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# Gift Report

A Year of  
Celebration

120 Years of Clinical Excellence



# Welcome to Gaylord Specialty Healthcare's 2022 Annual Gift Report

In the following pages, you will learn about our moments of pride from 2022 — including Gaylord's development and growth into an academic teaching institution and a hub for translational research in the field of physical medicine and rehabilitation.

Thank you for your investment in Gaylord.



## Mission

To enhance health, maximize function and transform lives.

## Vision

A recognized and acknowledged destination for rehabilitation and complex medical care providing high quality, patient-centered, compassionate, team-based healing at every point in the journey from illness or injury to maximum recovery.

## Values

Our organization lives our values daily: clinical excellence, compassion, integrity, respect, accountability and a commitment to safety.



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# Message from the President & CEO

“We can change the world and make it a better place. It is in our hands to make a difference.”

Nelson Mandela

Thank you for making a difference in the lives of our patients.

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For me, every patient has a story. And when we get to be part of that story — part of that recovery — it is truly inspirational.

At Gaylord, these stories are possible because of you. Through your support of Gaylord's wonderful staff and our unique and innovative programs, you have a direct impact on our patients' recoveries. Together with you, we've built an incredible culture that is helping to rethink what is possible for so many patients and their families.

During this past milestone anniversary of 120 years, we celebrated Gaylord's evolution and envisioned what is yet to come. We're continuing to faithfully steward your gifts, and as we listen to what our patients and clinicians want and need to optimize recovery, we are designing a strategy for our future.

The field of rehabilitation medicine is changing constantly. With your help, we are not only staying ahead of the curve but are driving changes that can lead to better outcomes. For example, through the Milne Institute for Healthcare Innovation, we are publishing studies focused on new treatment modalities and collaborating on the development of new products that benefit not only our patients at Gaylord but across the country and around the world.

This summer, we are also excited to welcome our first cohort of residents with the launch of Connecticut's first and only Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation residency. As these bright, eager and ambitious physiatrists rotate through our campus, they won't simply learn the practice of medicine. As part of the Gaylord family, they will learn the important practice of how we connect to those we serve. These relationships between provider and patient are at the heart of our remarkable outcomes.

Here at Gaylord, we like to say that we are **not “BIG MEDICINE.”** It's what makes Gaylord unique — our clinical expertise combined with our compassionate approach to patient care, where our patients are always people first.

As we continue to contribute locally and nationally to the field of rehabilitation medicine, every decision we make comes back to one important question: How will what we do improve the lives of our patients and their families?

Thank you so much for what you have done — and what you are continuing to do. I'm excited to see how our story unfolds.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sonja A. LaBarbera".

Sonja A. LaBarbera, MSOL, MS CCC/SLP  
President & CEO

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INPATIENT ADMISSIONS

35

COVID-19 PATIENTS

151

BRAIN INJURY PATIENTS

323

STROKE PATIENTS

128

SPINAL CORD PATIENTS

299

COMPLEX MEDICAL  
PATIENTS

251

PULMONARY REHAB  
PATIENTS

126

ORTHO PATIENTS

36

NEURO PATIENTS

7,947

OUTPATIENTS

426

TELEMEDICINE VISITS

45

TRAURIG RESIDENTS

# 120 Years of Innovation & Care

From our humble beginnings as a tuberculosis sanatorium to the Gaylord of today, a rehabilitation focused health system, our commitment to patient recovery has fueled our evolution as a leader in rehabilitation medicine. More than 120 years ago, the Gaylord Farm Sanatorium opened its doors to provide long-term treatment for patients with tuberculosis. Twelve decades later, Gaylord Specialty Healthcare remains dedicated to restoring patients' function and quality of life through long-term rehabilitation and complex medical care.

Gaylord's talented teams are driven by our culture of innovation and the strength and resilience of our patients. As we continue to grow and advance our work in rehabilitation, we lean into our strong foundation of clinical excellence and *Think Possible* mindset.



# Message from the Chief Development Officer



You feel an energy at Gaylord the moment you step through our doors.

It comes from our clinicians, who work diligently every day to inspire our patients to believe in what is possible for themselves after a devastating injury or illness. It comes from our beautiful campus, an idyllic setting for the forward-thinking interventions and technologies we provide.

And it comes from you, our wonderful community of donors, who believe in this unique culture at Gaylord and help bring it to life every day.

