

# ELIH+ EASTERN LONG ISLAND HOSPITAL FOUNDATION

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# 2025

## YEAR IN REVIEW



**EASTERN LONG ISLAND HOSPITAL  
FOUNDATION**  
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# 2026 EVENTS



**ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC**  
Gardiner's Bay Country Club  
Monday, June 8  
A day of competitive golf  
on Shelter Island.



**DANCING ON THE DOCK**  
Porto Bello Restaurant  
Thursday, June 25  
Cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, and dancing  
under the stars on Peconic Bay.



**SUMMER SOIREE GALA**  
Peconic Bay Yacht Club  
Friday, August 14  
Cocktails, dinner, and dancing at  
a stunning waterfront venue.



**5K FAMILY WALK/RUN**  
Date and place to be announced.  
Rise and shine for a run or walk  
on the North Fork.



**FALL FISHING SHOWDOWN**  
Port of Egypt Marine  
Friday & Saturday, September 25 & 26  
Friendly fishing competition  
followed by a Lobster Bash!



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Dear Friends and Supporters,

As we reflect on a landmark year for the Eastern Long Island Hospital Foundation (ELIHF), I'm filled with gratitude. Your generosity and partnership continue to strengthen care across the North Fork and Shelter Island.

In our hospital's 120th anniversary year, we honored the past while building for the future. Together, we advanced critical initiatives that will benefit every patient who walks through our doors:

- **Stroke Care Momentum:** We laid the groundwork for our Stroke Center—investing in equipment, staffing, and program development to bring time-sensitive care closer to home.
- **Behavioral Health Expansion:** Quannacut Outpatient Services in Riverhead received OMH licensure, expanding access to integrated mental health and addiction care in our region.
- **Clinical Excellence & Access:** With the arrival of Dr. Alison Madden as Chief Medical Officer, who also provides gynecology care locally, plus continued growth in primary care, urology, surgery/wound care, orthopedics, and physiatry, more families are receiving high-quality care right here at home.
- **Equipment & Infrastructure:** Donor support helped fund priority technology and facility upgrades—enhancing diagnostics, safety, and the patient experience across departments.

Our events this year were vibrant celebrations of purpose: the Annual Golf Classic, Dancing on the Dock, the Summer Soirée, our 5K Walk/Run, and the Fall Fishing Showdown & Lobster Bash—each fueling essential programs. The ELIH Auxiliary once again distinguished itself through extraordinary volunteerism and proceeds that directly support patient care.

We also celebrated the spirit of service with the Theodore Roosevelt Award, presented to Walter J. Krupski, Jr., honoring a lifetime of community leadership and dedication to our hospital.

Behind every initiative are people—nurses, physicians, therapists, techs, and staff—who show up every day with skill and heart. We continued to invest in our workforce through recognition programs, engagement efforts, and tools that help our teams deliver exceptional, compassionate care.

Looking ahead, the Foundation will focus on capital priorities that matter most to patients and clinicians: modern imaging and surgical technology, refreshed patient environments, expanded behavioral health capacity, and campus reliability and safety. With your help, we'll ensure that Stony Brook Eastern Long Island Hospital (SBELIH) remains a trusted source of advanced care for generations to come.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, Foundation staff, and our hospital family, thank you for your steadfast support. We wish you and your loved ones a healthy and peaceful season—and we look forward to all we will accomplish together in the year ahead.

With deep appreciation,  
Paul Romanelli  
Chair  
Eastern Long Island Hospital Foundation

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# A YEAR OF MILESTONES AND MODERNIZATION

AT THE EASTERN LONG ISLAND HOSPITAL FOUNDATION

2025 marked an extraordinary year of growth and transformation for Stony Brook Eastern Long Island Hospital (SBELIH). Through the continued generosity of our donors and community partners, the Eastern Long Island Hospital Foundation (ELIHF) helped fund several major initiatives that are strengthening the hospital's infrastructure, enhancing emergency care, and expanding behavioral health services to meet the evolving needs of the North Fork and Shelter Island.

