

YEAR IN REVIEW 2024





EASTERN LONG ISLAND HOSPITAL
FOUNDATION
YOUR HEALTH. OUR COMMITMENT.

2025 EVENTS



ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC

Gardiner's Bay Country Club
Monday, June 16 at 7:30 am
A day of competitive golf
on Shelter Island.



DANCING ON THE DOCK

Porto Bello Restaurant
Thursday, June 26 at 5 pm
Cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, and dancing
under the stars on Peconic Bay.



SUMMER SOIREE GALA

Peconic Bay Yacht Club
Friday, August 15 at 5:30 pm
Cocktails, dinner, and dancing at
a stunning waterfront venue.



5K FAMILY WALK/RUN

Sunday, September 14 at 9 am
Rise and shine for a run or walk
on the North Fork.



FALL FISHING SHOWDOWN

Port of Egypt Marine
Friday & Saturday, September 26 & 27
Friendly fishing competition
followed by a Lobster Bash!



Join us this summer and support
Stony Brook Eastern Long Island Hospital.
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Dear Friends and Supporters,

As we close out another remarkable year, I want to take a moment to reflect on the incredible achievements of the Eastern Long Island Hospital Foundation (ELIHF) in 2024. Thanks to the generosity, passion, and commitment of supporters like you, we have made significant strides in advancing healthcare on the North Fork.

This year, we were honored to welcome Ray George to our Board of Directors, bringing with him a wealth of experience and a deep commitment to our mission. Our Golf Classic was a tremendous success, where we celebrated the dedication of Terence McLaughlin, whose contributions have been invaluable to our continued efforts. At our annual gala, we were thrilled to honor Jonathan and Maggie Tibett, whose firm support of Stony Brook Eastern Long Island Hospital (SBELIH) has made them one of the best honorees we've ever had. The event was a memorable evening highlighting the establishment of a Primary Stroke Center and brought our community closer together in support of our hospital.

We capped off the year with our annual 5K Walk/Run, which was not only a fun-filled day but also marked a significant milestone in our campaign to establish a new Stroke Center at Stony Brook Eastern Long Island Hospital. A special thank you to our doctors who showcased their talents in the band, making the evening even more enjoyable and unforgettable!

Our capital campaigns this year have also been nothing short of extraordinary. We have successfully raised substantial funds for critical projects, including:

- The purchase of new defibrillators to enhance patient care.
- Development of a new Primary Stroke Center which will provide life-saving treatment close to home.
- The renovation of the ER nurses' station and the dedication of the ER ramp.
- The modernization of our laboratory facilities.
- Ongoing support for nursing education, ensuring our staff remains at the forefront of medical knowledge and practice.

Each of these projects directly impacts on the quality of care we provide to our community, and none of it would be possible without your support. We are deeply grateful for your generosity and commitment.

As we look ahead to the new year, we remain dedicated to our mission of delivering exceptional healthcare services. On behalf of the entire ELIHF, I wish you and your loved ones a safe, happy, and healthy holiday season.

With warm regards and deep gratitude,
Paul Romanelli
Chairman
Eastern Long Island Hospital Foundation

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The Harold Family
CLINICAL LABORATORY

A YEAR OF
**GENEROSITY
& PROGRESS**

2024 was a remarkable year for Stony Brook Eastern Long Island Hospital, thanks to the support and generosity of our donors.

The Harold Family Foundation continued its steadfast partnership with SBELIH, resulting in the naming of **The Harold Family Clinical Laboratory**. Since 2015, their contributions have funded pivotal advancements, including a new chemistry analyzer, 3D Tomosynthesis for breast cancer detection, a BiPAP machine for respiratory support, and various other critical pieces of medical equipment. These upgrades represent a commitment to enhancing patient care and ensuring that our hospital remains at the forefront of healthcare for our community. As Paul J. Connor III, Chief Administrative Officer, remarked during the lab's ribbon-cutting ceremony, "this partnership has empowered us to push forward, knowing we have the Harold Family's unwavering support."



Another transformative donation came from **Jonathan and Maggie Tibett**, whose dedication to SBELIH significantly advanced the development of our new **Primary Stroke Center**. Honored at this year's Seaside Soiree, the Tibetts' leadership and generosity brought us closer to our \$1.5 million goal, a crucial milestone for the community. The Tibetts also introduced us to Dr. and Mrs. Davis of Greenport, whose generous \$100,000 donation to the ER in honor of Maggie and Jonathan will have a profound impact. Our Primary Stroke Center will provide essential, life-saving services for stroke patients, eliminating the need for North Fork and Shelter Island residents to travel long distances for specialized care. With an aging population in our region, timely stroke intervention can make the difference between life and death, and the Tibetts' contributions will leave a lasting legacy in the lives saved by this center.



Our **Emergency Department**, generously donated by the **Brennan Family Foundation**, continues to serve as a cornerstone of care within our community. Their contribution enabled us to expand and modernize our ER, enhancing patient care and response times in critical moments. This investment in our hospital demonstrates the Brennan Family Foundation's deep commitment to the health and safety of our region.