When you visit Gaylord, as so many of you have done, it's easy to see how your support is making a difference in the lives of our patients and their families. Take our inviting courtyard and garden spaces, which double as therapeutic settings for our patients — carefully curated with your investments. They are just one example of many features that differentiate Gaylord from other rehabilitation centers across the country.

The Milne Institute for Healthcare Innovation is allowing us to create a field of study that bridges academia and industry to practice. This new hub for research launched only three years ago but has already completed two dozen research projects and is actively working on nearly 20 more. Through philanthropy, our staff has been enabled to explore new avenues in revolutionizing patient care in areas such as stroke, spinal cord injury and post-COVID strategies. Here at Gaylord, we inspire staff to question, test new technologies and uncover new ways in accelerating treatment plans for our patients.

We shared these examples and many more during our 120th Gala in October. This incredible night of celebration culminated in raising significant support for Connecticut's first and only Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation residency. We also recently closed our Think Possible campaign, raising over \$20 million for the renovation of patient rooms and the modernization of facilities on our campus.

At Gaylord, we are transforming lives every day. It is your curiosity, your engagement and your presence that makes this vital work possible. Your energy has become ours. Thank you, as always, for believing in us.

*Paige Panda*

Paige Panda  
Senior Advisor to the President & CEO  
Chief Development Officer



# 120th Anniversary Gala

## Benefiting Gaylord's New PM&R Residency Program

On Friday, October 28 Gaylord Specialty Healthcare hosted more than 200 friends at the New Haven Lawn Club in celebration of our 120th anniversary. Guests enjoyed cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, dinner and dancing in support of Gaylord's rich history, culture of innovation and vision for the future.

Chaired by Board of Directors member Mary Pepe, Gaylord's 120th Gala raised more than \$250,000 for Connecticut's first and only residency program in the field of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation.

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The establishment of a PM&R residency program in Connecticut further supports the nation's large population of baby boomers and better allows them to age in place, remain independent and have improved quality of life, while simultaneously addressing the needs of the millions of chronically ill or disabled individuals whose lives have been devastated by a catastrophic accident or illness. Over 25% of adults in the U.S. report having a disability. As our population ages, the number of individuals with disabilities is expected to increase.

As a rehabilitation-focused healthcare system, Gaylord Hospital is uniquely positioned to provide the hands-on training that the next generation of physiatrists needs to serve our community. Gaylord's reputation as one of the nation's leading rehabilitation-focused healthcare systems, coupled with our location on 400+ acres of pristine countryside in Wallingford, Connecticut, makes Gaylord the ideal environment for a comprehensive, immersive, and intensely gratifying learning experience.



# Clinical Education: 2022 & Beyond

In 2023, Gaylord will break ground on a construction project to transform the ground level of the Jackson Pavilion into the new home of the PM&R residency program, clinical education programs and simulation labs. This \$4.6M project will build capacity for these new programs to advance Gaylord's vision for patient recovery.

## Center for Education

A critically important component of Gaylord's trajectory to become a leader in patient-centered care is the creation of a Center for Education encompassing three initiatives that support workforce development and offer resources to partner institutions and healthcare professionals. While Gaylord is nationally known for outstanding patient outcomes, we must continue to advance our work through investment in professional development, thought leadership, a culture of innovation and human capital.