## FASTER CARE WHEN EVERY SECOND COUNTS

This year saw the launch of the Emergency Department Fast Track Unit, a vital expansion designed to improve patient flow and reduce waiting times for non-life-threatening emergencies. Supported by generous donor contributions, the new unit allows our emergency medicine team to deliver faster, more efficient care while ensuring that critical cases receive immediate attention. The Fast Track area represents an investment not only in equipment and design but in patient experience, safety, and satisfaction.

As Paul J. Connor III, Chief Administrative Officer, SBELIH, noted, "Our Emergency Department is the community's

front door. Every enhancement we make, like the Fast Track Unit, helps us provide compassionate, expert care more swiftly to every patient who turns to us in their time of need."

## INVESTING IN INFRASTRUCTURE AND INNOVATION

In 2025, SBELIH continued its multi-year plan to strengthen the hospital's physical infrastructure and technological capabilities. From upgraded building systems to modernized medical equipment, these improvements are ensuring that our 120-year-old institution remains equipped for the future.

Donor support has been instrumental in this progress, funding vital facility upgrades, diagnostic advancements, and patient-centered renovations across departments. These updates reinforce SBELIH's commitment to delivering state-of-the-art care within a setting that is both safe and sustainable for the next generation.

## HONORING OUR LEGACY, BUILDING OUR FUTURE

This year's progress aligns perfectly with SBELIH's 120th anniversary theme: Honoring Our Legacy, Building Our Future. Every donor contribution, from emergency upgrades to behavioral health expansion,

plays a vital role in advancing our mission and reinforcing the hospital's role as a trusted community anchor.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all who have supported the ELIHF this year. Your generosity fuels our progress, sustains our caregivers, and ensures that world-class healthcare remains close to home for the North Fork and Shelter Island communities. Together, we are building the foundation for the next 120 years of compassionate, exceptional care.

## EARNINGS AT-A-GLANCE



40% Capital Campaigns



22% Events



17% Planned Giving



14% ELIH Auxiliary



4% Gifts In-Kind



3% Annual Appeal



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# 120 YEARS OF CARING: HONORING SBELIH'S LEGACY AND FUTURE



In 2025, Stony Brook Eastern Long Island Hospital (SBELIH) proudly marked its 120th anniversary celebrating more than a century of compassionate care, community partnership, and medical excellence on the North Fork. Since its opening in 1905, the hospital has been a steadfast anchor for generations of families, a place where neighbors care for neighbors, and a vital part of the Stony Brook Medicine system.

## COMMEMORATING A MILESTONE YEAR

To honor this remarkable milestone, SBELIH launched a yearlong celebration highlighting its past, present, and future. A special 120th anniversary logo and commemorative mark were introduced, along with banners adorning the hospital's façade, a historical timeline mural installed in the main hallway, and staff pins

proudly worn by employees — each a symbol of shared pride and connection to our history.

The campaign paid tribute not only to the hospital's origins but also to the generations of dedicated physicians, nurses, staff, and volunteers whose compassion and commitment define who we are today.

## CELEBRATING THE PEOPLE BEHIND THE MISSION

Throughout the year, SBELIH recognized the employees, donors, and community partners who have carried forward the hospital's mission of delivering exceptional care close to home. From staff appreciation events to volunteer celebrations and ELIH Auxiliary milestones, the 120th anniversary became a unifying theme across hospital and foundation activities. A highlight of the year was the Summer Soiree which celebrated 120 years of community care with record attendance and support. The event underscored

how philanthropy continues to shape the hospital's future, with proceeds supporting vital initiatives like the "Stroke of Hope" campaign to establish a Primary Stroke Center in Greenport.

## HONORING THE PAST, INVESTING IN THE FUTURE

As SBELIH reflected on its 120-year journey, it also looked boldly ahead. This year saw significant progress in expanding behavioral health services through the Office of Mental Health-licensed clinic at Quannacut Outpatient in Riverhead, modernization of diagnostic and laboratory equipment, and ongoing investments in emergency and surgical care.

With each advancement, SBELIH remains true to its founding purpose to serve the health and well-being of the East End with compassion, innovation, and excellence.