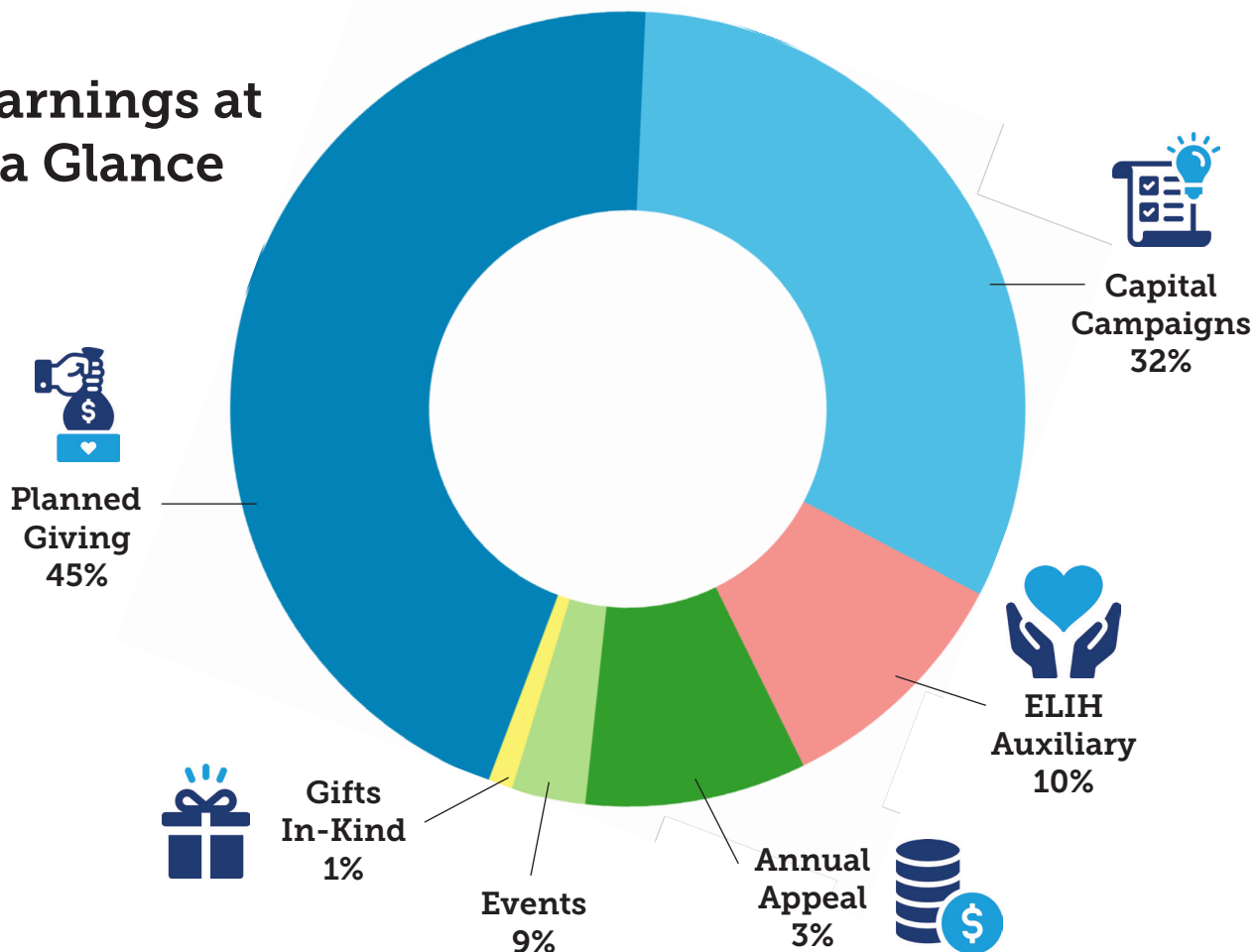
Our **Invest in Our Equipment Campaign** saw tremendous community engagement this year. This campaign focused on raising funds for vital medical technology, including new defibrillators—a \$100,000 contribution—and a CT scanner, which are both essential for emergency care. The advanced imaging capabilities of the CT scanner will significantly improve diagnostic accuracy and speed, while the defibrillators ensure our medical team can provide immediate, effective treatment for cardiac and stroke patients. Thanks to our donors, we now offer an elevated level of care, supported by cutting-edge equipment, right here on the North Fork.

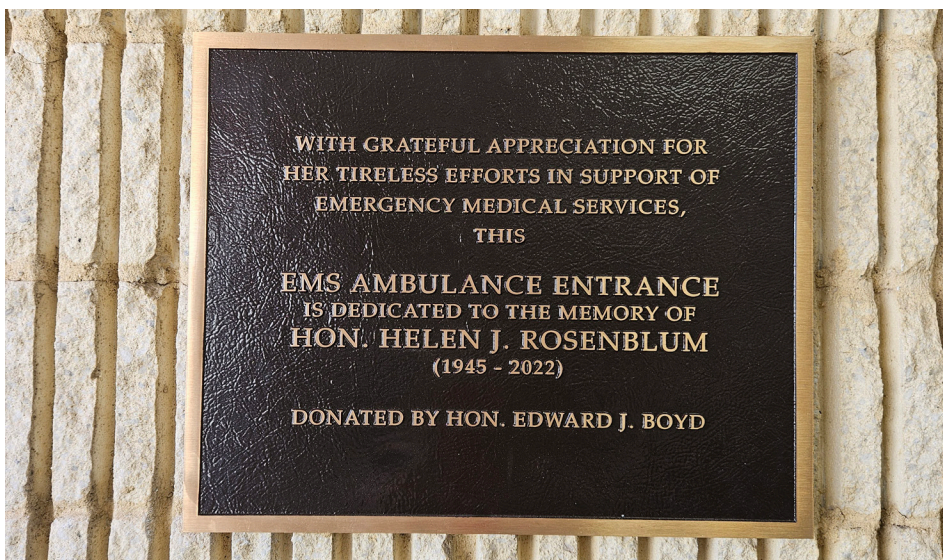
In tandem with these advancements, the **Emergency Room Nursing Station Enhancement Campaign** has also taken off. Upgrading this space will streamline the delivery of emergency services, enabling our hardworking nursing team to provide even more efficient and effective care during critical moments. This enhancement strengthens our commitment to delivering the highest standard of care to every patient who enters our ER.

Our **Planned Giving Program** has also been an integral part of our philanthropy, making 2024 another banner year for operational and project support across the hospital. For those interested in making a lasting impact, our Planned Giving Program is a meaningful way to contribute to the future of SBELIH. Please contact Linda Sweeney, Vice President, Foundation/External Affairs, at Linda.Sweeney2@stonybrookmedicine.edu or (631) 477-5164 to learn more.

We are deeply grateful for the generosity of all our donors this year. Your contributions have not only improved our hospital's capabilities but also demonstrated a profound commitment to the health and well-being of our community. Together, we are building a stronger, more resilient healthcare system for the North Fork and Shelter Island. Thank you for making a tangible difference in the lives of our patients and for helping us continue our mission of providing exceptional healthcare close to home.

Earnings at a Glance





Hon. Edward J. Boyd, Esq. made an equally impactful contribution by funding improved ambulance access to the Emergency Department in memory of Hon. Helen J. Rosenblum. This project ensures that emergency responders can efficiently deliver patients in critical condition, honoring Helen's legacy as a passionate EMT and public servant. Edward Boyd's generosity creates a lasting tribute to Helen's life of service, ensuring that her commitment to saving lives continues through the work of SBELIH.

2024 EVENTS:

WHAT A YEAR IT WAS!



