our son, Lewis, arrived safely and that my wife came home safely."

- Elliot Smith



The Elliot Heart & Vascular Center

We are excited for the expansion of The Elliot's cardiovascular service line with the addition of cardiothoracic surgery under a new name, The Elliot Heart and Vascular Center. The Elliot Heart and Vascular Center brings together our outstanding programs – Elliot Cardiovascular Consultants, Elliot Vascular Surgery, and Elliot Cardiac Surgery – into one integrated service. The Elliot's cardiothoracic surgery program will be led by Gerald Sardella, MD. Dr. Sardella is well established in the greater Manchester community in the field of cardiac surgery and brings his expertise to our comprehensive cardiovascular program at The Elliot. We anticipate our Cardiothoracic Surgery Program to commence as soon as late 2025!



“We are thrilled to welcome Dr. Sardella to our team. His expertise, passion, and dedication to serving the greater Manchester community is greatly valued – our patients will benefit from all he brings to The Elliot,” said Elliot Health System President and CEO Dr. Greg Baxter. “Dr. Sardella plays an important role in our expansion of cardiovascular services to ensure this comprehensive care is available to all who need it.”

Dr. Sardella said, “I am pleased to join The Elliot as it grows its cardiac services to provide comprehensive cardiac care in Manchester. The Elliot has an excellent reputation in our community based on the high level of care that it provides across the entire health system. I am looking forward to working with this outstanding team and leading the new heart surgery program at The Elliot.”

Child Life Supports Children in Meaningful Ways During Times of Loss

This past year, through the generosity of donors like you, our child life team has been able to provide legacy-building resources to support children and families who are coping with the loss or long-term separation from a loved one. Your support has allowed for each family going through a loss to receive a Regali fingerprint charm and a heartbeat recording.

Families are also offered a heartbeat teddy bear, which holds a recording of their loved ones heartbeat in a soft teddy bear. To date, 78 fingerprint charms, 76 heartbeat recordings, and 34 heartbeat bears have been given to families.

Beginning in 2024, Emily Todd, a Music Therapist for The Elliot began offering heartbeat recordings to all “Golden Hour” baby families in our NICU, which are babies that are born under 32 weeks. This program has taken off in the best way, providing comfort to families during difficult times.



Check out the Mary & John Elliot Charitable Foundation on You Tube



We are thrilled to share that the Mary & John Elliot Charitable Foundation now has a You Tube Channel! We look forward to sharing a series of podcasts highlighting various voices of care throughout The Elliot.

In our first mini-series, Caring Through Cancer, you will hear perspectives from a patient's family member and caregiver, Cancer Center staff, and a cancer survivor. Each episode touches upon how the cancer journey is uniquely shaped for patients of The Elliot, with compassion being one of the highest priorities for both providers and patients. Each guest discusses how philanthropic funds are used to connect the community to the cancer center and make the cancer journey a bit easier for those impacted by a cancer diagnosis.

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Thank you to David Bellman for having us in your studio and to Brian Frechette for hosting this meaningful programming!

Legacy Giving



Did you know, there are many important financial benefits to planned estate gifts for you, your family, and organizations that are meaningful to you. Planned gifts are incredibly impactful to nonprofit organizations and an opportunity for our supporters to be thoughtful as they create their legacy. It's never too early to think about organizing your estate: Your wish to make a planned gift through the Mary & John Elliot Charitable Foundation will make a transformational impact to The Elliot. You will help care for the health and well-being of our community for years to come.

There are many ways to leave a lasting impact on a charitable organization. Planned gifts are the best means for ensuring that your charitable wishes are fulfilled while ensuring income and stability for you and your loved ones. Contact us to help you and your family determine what giving vehicle best suits your goals and financial plans.



It is a privilege to help create legacy giving, please call Kelli at 603-663-3091 to learn more or visit:

NICU Family Honors Staff with Inspired Gift

In February of 2024, Amanda Lockhead was 35 weeks along in her pregnancy and began to have pain in her side. She was diagnosed with preeclampsia and, without delay, was admitted for an emergency delivery at The Elliot. Upon her son, Maxwell's, birth, Amanda was treated to address the preeclampsia, while Maxwell spent time in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit.

Today Maxwell is thriving and recently celebrated his first birthday. Grateful for the kind and compassionate care they received during such a challenging time, the family wanted to give back and honor the NICU team in a special way. In honor of Maxwell's first birthday, James and Amanda Lockhead asked family and friends to join them in donating to the Elliot NICU and made a visit to the to honor the staff with an Inspired Giving Compassionate Caregiver Award.

The NICU staff were thrilled to see Maxwell thriving (and dressed to impress)! Thank you to the Lockhead family for your kind support and to the NICU staff for providing such supportive, critical care to The Elliot's smallest patients.





Sunday June 8, 2025

8:00 AM | SNHU Campus | Manchester, NH

Be sure to join us for our 7th Annual Walk for Hope on June 8th at Southern New Hampshire University to support patient programs at The Solinsky Center for Cancer Care!

donate.elliethospital.org/walkforhope

register here



Contact Elizabeth Spain at espain@elliott-hs.org for more details



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To further connect with friends like you, The Mary & John Elliot Charitable Foundation has established our own social media platforms on Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn. Please follow us to stay up to date on impactful patient stories, special events, and ways to give back and, as always, be sure to follow The Elliot too!



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Join us!

Delta Dental/Elliot Road Race
Thursday, August 7, 2025
Veteran's Park



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SAVE the DATES

Elliot Health System Garden Party
Thursday, May 22, 2025
Bedford Village Inn

Delta Dental/Elliot Road Race
Thursday, August 7, 2025
Veteran's Park

Elliot Health System Golf Classic
Thursday, June 5, 2025
Passaconaway Country Club

Elliot Health System Fall Golf Tournament
Thursday, September 25, 2025
Passaconaway Country Club

Elliot Health System Walk for Hope
Sunday, June 8, 2025
SNHU Main Campus

Elliot Health System Gala
Friday, October 3, 2025
DoubleTree Manchester

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