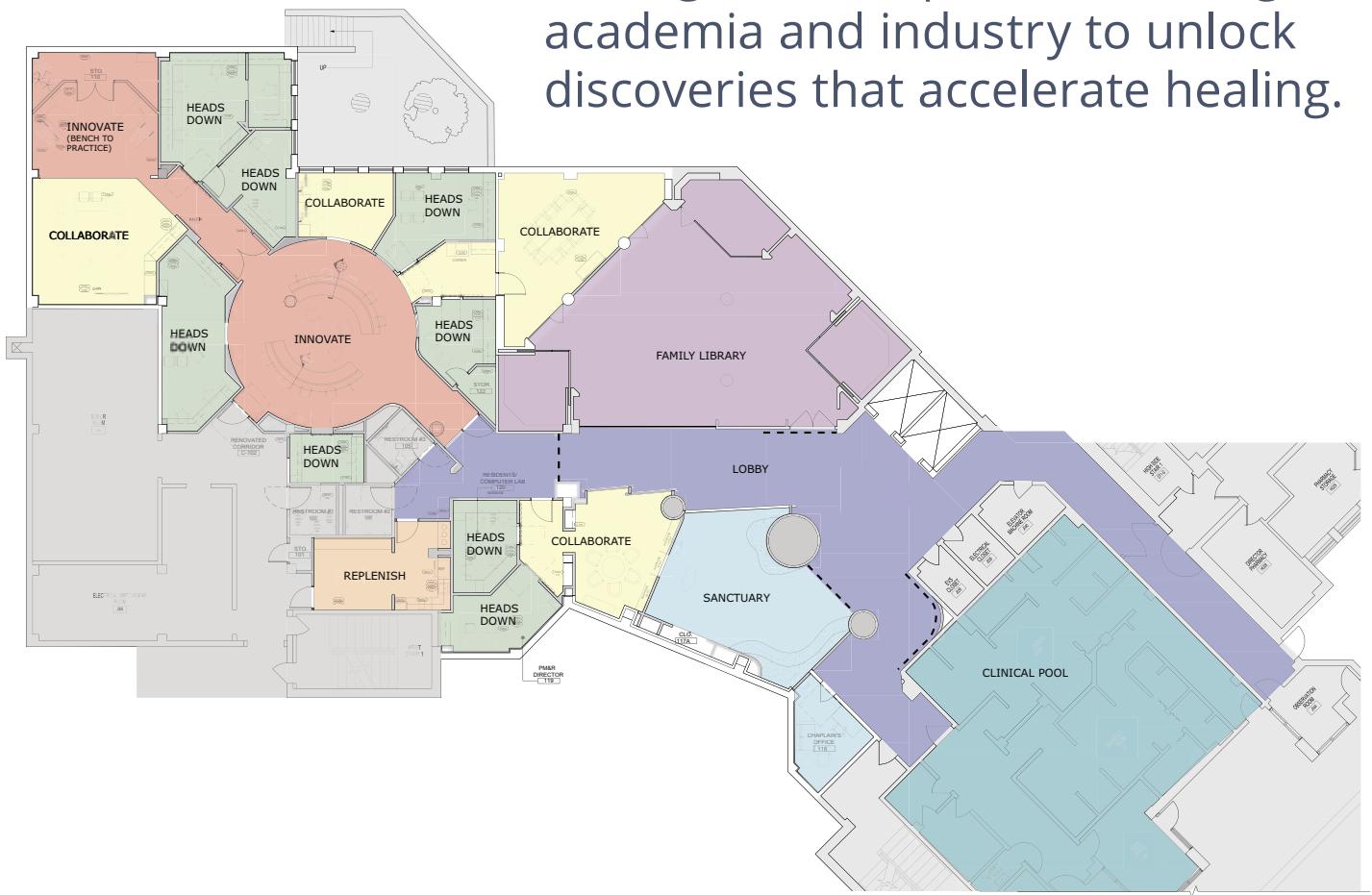
## Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) Academy

Providing the best possible patient care is at the center of all of Gaylord's work. Since the COVID-19 pandemic began, recruiting frontline healthcare workers who are trained to meet the unique needs of Gaylord's high-acuity patient population has become increasingly challenging. To meet this challenge, in June 2022 our nursing team launched the Gaylord CNA Academy with an inaugural class of 8 students. The program prepares all students for the CT Department of Public Health certification exam, as well as provides opportunities for professional development and additional training. Students who successfully complete the CNA Academy curriculum and pass the state certification exam are eligible for employment at Gaylord.

This program builds the pool of qualified candidates for employment, not only at Gaylord, but at other healthcare organizations in the region. In 2022, Gaylord received 148 applications, 19 students completed the program, 3 sessions were held, and 14 accepted offers of employment in their new role at Gaylord.



Jackson Pavilion Ground Level is now reimagined as a place that bridges academia and industry to unlock discoveries that accelerate healing.



## Clinical Education & Training

More than ever before, there are countless opportunities to obtain and provide information through online education. Gaylord is committed to providing access to educational content in order to maintain the highest level of clinical expertise and industry knowledge among our team members. To meet this ongoing need in 2022, Gaylord made considerable progress in the design of a comprehensive online learning system that delivers on-demand webinars, lectures, certification training and continuing education credits for internal and external audiences.