34TH ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC

On a picture-perfect June day at the exclusive Gardiner's Bay Country Club on Shelter Island, ELIHF proudly hosted its 34th Annual Golf Classic—an event that has become a cherished summer tradition on the North Fork. The day brought together passionate golfers and loyal supporters for a memorable mix of friendly competition and philanthropy. This year's tournament honored Foundation Board Member Terence McLaughlin for his outstanding contributions to SBELIH and raised over \$200,000. With breathtaking views of Gardiner's Bay providing the backdrop, players teed off in support of the hospital's mission to deliver exceptional healthcare. Thanks to our generous participants and sponsors, the funds raised will directly support SBELIH's vital programs, ensuring that our community continues to receive the top-tier care it deserves.





4TH ANNUAL SEASIDE SOIREE

The Seaside Soirée in August was an unforgettable evening, where over 175 dedicated supporters gathered at the picturesque Peconic Bay Yacht Club. With panoramic views of Shelter Island and Great Peconic Bay, guests enjoyed a lively cocktail reception featuring a raw bar generously provided by Southold Fish Market. This year's event set a new fundraising milestone, generating over \$400,000 to support SBELIH's most critical programs, including the much-anticipated creation of a new Primary Stroke Center. We paid special tribute to Maggie and Jonathan Tibett, whose resolute dedication to the hospital and local community has made a lasting impact. The success of the Seaside Soirée is a testament to the hard work and dedication of our hospital leadership, gala committee, and Foundation Board. Guests were reminded that their generosity is making a tangible difference in the lives of patients and families across the North Fork and Shelter Island. Your continued support is the heartbeat of our hospital's mission.





6TH ANNUAL FALL FISHING SHOWDOWN

The Fall Fishing Showdown at Port of Egypt Marine in September was a resounding success, solidifying its place as one of the year's most anticipated events. The event began with the Captain's Huddle on Friday evening, setting the tone for a friendly, yet competitive fishing tournament. Despite challenging sea conditions, our dedicated anglers made it a day to remember. Thanks to the enduring support of our partner, Port of Egypt Marine, and event sponsors Southold Fish Market, Greenport Harbor Brewing Co., Osprey's Dominion Winery, Safe Harbor Marinas, Lombardi's Love Lane Market, and Peeko Oysters, the event exceeded expectations.

Over the past six years, the Fall Fishing Showdown has raised more than \$400,000, with proceeds from the 2024 event benefiting our Primary Stroke Center initiative. The Lobster Bash following the tournament has quickly become the event of the season, with over 200 attendees enjoying a delectable seafood feast, silent auctions, and dancing to live music from POC, featuring the hospital's own ER doctors. This event truly brought our community together, and we are immensely grateful to everyone who contributed to its success!



3RD ANNUAL DANCING ON THE DOCK

In July, ELIHF hosted its third annual “Dancing on the Dock” at Claudio’s Waterfront. This magical evening was filled with music, laughter, and a shared sense of community as supporters gathered to celebrate and contribute to SBELIH. Against the backdrop of sailboats gliding across the bay at sunset, guests dined, danced, and enjoyed the festivities, all while championing the hospital’s mission. Dr. William Wertheim, Executive Vice President of Stony Brook Medicine, shared exciting updates on the hospital’s recent accomplishments, including Stony Brook Medicine’s recognition as one of America’s 50 Best Hospitals by Healthgrades, and the upcoming designation of SBELIH as a Primary Stroke Center. He also introduced Dr. Luke Swaszek, an esteemed general surgeon joining our team. Suzie Marriott, MS, RN, PMH-BC, SBELIH’s Chief Nursing Officer and Senior Vice President Patient Care Services, echoed this sentiment, highlighting the close bond between the hospital and its supporters. Proceeds from this memorable evening directly benefit patient care, ensuring that SBELIH remains a pillar of health and hope for our community.



8TH ANNUAL “WALK TO RECOVERY” TO BENEFIT BEHAVIORAL SERVICES

The “Walk to Recovery” 5K Walk/Run in support of SBELIH brought together over 120 runners at Orient State Park on October 20. Participants of all ages showed their support for behavioral health services during this 8th annual event. The fun-filled morning saw community members, students, staff, and mental health advocates gather at the starting line, united in their effort to combat mental health stigma.



ELIHF BOARD NEWS

RAY GEORGE WELCOMED TO ELIHF BOARD

ELIHF proudly reflects on an exciting year with the addition of Raymond L. George III to the Board of Directors. With over 30 years of financial services expertise, Ray brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the Foundation, dedicated to raising critical funds for Stony Brook Eastern Long Island Hospital.

Ray, founder of The George Group at Morgan Stanley, has earned numerous accolades throughout his distinguished career, including being named to Forbes' Best in State Wealth Advisors Ranking from 2019-2024 and having his team recognized on Forbes Best in State Wealth Management Teams in 2022 and 2023. His passion for giving back led him to join the ELIHF Board.

"It's time for me to give back to the community," said Ray. "There's no better way than joining the ELIH Foundation Board to raise funds and help save lives. I know I can make a difference."



His commitment to philanthropy and community aligns perfectly with SBELIH's mission to deliver exceptional healthcare to the North Fork and Shelter Island. A graduate of St. Thomas University, Ray resides with his wife, Cynthia, and their four children, splitting their time between Garden City and Laurel, NY.

As we look back on this year, we're excited about the expertise and dedication Ray brings, helping ensure that the ELIHF continues to thrive in supporting vital healthcare services for our community.



EMS WEEK

ELIHF Board Member Sheri Winter Parker, a North Fork real estate expert and devoted community advocate, knows firsthand the life-saving impact of SBELIH. During the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, Sheri's life was saved by the incredible care she received from our dedicated healthcare team. Forever grateful, Sheri has made it her mission to give back and shows her devoted support to those who continue to serve our community.

In a heartfelt gesture of appreciation, Sheri hosted a special lunch for local EMS workers and volunteers in May. Partnering with Greenport's 1943 Pizza Bar and their Rolling in Dough Pizza Truck, Sheri brought smiles and gratitude to first responders who work tirelessly 24/7, 365 days a year.

Thank you, Sheri, for your generosity and continued commitment to SBELIH, and a huge thank you to our EMS workers for their steadfast dedication to keeping our community safe!