# 2025 EVENTS

## WHAT A YEAR IT WAS!



From the greens to the docks, and from the shoreline to the starting line, the Eastern Long Island Hospital Foundation (ELIHF) hosted events throughout the year filled with celebration, camaraderie, and purpose in support of Stony Brook Eastern Long Island Hospital (SBELIH). Each gathering reflected the generosity and spirit of our community, helping advance compassionate care, innovative programs, and a stronger future for the North Fork and Shelter Island.

### ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC

Under clear skies and gentle summer breezes, ELIHF hosted its Annual Golf Classic at the exclusive Gardiner's Bay Country Club on Shelter Island, a beloved summer tradition on the North Fork.

The day brought together passionate golfers, loyal supporters, and friends of SBELIH for a memorable mix of camaraderie, friendly competition, and philanthropy. This year's tournament proudly honored Ray and Cynthia George for their outstanding commitment and steadfast support of SBELIH.

Players teed off against the stunning backdrop of Gardiner's Bay in celebration of the hospital's mission to deliver exceptional, compassionate care to our community. Thanks to the generosity of participants and sponsors, the event raised vital funds in support of SBELIH's ongoing initiatives.

A heartfelt thank-you goes to the Golf Committee and ELIH Foundation for their time, dedication, and leadership in making this year's event such an incredible success. Their commitment to excellence and community spirit continues to elevate this cherished tradition year after year.

The generosity and partnership of players and sponsors help ensure that SBELIH continues to provide exceptional care to the North Fork and Shelter Island communities.



Annual Golf Classic



Annual Golf Classic



Dancing on the Dock

### DANCING ON THE DOCK 2025: NEW VENUE, NEW DATE

The ELIHF's Dancing on the Dock celebration took on new life this year with a stunning new venue at Porto Bello Restaurant in Greenport. With the lights of SBELIH glimmering across the water, guests enjoyed an unforgettable summer evening filled with energy, elegance, and North Fork charm.

The waterfront setting offered a fresh perspective on this cherished tradition, blending community spirit with coastal sophistication. Guests mingled and danced under the stars, savoring Porto Bello's signature cuisine and the easy rhythm of live music that carried across the harbor.

"This incredible new venue showcased the very best of our community, beautiful surroundings, outstanding food,

and a shared commitment to advancing local healthcare," said Linda Sweeney, VP Foundation/ External Affairs, SBELIH.

The success of the evening was made possible through the hard work, dedication, and creativity of the Gala Committee, whose efforts transformed the event into a true highlight of the summer season. ELIHF extends its deepest gratitude to the event sponsors, whose generosity and partnership continue to strengthen the hospital's mission to deliver high-quality, compassionate care close to home.

With the success of this year's event setting a new standard, excitement is already building for Dancing on the Dock 2026, another opportunity to celebrate community, connection, and the spirit of giving on the beautiful North Fork.



## SUMMER SOIREE: CELEBRATING 120 YEARS OF CARE

The 2025 Summer Soirée, held in August at Peconic Bay Yacht Club, marked a milestone moment as supporters came together to celebrate SBELIH’s 120th anniversary of ensuring the East End has access to life-saving technology, training, and care.

The evening was filled with gratitude and inspiration as guests gathered in support of the hospital’s mission and in celebration of those who embody it every day. Attendees honored the Krystal Clear Award recipient and the Life Saver Team, whose swift response and teamwork saved a colleague’s life. It was a powerful reminder of the compassion and expertise that define SBELIH.

Guests, including members of the ELIH Auxiliary, were moved by heartfelt remarks from Dr. William Wertheim, Executive Vice President, Stony Brook Medicine; Paul J. Connor III, Chief Administrative Officer, SBELIH; and Michelle Smith, RN, each reflecting on the hospital’s accomplishments and its ongoing journey toward becoming a Primary Stroke Center.

As we celebrate 120 years of care, we are deeply grateful for the generosity of everyone who attended and supported the 2025 Summer Soirée. Their commitment helps us continue to invest in priority programs such as expanding stroke services with cutting-edge imaging, advanced treatment capabilities, and specialized staff training. Special thanks go to the Gala Committee, the ELIH Foundation Office, Stony Brook Medicine leadership, the ELIH Foundation Board, Peconic Bay Yacht Club, Peter Clarke of Clarke’s Garden and Home, and all of the attendees for helping make this milestone celebration possible.