We are inspiring medical leaders of tomorrow to **think innovatively about the pathway to recovery.**

# Campus Master Planning

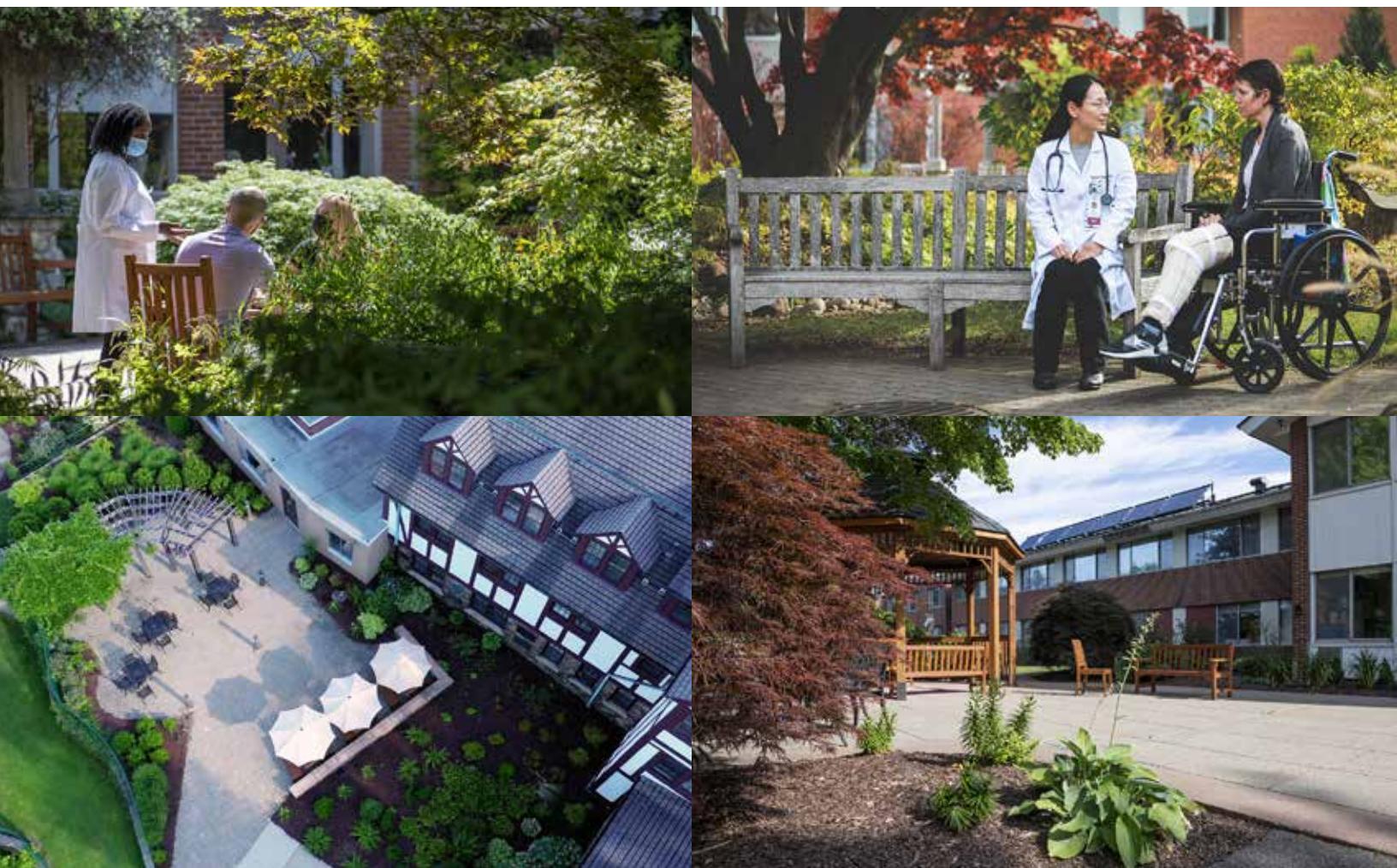
## Gaylord's Vision is Aspirational

In January 2022, Gaylord embarked on a master campus planning exercise to guide phased physical plant expansion and excite philanthropic development efforts needed to advance the Wallingford campus for growth in rehabilitation services aligned for advancing strategic operational and clinical opportunities.