SAMY SABIL PLAQUE PRESENTATION

The ELIHF proudly honored one of its dedicated Board members, Samy Sabil of The North Fork Shack. On Tuesday, September 17, members of the ELIHF Board and SBELIH leadership team presented Samy with a "Plaque of Appreciation" for his unyielding support of the hospital.

Samy, co-owner of The North Fork Shack, has been an active ELIHF Board Member for nearly two years. His journey with SBELIH began as a grateful patient, after which he decided to pay it forward by joining the Board. Since then, he has hosted multiple fundraising events at his restaurant, other venues, and contributed generously to Employee Appreciation events at the hospital.

"I am truly honored to receive this plaque of appreciation, though it isn't necessary. Giving back to SBELIH is deeply meaningful to me, and I'm committed to spreading the word about how essential this hospital is to our community," said Samy.

ELIHF Board Chairman, Paul Romanelli, shared, "When Samy Sabil joined our Board, he brought a wonderful energy that has truly enhanced our efforts. His culinary donations at many of our events have left a lasting impact, and his dedication to helping this hospital is something we are deeply grateful for."

As we reflect on this special moment, the ELIHF is deeply thankful for Samy's contributions and continued commitment to making a difference in the lives of those we serve.



SHOPPING WITH SHERI: LINDA'S CLOSET SALE

Another successful Shopping with Sheri event, "Linda's Closet Sale," was held at The Shoals, where part of the proceeds was donated to the ELIHF. We are incredibly thankful to Sheri for hosting these events that help support the mission at SBELIH.

EMBODYING GENEROSITY AND SERVICE



THANK YOU TO THE ELIH AUXILIARY

Throughout the history of SBELIH the ELIH Auxiliary has been a loyal pillar of support, embodying the true spirit of generosity and service. From the hospital's earliest days as Eastern Long Island Hospital to its present, the ELIH Auxiliary's dedication has left an indelible mark on the community.

Members of the ELIH Auxiliary, under the leadership of President Helene V. Fall, gathered at the Townsend Manor Inn in Greenport in April to celebrate their extraordinary service. Volunteers who contributed between 500 and 15,000 hours were honored, with special tributes paid to the late Toni DeMeo, who gave 24,121 hours of service, and Nora Busch, who

dedicated 24,239 hours over their time in the ELIH Auxiliary. Their remarkable commitment will forever be cherished within the SBELIH family.

Former Chair of the Eastern Long Island Hospital Association Board and Joint Advisory Committee, Thomas E. Murray Jr.; SBELIH CAO Paul J. Connor III, Dr. Z. Micah Kaplan; and Chair of the ELIHF Board, Paul Romanelli shared heartfelt words of gratitude. Paul Connor emphasized, "Everything the ELIH Auxiliary has done is unbelievable. Their work not only supports our hospital's healthcare mission but also strengthens our connection to the community." The speakers underscored the vital role that the ELIH Auxiliary plays in ensuring that SBELIH continues to deliver top-tier healthcare to the region, making a lasting impact on patients and families alike.

OP SHOP CELEBRATES 60 YEARS OF SERVICE

In 2024, the Opportunity Shop (Op Shop) in Greenport Village celebrated its diamond jubilee, marking 60 years of constant support for SBELIH. Operated by roughly 40 dedicated volunteer members of the ELIH Auxiliary, the OpShop has evolved from a small red building on hospital property to its current location on Main Street, continuing its tradition of community service.



Volunteers and hospital officials gathered at The North Fork Shack on July 15 to commemorate this milestone anniversary. OpShop chairperson, Connie Connor expressed her appreciation for the volunteers' years of hard work and dedication. "We have remained steadfast in keeping up with traditions while changing with the times," she said. "Not only are we a part of this community, but we are in the community making friends along the way."

The Op Shop is more than just a thrift store; it's a vital part of the local fabric, offering bargains on everything from gently used clothing and household items to furniture, décor, books, and gifts. While supporting SBELIH is the shop's primary mission, the Op Shop also extends its generosity to other causes, including homeless shelters, animal rescues, and the Quannacut rehab facility at the hospital.

Volunteers, affectionately known as the "Pink Ladies" for their distinctive jackets, are a familiar sight around Greenport, while male volunteers wear blue jackets.



Longtime volunteer Barbara Koch, reminisced about her time with the shop, saying, "Lots of clothes, lots of runs to the animal shelter, and lots of wonderful people." For newer volunteers like Carol Bradley, who joined in June, the experience has been a blessing, bringing both meaningful work and new friendships.

In 2023, the ELIH Auxiliary achieved a record-setting donation of \$572,000 to the hospital, a testament to their commitment and tireless efforts. Paul Connor recognized the ELIH Auxiliary's indispensable role, noting, "Their work not only provides critical funds for the hospital, but it also represents the social mission we hold dear." Looking ahead, he emphasized the ELIH Auxiliary's ongoing importance, particularly in raising funds for crucial projects such as a new stroke center and emergency room.

As we celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Op Shop, we extend our deepest gratitude to the volunteers whose dedication has sustained the shop's mission for decades. As Connie put it, "Every year, we continue to grow," and with the continued support of the community, SBELIH will thrive for many more years to come.



To learn more about joining the ELIH Auxiliary and making a difference, visit elih.stonybrookmedicine.edu/auxiliary.

AUXILIARY EVENTS

Thanks to the collaborative effort of our Auxilians, the ELIH Auxiliary had its share of event triumphs in 2024.



ANNUAL CAR/CASH GIVEAWAY RAFFLE

The 2024 ELIH Auxiliary Car/Cash Giveaway brought excitement to the hospital community, with Wendy Smith of Southold, a Radiology Nurse at SBELIH since 1999, taking home the grand prize. Announced by ELIH Auxiliary President Helene V. Fall, alongside CAO Paul J. Connor III and ELIH Auxiliary member Loretta Faria, Wendy described the thrilling moment she realized she had won saying colleagues at the hospital were quick to congratulate her, making it a special celebration for the SBELIH family. The annual Car/Cash Giveaway, now a beloved tradition, continues to raise essential funds for hospital services, reflecting the ELIH Auxiliary's commitment to the community.

The ELIH Auxiliary was grateful for the continued support of M&T Bank, which has generously provided a \$5,000 sponsorship for the 2024 Car/Cash Giveaway. This sponsorship covers hard costs such as printing, mailer preparation, and postage, significantly contributing to the success of the fundraiser. Helene expressed her gratitude, stating, "With M&T Bank's support, we are one step closer to achieving our fundraising goal." For the past 18 years, this giveaway has been a key fundraiser for the hospital, helping to raise essential funds.



