The Communiqué

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MMH AUXILIARY PRESENTS TOTAL GIFT OF $148,500 AT ANNUAL MEETING

THE GIFT--The Auxiliary held it's annual meeting and luncheon on Monday, October 1, at the Manchester Country Club. Auxiliary President, Roberta Irish presented a check for $148,500, which represents this years' annual gift from The Auxiliary, to Dr. Dennis O'Neill, Chairman of ECHN Board of Trustees. The annual gift represents one of the largest ever received by the ECHN Community Healthcare Foundation from the Auxiliary. $55,000 will support materials and room renovations for the Joint Effort Program to which the Auxiliary has contributed $275,000 over the past five years. The additional money will be used to purchase many capital items that were requested from various departments at The Hospital. Capital items included: White Boards in all patient rooms for two way communication between care providers, patients and their families; 12 Vital Signs Monitors to obtain patients vital signs and help standardize this equipment throughout the hospital; 12 Wound Surface Mattresses which aid in prevention of pressure ulcers; Urinary Stone Removal System that uses ultrasonic technology to break up urinary stones, which updates the current 20-year old method of stone removal; One Bariatric Stretcher to safely accommodate overweight patients; and more. Education Funding in the amount of $10,000 has been pledged to the Hospital for classes, conferences, school-at-work programs and training materials.

The annual gift is made possible by revenues from the Manchester Memorial Hospital Gift Shops, the John A. DeQuattro Cancer Center Boutique and Café, The Penny Saver Thrift Ship on Broad Street and The Auxiliary. Heartfelt thanks go to Auxiliary members and volunteers that make the annual gift possible.

THE PROGRAM—Bob Eckert, Manchester Chamber of Commerce presented "Imagine Main Street" giving attendees an overview of plans for Manchester. Deborah Parker, Senior Vice Present of Patient Care Service and Chief Clinical Officer reviewed the capital items included in the 2012 Gift. The program also included a Flower Arranging Demonstration by Robin Weir, vendors' booths for shopping, and raffles.

THE BUSINESS MEETING--During the annual business meeting, the 2011-2012 Annual Meeting minutes were approved and the 2012-2013 budget was adopted. Elections were held for Officers and Directors and the following slate was approved: President, Roberta Irish; Vice President, Dianne Lombardo; Treasurer, Carolyn Wilson; Secretary, Alice Carlson and Assistant Treasurers, Frances Lynch and Annie Schade. Directors elected for a two-year term ending September 30, 2014 are: Terry Arruda, *The Communique;* Marilyn Peracchio, Gift Shop Chairperson; Frances Lynch and Annie Schade, Tree of Love; Harriet Haslett, Director at Large.

Thanks go to Roberta Irish and Alice Carlson for this year's Annual Meeting program. Thanks also goes to The Penny Saver Thrift Shop and it's staff for a donation of $70,000, which helped to make The Auxiliary's 2012 Gift unprecedented!

Pictured from left are Dr. Dennis O'Neill, Roberta Irish, George Precourt, The Penny Saver Manager, and Nancy Crosen, MMH Hospital Gift Shop and Cancer Center Boutique and Café Manager.

President's Corner— I would like to thank everyone who attended our Annual Meeting this year. I hope you enjoyed yourselves.

Next year we will commemorate our 90th Anniversary. We are in the process of forming a committee to organize the celebration. So far we have 10 volunteers. If you would like to be part of this historic celebration, please e-mail me at rirish@echn.org or call me at 860-647-4760.

I am pleased with all the gifts we were able to give the many departments in our hospital this year. Our goal for next year is to make it even better. Please get involved and join the fun!

Sincerely,
Roberta Irish

Manchester Memorial Hospital GIFT SHOP VENDORS are a great way to do your shopping for the holidays—

Nov 1	Tupperware	Nov 30	Usborne books
Nov 2	The Birds and The Beads	Dec 3	Blue Gems
Nov 6	Cape Cod Leather	Dec 4	The Penny Saver Thrift Shop
Nov 7	Long River Pearls	Dec 5	Qulibet
Nov 8	Alexander's Uniforms (CR E&F)	Dec 6	Lynnation's Florals
Nov 9	Books Are Fun	Dec 7	Claire's Casual Jewelry
Nov 12	J & J Fashions	Dec 10	Designs by Diana
Nov 13	Worldly Wares	Dec 11	Tupperware
Nov 14	Designs by Diana	Dec 12	The Flavored Olive
Nov 15	Old Maids Closet	Dec 13	I Love My Clogs
Nov 16	I Love My Clogs	Dec 14	Priceless Jewelry
Nov 19	A Little of This and That	Dec 17	Sparkle
Nov 20	Pampered Chef	Dec 18	Idle Times
Nov 26	Little Black Dress	Dec 19	Silpada
Nov 27	Sparkle	Dec 21	Everything $6.00
Nov 28	Craftworks	Dec 28	Classy Collections
Nov 29	Mary Kay		

All vendors are in annex except Alexander's Uniforms.

SENIOR VOLUNTEERS MAY QUALIFY FOR TOWN OF MANCHESTER TAX PROGRAM

Senior volunteers, age 65 or older, who meet annual income requirements, own and occupy property in Manchester that is their primary residence, and work a minimum of 50 hours of volunteer service through May 15, 2013 may qualify for up to $500 in tax credits. Acceptance is limited to 30 qualified seniors and done on a first come, first served basis. Contact the Director of Human Services for The Town of Manchester for more details.

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"Walden Behavioral Care" has opened a new clinic for treating eating disorders in the ECHN medical office campus at 2400 Tamarack Ave., South Windsor. The Clinic will provide high-quality, compassionate healthcare to individuals with life-threatening eating disorders.

The Women's Wellness Center, which was previously at this location, has moved to a neighboring building at 2600 Tamarack Ave.

TREE OF LOVE LIGHTING CEREMONY

Thurs., Dec. 6th 2012, 5:00 p.m. (Snow date, Dec. 7th)
Main Lobby at Manchester Memorial Hospital
Entertainment and Complimentary Refreshments
Purchase a light . . .

- To honor the memory of a friend or loved one
- To compliment a friend or family member
- To celebrate a meaningful event . . .birth, engagement, marriage, anniversary, etc.

Tree lights are $5.00 each. You will receive a flyer with details in the mail at your home.

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