Collectively, Gaylord's leadership and Master Plan Visioning Team have created a living document that guides **A Path Forward**, leveraging the facility's expansive campus to include **Nature Everywhere**, to reinforce and grow its reputation and performance as addressing all aspects of a patient's experience, and allowing patients, families and staff to find health and wellbeing in all aspects of the care process.

This overarching goal of the master plan is to transform the patient experience through the built environment. We will offer dynamic outdoor healing and gathering spaces, while building crucial infrastructure for clinical teams and programs. Gaylord's vision is to provide innovative patient-centered spaces intentionally designed to maximize recovery.

Building vibrant, restorative healing spaces inspires and fosters an opportunity for the patient to focus on what is most important — their recovery and long-term health.

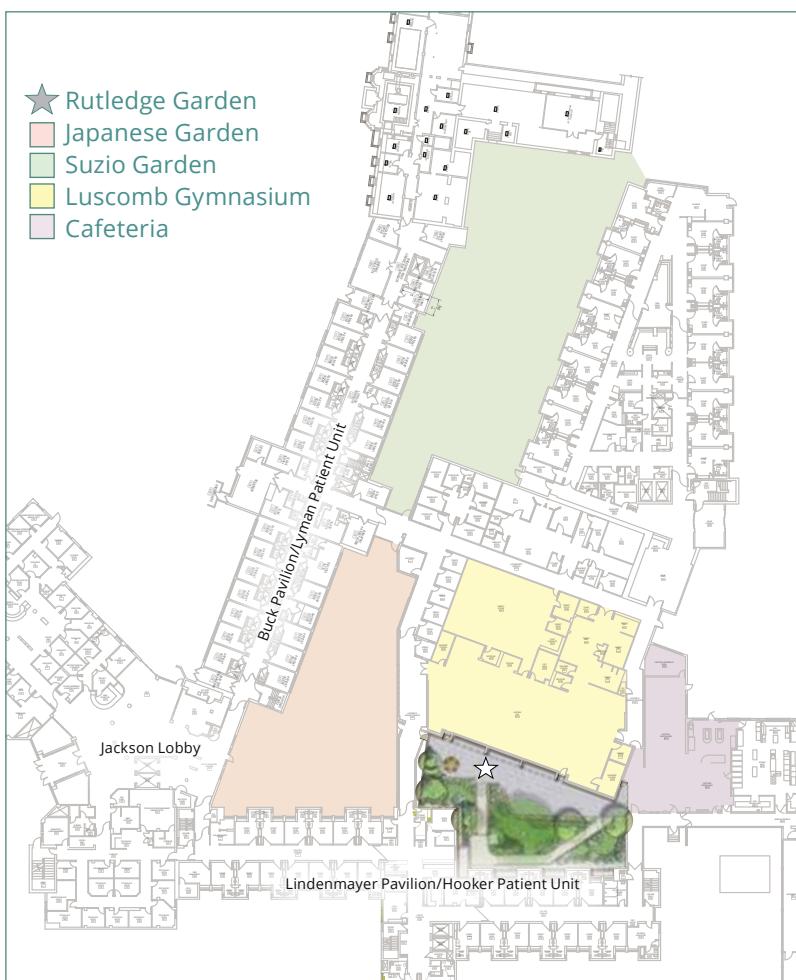


Tom and Molly Rutledge join hospital staff to celebrate the groundbreaking ceremony for the new Rutledge Family Garden in October.

### Rutledge Family Garden

As Gaylord maintains its laser-focus on patient-centered care, we cannot overlook our most unique asset: our 400+ acre campus that allows us to wield the healing power of nature, integrating our natural environment into the healing process. In October 2022, Tom and Molly Rutledge of the Rutledge Family Foundation made a gift of \$500,000 to launch the Luscomb Courtyard renovation project. The project will transform the outdoor courtyard nestled between Gaylord's main inpatient therapy gym and the Hooker patient unit. The project will create a new, modern and multipurpose space for therapeutic activities and patient access to nature.

Gaylord is also working to finalize design of a second therapeutic garden adjacent to the Cottages, suite-style accommodations for family members to stay close to their loved one. Construction on this second garden is planned for 2024.



# Thank You to our Community of Generous Supporters

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Ninety-year-old patient-turned-volunteer asks,  
**"How do you pay anybody back for  
a new lease on life?"**

As you walk through the hallways of Gaylord Hospital, it's not unusual to hear Dino Fuoco softly crooning to patients as he wheels them to their therapy appointments.