LADIES VICTORIAN TEA

The ELIH Auxiliary held their annual Victorian Tea in Mattituck. It was a time to recognize the ELIH Auxiliary's dedication to the hospital and their amazing fundraising efforts in support of SBELIH. During the event, a donation was made in Nora Busch's honor to support Social Work Education at SBELIH.

ITALIAN NIGHT

That's amore! The ELIH Auxiliary hosted their annual Italian Night Dinner at Townsend Manor Inn in Greenport. Guests enjoyed an Italian feast and took their chance at a basket raffle. Thank you to all supporters who came out for a great cause, SBELIH.



DREAM GREEN

Back better than ever after last year's Maritime Festival cancellation, the Dream Green Extravaganza has solidified itself as a legendary event for the Eastern Long Island Hospital Foundation. This year's raffle, hosted in the heart of Greenport at the beloved Op Shop, drew a large and enthusiastic crowd. With excitement filling the air, 65 lucky winners were awarded prize money as the much-anticipated tickets were handpicked from the iconic raffle drum. This year's event marked a triumphant return and showcased the dedication of our hospital's ELIH Auxiliary, whose tireless efforts have made Dream Green one of the most anticipated community events of the year. Their commitment, along with the hard work of those who sold tickets across the North Fork, ensured that the event not only met but exceeded expectations.



Making this year even more special was the family of longtime ELIH Auxiliary member Nora Busch who presented the ELIH Auxiliary with a check in her honor.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to everyone who contributed to the success of this year's Dream Green Extravaganza. The funds raised will continue to support the life-saving programs and services that make SBELIH a cornerstone of our community. With your help, we are ensuring that SBELIH continues to thrive, providing world-class healthcare to the North Fork and Shelter Island. Here's to another unforgettable Dream Green, and we can't wait to make next year's event even bigger!



LADIES ON THE LINKS

The Ladies on the Links event, one of the ELIH Auxiliary's most cherished traditions, continued its success this year, further strengthening the hospital's connection to the community. The brainchild of Barbara Koch and Loretta Faria, this annual golf outing has become a key fundraiser that helps ensure the hospital remains a leader in delivering compassionate, cutting-edge healthcare.



Thanks to the tireless efforts of the ELIH Auxiliary and the overwhelming support from participants, this year's Ladies on the Links was a resounding success. The funds raised support our mission to provide excellent care and help SBELIH thrive in serving the North Fork community.

We are deeply grateful for the ongoing dedication of our ELIH Auxiliary and the community members who make this event possible year after year. It's this spirit of commitment and collaboration that helps keep our hospital at the forefront of healthcare innovation. Here's to another year of success and impact!

SBELIH NEWS

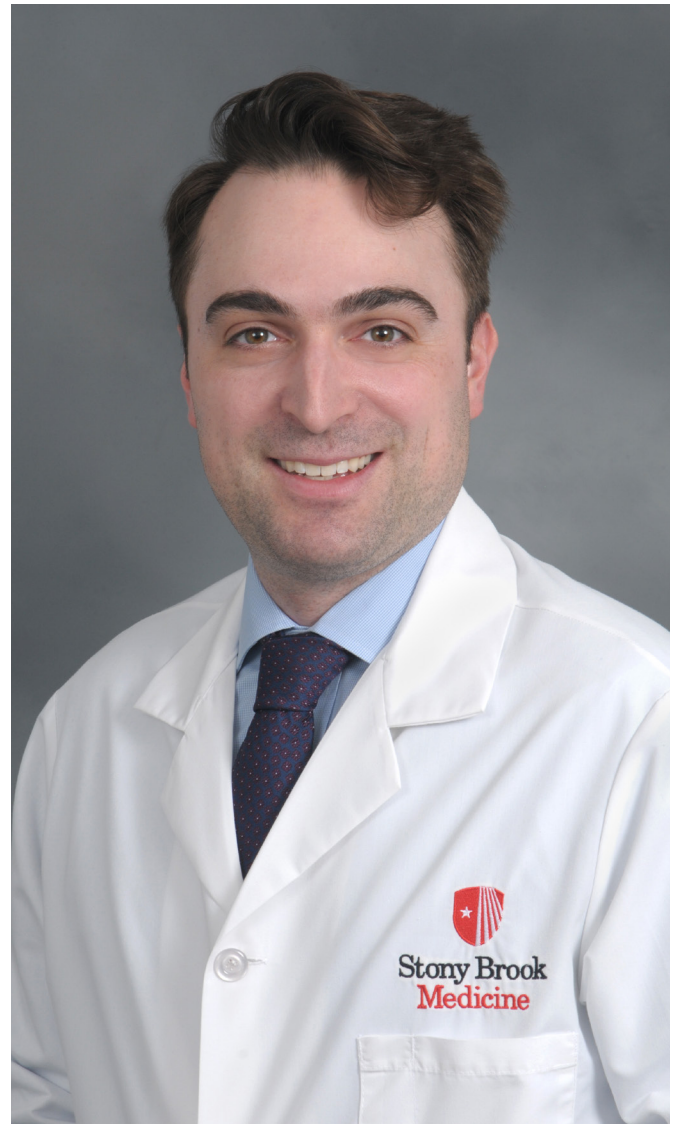
New General Surgeon: Dr. Luke Swaszek

SBELIH welcomes Dr. Luke Swaszek, a General Surgeon dedicated to transforming lives through surgery. Dr. Swaszek's medical journey began with a degree in biology from the University of Pennsylvania, followed by a medical degree from Hofstra, a residency at Temple University, and a fellowship at SBUH. His early work in bioscience research at the National Institutes of Health sparked his passion for clinical care, where he discovered the fulfillment of directly impacting patients' lives.

Dr. Swaszek brings not only skill but a compassionate approach to surgery, building meaningful connections with his patients and their families. His focus on minimally invasive procedures, including hernia repairs, bowel surgeries, gallbladder removals, and small mass surgeries, allows for quicker recoveries and immediate results—an aspect of surgery that drives his passion. With his extensive background in emergency surgery, Dr. Swaszek emphasizes adaptability and patient-centered care, ensuring his patients feel prepared and supported throughout their surgical experience.

Originally from a small coastal town in Rhode Island, Dr. Swaszek is excited to build his practice on the North Fork, a region he and his family love. Now living in Southold, he looks forward to serving the local community while enjoying the area's natural beauty with his family.

We are proud to have Dr. Swaszek join our team at SBELIH, where his expertise and dedication to patient care will undoubtedly make a lasting impact.



Record-Breaking Donation from ELIH Auxiliary

The ELIH Auxiliary made headlines this year with a record-breaking donation of \$572,000 to SBELIH. This donation is part of the ELIH Auxiliary's impressive total of over \$2,457,000 contributed in the last five years. The ELIH Auxiliary, a volunteer group of 100 members, raises funds through popular events like the Dream Green Extravaganza and operates the ELIH Auxiliary Opportunity Shop. Their contributions have funded crucial equipment and supported operational costs at SBELIH.

LeTip Funds New Bed at SBELIH

Patients treated in the Emergency Department at SBELIH benefited from a new Stryker emergency room stretcher, made possible by a \$5,500 donation from LeTip of the North Fork. The funds, raised through a successful charity event, were presented to hospital staff. The bed, which arrived in early 2024, was placed in the Emergency Department to enhance patient comfort. LeTip, a local business networking group, chose to support SBELIH as part of its community-focused charitable efforts. The hospital expressed gratitude for the donation, recognizing the community's longstanding support.



SBELIH Honors Sheri Winter Parker for Years of Support

In January, SBELIH celebrated Sheri Winter Parker of The Corcoran Group with a plaque of appreciation for her significant contributions. Sheri joined the ELIHF Board over two years ago and has been a key supporter of the hospital. Sheri's 'Shopping with Sheri' fundraiser has provided essential funds for the foundation. Sheri expressed her honor at being recognized, noting the hospital's crucial role in her life during the early days of COVID and her passion for giving back to the community.

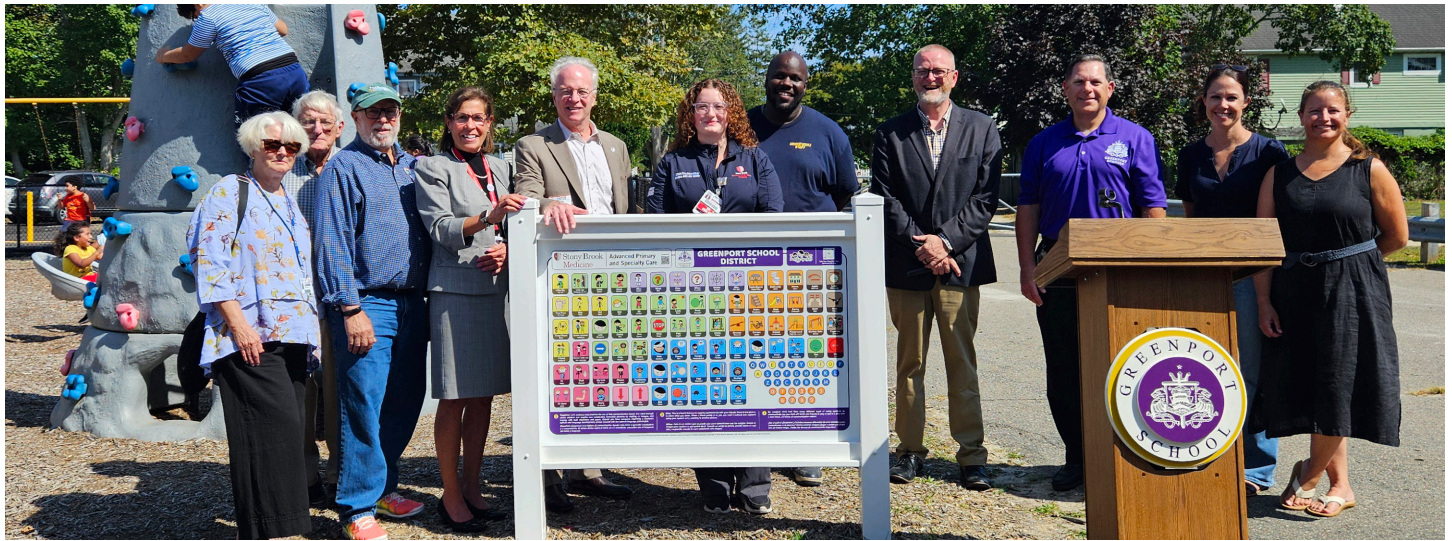


Psychiatric Resident: Dr. Brendan Beecher

Brendan Beecher, DO, a 4th-year Psychiatry Resident, has found a deep connection to his field through his time at Stony Brook Eastern Long Island Hospital. Originally from New York's Catskill area and a graduate of NYITCOM, Dr. Beecher began his journey at SBELIH as a 3rd-year medical student during his psychiatry clerkship. Initially considering a career in pediatrics, he discovered a passion for psychiatry during his time here, which led him to shift his focus. Dr. Beecher's residency experience included rotations at SBUH, SBSH, and SBELIH, providing him with a broad range of medical environments. At SBELIH, he refined his skills and found his passion for addiction medicine. The hospital's close-knit, community-oriented approach allowed him to work closely with attending physicians, nurses, and staff, fostering a collegial environment that enriched his training.

Now residing in Port Jefferson, Dr. Beecher is eager to focus his career on addiction medicine, drawing on the valuable experiences he gained during his residency. His journey at SBELIH has shaped him into a skilled and compassionate physician, and we are proud to have played a role in his development.





New AAC Playground Board Unveiled at Greenport Union Free School District

SBELIH and the faculty and staff of Greenport Union Free School District were excited to unveil a new Augmentative & Alternative Communication (AAC) playground board at Greenport Junior Senior High School on September 6. This innovative tool, developed in collaboration with Smarty Symbols, supports the message that “Everyone has a Voice,” offering an accessible way for individuals who face communication challenges to interact more easily.

The AAC board provides essential support for those who are non-verbal, have communication disabilities, or face language barriers by using visual symbols to bridge communication gaps. Catherine Bosco, a Southold community member, Psychiatric Nurse Manager at SBELIH, and mother of a non-verbal child, championed this project.