Dino's irrepressible joy, bottomless energy, and spontaneous dance moves belie the fact that only months earlier, the 90-year-old was practicing standing in the same hospital where he now volunteers twice a week.

The retired owner of a dry cleaning chain contracted severe COVID in early 2022. After an extended stay at Yale New Haven Hospital, he arrived at Gaylord in a fragile state, unable to walk and barely able to talk.

Inactivity was a foreign concept to the nonagenarian, whose many passions include singing, dancing, playing the guitar, and recording his own albums. Within only a few weeks of admission, Dino started to walk and sing the "oldies" to his Gaylord nurses and aides as soon as his voice allowed.

"They kept pushing me, and I got better," he said. "They called me the comeback kid."

Physical therapist Kim Tetreault recalled doing a double-take as she witnessed Dino dancing in the hallway one day near the end of his Gaylord stay.

"At that point," she laughed, "I think we all knew he had graduated."

On the day he was discharged home, Dino had a final, urgent question for Gaylord staff. "Who should I talk to about returning to volunteer?" he asked.

Months later, Dino called the hospital to make good on his pledge to give back to the hospital he regards so highly.

As a transport volunteer, he's keenly aware that his role means more than a prompt arrival to appointments. More importantly, he is a beacon of hope by sharing his story with others recovering from life-altering illnesses and injuries.



"I tell them I thank two lords: the good Lord and Gaylord Hospital," he said.

Tetreault said that many of her patients come to their appointments with a smile "because of him." But the pleasure, Dino insists, is all his.

"Helping people is such a beautiful feeling," he reflected.

"After all, how do you pay anybody back for a new lease on life?"

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# "I met Mary ... and Mary gave me hope."

## Paralyzed by Guillain-Barré syndrome, Massachusetts man draws hope from Gaylord mobility technician.

When Lenny Lamarre recovered from mild COVID last May, he returned to work, assuming that the worst was well behind him.

Two weeks later, the 55-year-old began to experience weakness and tingling in his feet that quickly spread to his legs and torso. Within days, Lenny was paralyzed from the chest down and dependent on a ventilator to breathe.

The Massachusetts resident was diagnosed with Guillain-Barré syndrome (GBS), a rare autoimmune condition that can be triggered by infections such as COVID.

After a five-week stay at MidState Medical Center, Lenny transferred to Gaylord Hospital for intensive inpatient rehabilitation and ventilator weaning.

"I was in pretty low spirits," he admitted. "There were days I thought I would be in that bed for the rest of my life."

"But then I met Mary ... and Mary gave me hope."



Gaylord mobility technician, Mary Kitchings, was assigned to help feed and transport Lenny to his appointments throughout the hospital. Within minutes of first meeting, Mary revealed how her own GBS diagnosis a decade earlier left her unable to walk or talk for months. The two formed an instant bond.

Lenny's wife, Paula, remembered the conversation with her husband later that day.

"It was one of the first times he sounded positive," Paula reflected. "He said, 'I just met someone who had GBS ... and she's walking all over the place!'"

"I was so happy because even though his recovery is a physical process, it's just as much a mental challenge. Mary was the light he needed to see at the end of the tunnel."



For the first few weeks of Lenny's stay, Mary sat by his bedside and fed him – their "breakfast and lunch dates," as Mary called them – as he was too weak to grasp utensils. The two engaged in easy, honest communication about the recovery process and marveled at the many things they had in common.

Mary often reminded Lenny that recovery is a "marathon, not a sprint" and to look past minor setbacks to the small victories.

"We just take one little rainbow step forward every day, right, Lenny?"

"When you can't move ... and you can't speak, it's hard to believe people when they say, 'You'll beat this. You'll walk again,'" Lenny said.

"But then I watch Mary ... and she's running around here like the Energizer Bunny. It was not only her words but her actions as well. She completed the same journey and came out the other side stronger."

Three months after discharge from Gaylord Hospital, Lenny completed his own journey by returning to work full-time. He walks unassisted, enjoys working out daily, and is forever grateful to the nurses, therapists and other staff who treated him and his family with "such kindness and compassion."