SBELIH Partners with Food Rescue US North Fork

SBELIH joined forces with Food Rescue US North Fork to combat food insecurity on the East End. The hospital donates freshly prepared and packaged unused food weekly, supporting local volunteers in reducing hunger and food waste. The initiative helps address immediate food needs, reduce waste, and lower environmental impacts, reflecting the hospital's commitment to community support.

Thomas E. Murray Jr. Retires After 25 Years of Service

Thomas E. Murray Jr. retired from the ELIHA Board of Directors after



25 years of dedicated service and served as Board Chair for most of that time. Murray, who was also a founding member of the Eastern Long Island Hospital Foundation, has overseen significant developments, including the emergency department expansion, construction of the ASU, expansion of the Psychiatry Unit, and the expansion of the imaging unit, and the hospital's integration with Stony Brook Medicine. His leadership has been instrumental in shaping the hospital's progress and ensuring high-quality care. His retirement marks the end of a notable chapter, with his contributions leaving a lasting impact on the hospital's future.



Harold Family Clinical Laboratory Dedicated

On May 28, SBELIH held a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the newly named Harold Family Clinical Laboratory, thanks to the Harold Family Foundation's generous support. Since 2015, Erica and Peter Harold have funded significant advancements at SBELIH, including new equipment and technology. Paul J. Connor III, Chief Administrative Officer, and Linda Sweeney, VP of Foundation/External Affairs, expressed their gratitude for the Harolds' contributions, which have enhanced patient care and supported the hospital's mission. The Harolds, initially patients at SBELIH, have become devoted supporters, helping to drive the hospital's growth.



Therapy Dog Hannah Brings Comfort to SBELIH

SBELIH introduced a new therapy dog, Hannah, to its Quannacut Inpatient Addiction Health Services. Hannah, a certified therapy dog through Michael's Angel Paws, and her handler Alex Bratty, have been providing emotional support to patients. The therapy dog's presence has been shown to reduce stress and boost mood, with patients responding positively to Hannah's visits. Linda Sweeney, VP of Foundation/External Affairs, highlighted the importance of psychosocial programs, while Ms. Bratty emphasized the positive impact of Hannah's interactions on patients' well-being.

STONY BROOK MEDICINE



STONY BROOK UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL RECOGNIZED AS A BEST HOSPITAL BY U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT

In 2024 Stony Brook University Hospital (SBUH) climbed to a No.12 ranking overall in New York State out of more than 153 hospitals statewide, up from No.13 in the state last year. SBUH also rated high performing in 5 adult specialties nationwide, including Geriatrics, Neurology & Neurosurgery, Orthopedics, Urology, and Pulmonology & Lung Surgery. The evaluation of SBUH includes data from Stony Brook Southampton Hospital (SBSH), Stony Brook Children's Hospital (SBCH), and SBELIH, which make up the Stony Brook Medicine healthcare system.



HEALTHGRADES

SBUH has been named among the top tier of hospitals nationwide for stroke and cardiac care, according to Healthgrades, a leading resource that evaluates approximately 4,500 hospitals nationwide solely on patient outcomes. Stony Brook has been named as one of:

- America's 100 Best Hospitals for Cardiac Care™ (2015-24), making it one of only two hospitals in New York State to receive this distinction for 10 consecutive years.
- America's 100 Best Hospitals for Stroke Care™ (2016-24), the only hospital in New York State to receive this award for 9 consecutive years.



HEI

We are proud to be designated as a Healthcare Equality Leader by the HRC. In April 2024, SBUH, SBSH, and SBELIH all were named National leaders in LGBTQ* Healthcare Equality by the National LGBTQ* Healthcare Equality Index (HEI) of the Human Rights Campaign Foundation. The HEI provides a blueprint for healthcare organizations to ensure that they are aligned with the best practices for LGBTQ* patients and employees. This is an amazing opportunity for our Suffolk County community to receive specialized care and to provide a safe and welcoming environment for LGBTQ* patients and employees.



CASTLE CONNOLLY

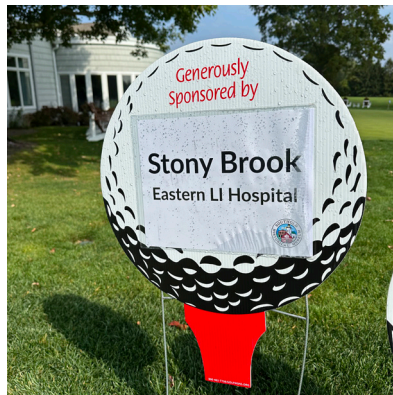
A total of 104* Stony Brook Medicine physicians have been named "Top Doctors" on Castle Connolly Top Doctors 2024 list. The list includes doctors from SBUH, SBCH, SBSH, and SBELIH, across 47 different specialties. The "Top Doctors" list represents the top 7% of physicians in the US, and the top 7% of New York area physicians, including our very own Dr. Lloyd Simon, Chief Medical Officer at SBELIH.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

We are deeply embedded in the fabric of the North Fork community, taking part in a wide array of local events that reflect our commitment to the health and well-being of our neighbors. From the exhilarating BLAST for CAST and the beloved Mattituck Lions Strawberry Festival to hosting local blood drives that save lives, our presence is felt across the region. We proudly support the Greenport BID, Mattituck Summer Concert Series, and the Cutchogue Fire Department's legendary Chicken BBQ, ensuring that SBELIH is always at the heart of community engagement.

We also champion vital causes and collaborations, from sponsoring the Rotary Clubs of Southold and Greenport's Lobster Fest and Golf Outing to the Peconic Landing May Mile, which promotes wellness for all ages. Additionally, our involvement in the New Suffolk Waterfront events, Greenport Dances in the Park, the Bridging the Gap Conference hosted by the Suffolk County Criminal Justice Addiction Workgroup, and the Times Review's thought-provoking "The Future of Greenport" talk reflects our dedication to community dialogue and development.

By actively participating in these iconic North Fork events, SBELIH not only raises awareness of our hospital's services but also reinforces our role as a partner in the region's health and vitality. Together, we're building a stronger, healthier future for the North Fork!



AND THE AWARD GOES TO...

LAURA GOODALE NURSE OF THE YEAR AWARD

SBELIH honored Jose Vargas, LCSW-R, CASAC 2, and Erin Corazzini, LPN, with the Laura Goodale Award for 2024. Established in 1986 by Carl E. Vail, Sr. and the Southold-Greenport Rotary, this award celebrates individuals who embody the compassionate spirit of Laura Goodale, a former ELIH nurse renowned for her service.

Jose, a clinical supervisor at Quannacut Outpatient Services, has been a key member of the Behavioral Health Team since 2015. His personal journey and passion for helping others reflect his dedication to creating a supportive work environment.

Erin, whose parents also worked at SBELIH, was recognized for her exceptional patient care and advocacy. Her warm, family-like approach and strong rapport with patients and colleagues exemplify the values of empathy and compassion.

Paul Connor, SBELIH CAO, praised the award recipients for their outstanding contributions, highlighting their role in fostering a caring culture at the hospital. Suzie Marriott, Chief Nursing Officer and Senior VP of Patient Care Services, lauded their commitment and professionalism.

The Rotary Clubs of Southold and Greenport, celebrating 76 years of service, presented the 36th Laura Goodale Memorial Award, honoring the legacy of Laura Goodale. SBELIH extends its gratitude to the Rotary for their support and recognition, celebrating the dedication of its staff and the enduring commitment to compassionate care.



PATIENT CARE

Congratulations to the first Patient Care Technician (PCT) class at Stony Brook Eastern Long Island Hospital! Their hard work, dedication, and passion for healthcare have truly paid off. Many thanks to everyone involved for turning this vision into a reality. Your commitment to shaping the future of healthcare is commendable. Here's to the beginning of a successful and fulfilling journey for each graduate.



Social Work

- Kristan Burlingame, MS
Respect
- Karen Davern, LCSW
Compassion
- Aubrey Elmore, LCSW
Compassion
- Brian Flinn, CASAC
Compassion
- Laura Giugni, Creative Arts Therapist
Integrity
- Nancy Lubell, LCSW
Integrity
- Jenna McLaughlin, CASAC
Excellence
- Reginald Morris, CASAC
Excellence, Compassion, Integrity, Respect, and Accountability
- Maria Purita, BA
Compassion and Excellence

Nursing

- Laura Arreguin, RN
Excellence
- Catherine Bosco, RN
Excellence
- Peta Gaye Brown, NA-US
Compassion and Excellence
- Darsy Demirciyan, PCT
Compassion and Excellence
- Stacy Fasbach, CST
Excellence
- Jillian Garcia, RN
Compassion
- Alice Jardinico, RN
Accountability
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Integrity
- Pat McArdle, RN
Excellence
- Olha Michalak, RN
Integrity
- Jerylyn O'Connell, RN
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- Catherine Oliva, RN
Excellence
- Mary Conway Purcell, RN
Accountability
- Dawn Raynor-Green, PCT
Compassion and Excellence
- Pedro Rivas, PCT
Compassion
- Andrew Santafianos, RN
Accountability

THE iCARE AWARD WINNERS

SBELIH expressed heartfelt appreciation to the dedicated employees who embody our core values of iCARE—Integrity, Compassion, Accountability, Respect, and Excellence. These values are not just principles - they are the foundation of the exceptional care we provide every day. Our employees continually strive to exceed the expectations of our patients, their families, co-workers, and the broader community. Whether it's offering a comforting word, delivering life-saving treatments, or working behind the scenes to ensure smooth operations, their commitment is unwavering.

Through their tireless efforts, they help us fulfill our mission of providing high-quality, compassionate healthcare to all who walk through our doors. We are proud of our staff, whose dedication and teamwork allow us to create a positive, healing environment that extends beyond medical treatment—making a lasting impact on the lives of those we serve. Their efforts not only reflect the essence of iCARE, but they also ensure that SBELIH remains a beacon of hope and excellence in our community. The 2024 recipients have gone above and beyond in modeling our iCARE values this year. We recognize and celebrate their extraordinary contributions to our hospital and the lives they've touched.



2024

NURSING AWARDS

At SBELIH, nurses are dedicated in their commitment to delivering the best possible outcomes for their patients.

Among this dedicated team, there are a select few who go above and beyond—providing exceptional patient care, fostering a culture of respect, and serving as role models for their colleagues. Each year, these outstanding nurses are nominated by their peers for their exemplary contributions.

Meet your 2024 Nurse of Distinction nominees.



**NASSAU SUFFOLK HOSPITAL
COUNCIL NURSE OF
EXCELLENCE**
DEBORAH BOESCH-O'TOOLE,
RN, BSN, CNOR, CSPM

Deborah Boesch-O'Toole's nomination for the Nassau-Suffolk Hospital Council Executive Nurse Committee Nurse of Excellence award reflects her dedication to advancing the field of nursing. Her expertise in perioperative nursing and her commitment to excellence have made her an invaluable member of the SBELIH team. Deborah's leadership and contributions exemplify the very best in patient care and professional excellence.



**1199 NURSE
OF DISTINCTION**
STACEY FABRY, RN

Stacey Fabry exemplifies what it means to provide compassionate, high-quality care. As the recipient of the SBELIH 1199 Nurse of Distinction award, she consistently demonstrated exceptional clinical skills, empathy, and dedication to her patients. Stacey's commitment to her profession and the well-being of those in her care sets a high standard for nursing excellence at SBELIH.



**1199 PRECEPTOR NURSE
OF THE YEAR
ROSE NALESKI, RN**

As SBELIH 1199 Preceptor of the Year, Rose Naleski has been a guiding force in shaping the next generation of nurses. Her ability to mentor, inspire, and lead with patience and expertise earned her the admiration of her peers and students alike. Rose's contributions ensure that new nurses are well-prepared to uphold the hospital's tradition of compassionate and effective care.



**1199 NOVICE NURSE
OF THE YEAR
AMANDA HANSEN, LPN**

Amanda Hansen made a remarkable impact in a short time, earning the SBELIH 1199 Novice Nurse of the Year award. Her enthusiasm for learning, dedication to patient care, and eagerness to go above and beyond reflect her bright future in the nursing field. Amanda's passion for nursing embodies the hospital's values of Integrity, Compassion, Accountability, Respect, and Excellence.



**1199 NURSE LEADER
OF THE YEAR
CARRIE GRATTAN, RN**

As the SBELIH 1199 Nurse Leader of the Year, Carrie Grattan distinguished herself through her outstanding leadership, integrity, and commitment to patient care. Her ability to lead by example, guide her team with confidence, and uphold the highest standards of nursing makes her a vital asset to our hospital. Carrie's leadership has a profound impact on both her colleagues and patients.



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