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# Gaylord Giving Day

Our Remarkable Community's Investment in Clinical Education

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This year, Gaylord's 120th anniversary, set the stage for the launch of 'Gaylord Giving Day', a special day for Gaylord's community to give back and support clinical education and professional development for our staff. The first annual Gaylord Giving Day took place on October 14, 2022, in recognition of Gaylord's day of founding 120 years ago. **More than 200 donors came together to raise \$140,886 in support of clinical education opportunities for Gaylord's staff.**

Clinical education is vital to maintain Gaylord's gold standard of care and patient outcomes. To continue to provide the best treatment techniques, world-class outcomes, and research, we provide our staff with opportunities for education and advancement. Leading education programs allow Gaylord clinicians to remain up to date on specialized topics. Funds raised through Gaylord Giving Day support scholarships for academic advancement, professional certifications and training, and staff-led research initiatives. Gaylord is honored to have the ability to provide our staff with opportunities to develop and grow and utilize new skills and treatments to benefit our patients.

**We celebrate our dedicated staff who value the importance of growth and development, and those who support them.**

IN 2022

13

POSTERS PRESENTED AT  
NATIONAL CONFERENCES

14

NEW GAYLORD EMPLOYEES  
TRAINED THROUGH CNA ACADEMY

148

CNA ACADEMY  
APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

30

NURSES ACHIEVED  
ADVANCED CERTIFICATION

# Recognize a Star

Every day, Gaylord's team of providers strives to make a meaningful impact on the recovery of our patients and their families.

IN 2022

240

STARS PURCHASED

110

DONORS

327

TEAM MEMBERS  
RECOGNIZED

2

STAR RECEPTIONS  
HOSTED



**On Tuesday, May 9, 2023, Gaylord will host a reception to celebrate donors and star recipients.**  
For more information, please contact: Priti Kapoor at (203) 679-3567 or [pkapoor@gaylord.org](mailto:pkapoor@gaylord.org).

Congratulations to our star recipients! Thank you to the patients, family members, friends, and employees who chose to honor them in a meaningful way.

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## Special Events

# Gaylord Gauntlet

The 2022 Gaylord Gauntlet 5k Trail & Obstacle Run, held on Saturday, June 25, 2022, welcomed nearly 800 determined runners to navigate a mud-filled course that includes a blend of wooded trails and open fields. Hosted entirely on Gaylord's 400-acre Wallingford campus, the race challenges participants to conquer 24 constructed and natural obstacles.

Gaylord Gauntlet participants encounter fun and the camaraderie of shared achievements, both physical and philanthropic. **The 2022 Gaylord Gauntlet raised more than \$115,000 for Gaylord's Sports Association**, a group dedicated to improving the lives of people with physical disabilities through adaptive sports and recreation.

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**The 2023 Gaylord Gauntlet will be held on Saturday, June 24, on our Wallingford campus.**

For more information, please visit [gaylordgauntlet.org](http://gaylordgauntlet.org) or contact Katelyn Muolo at (203) 741-3454 or [kmuolo@gaylord.org](mailto:kmuolo@gaylord.org).



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Gaylord graduates and close friends Jillian Harpin and Jay Ross reprised their roles as former Gauntlet Featured Adaptive Athletes in this year's "Gauntlet Battle of the Champions."



Running alongside each athlete was a support team of Gaylord caregivers and staff who played a pivotal role in their rehabilitation journeys. After months of training and much good-natured ribbing and speculation about who would win, Jillian took home the first-place medal – and bragging rights – for the 2022 race.

## Special Events

# Gaylord Golf Classic



The 33rd Annual Gaylord Golf Classic, held on Monday, June 20, 2022 at Great River Golf Club, welcomed over 150 dedicated supporters together to raise critical funds for Gaylord's Sports Association. The Sports Association offers the most diverse suite of adaptive sports programs in the state, with fifteen different activities ranging from introductory clinics to competitive teams. The Sports Association team provides instruction, adaptive equipment, and activity modification with an individualized approach to maximize the independence for all participants and their families.

Co-chaired by longtime supporters Karen DelChiaro and Jason Zagorski, this year's Golf Classic raised \$149,060.

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**Our 2023 Annual Golf Classic will be held on Monday, June 19 at the Great River Golf Club in Milford, CT.**

For more information, please visit [gaylord.org/golf](http://gaylord.org/golf) or contact Katelyn Muolo at (203) 741-3454 or [kmuolo@gaylord.org](mailto:kmuolo@gaylord.org).



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