Together, we are building a healthier future for the East End. Thanks to the continued support of our community, SBELIH can advance care, expand services, and meet the evolving needs of those we serve for generations to come.



## THE 2025 FALL FISHING SHOWDOWN: A WEEKEND OF COMPETITION, COMMUNITY, AND CELEBRATION

The heart of the Eastern Long Island Hospital Foundation’s (ELIHF) 2025 Fall Fishing Showdown was, as always, the fishing tournament, and this year did not disappoint.

Anglers from across the East End met for a reading of the rules on Friday night at the Captain’s Huddle then returned on Saturday with their best catches to the official weigh-in at Port of Egypt Marine, where friendly competition, camaraderie, and excitement filled the marina.



The much-anticipated Lobster Bash was an evening of delicious food, community spirit, and celebration. Paul J. Connor III, Chief Administrative Officer, SBELIH, welcomed attendees and expressed heartfelt appreciation for their dedication to advancing healthcare on the East End.

Tournament founder Dave Basile then took the stage to announce this year’s winners, commending participants for their sportsmanship and commitment to the cause. Cousins Yvonne and Bill Lieblein of Port of Egypt extended their gratitude to everyone who came out in support of SBELIH.



Fall Fishing Showdown

The night came alive with laughter, dancing, and live music from POC, featuring SBELIH ED physicians Lawrence Schiff, MD, and Ryan Zapata, MD, who kept the crowd on their feet well into the evening. The event perfectly captured the joy of neighbors rallying together for a shared mission.

In keeping with SBELIH’s deep commitment to health equity, over 150 pounds of fish from the tournament was donated to CAST, helping to provide fresh, nutritious meals for local families in need.

ELIHF extends its deepest thanks to all event sponsors, whose generosity and partnership made the weekend possible: Port of Egypt, Greenport Harbor Brewing Co., Peconic Bay Vineyards by Krissie Wines, Southold Fish Market, Lombardi’s Love Lane Market, Peeko Oysters, and McBurnie Tent Rental.

Congratulations to all the 2025 Tournament Winners, and heartfelt thanks to every angler, supporter, and volunteer who made this year’s event such a success. Their participation helps sustain SBELIH’s mission of compassionate, community-centered care. We look forward to seeing everyone back on the water in 2026 for another exciting showdown.

### 9TH ANNUAL WALK TO RECOVERY 5K: A COMMUNITY UNITED FOR HEALING

The Eastern Long Island Hospital Foundation’s (ELIHF) Walk to Recovery 5K took place on Sunday, September 14, 2025, at Indian Island County Park in Riverhead. More than 100 participants joined the ninth annual event in support of SBELIH Behavioral Health Services, taking a powerful stand against the stigma surrounding mental health during National Recovery Month.

Linda Sweeney, VP Foundation/ External Affairs, SBELIH, opened the event with an inspiring message about the hospital’s leadership in behavioral health. “Here on Long Island, SBELIH is Suffolk County’s only facility offering fully integrated behavioral health and medical

care under one roof,” she said. “Your support today directly fuels these services, expanding access, breaking down barriers, and changing lives close to home.”

The late-summer morning brought together community members, hospital staff, and advocates in a shared commitment to recovery and hope. “This event was more than a race, it was a promise to shine a light on mental health and recovery, bringing hope and support to those affected,” Mrs. Sweeney added.

Every day, more than 250 Americans lose their lives to drug overdoses, yet millions live in recovery, proof that treatment works, and recovery is possible. Despite this progress, a significant treatment gap remains due to limited access and stigma. Through programs like SBELIH’s Quannacut Services, the hospital continues to expand access, improve early intervention, and empower recovery, one step, one story, and one life at a time.

A heartfelt thank-you goes out to the event sponsors whose generosity helped make the Walk to Recovery 5K possible. Proceeds from the Walk to Recovery support renovations at Quannacut Inpatient at SBELIH, helping to ensure a safe, modern, and healing environment for those on the journey to recovery.



Walk to Recovery 5K

# COMMUNITY SUPPORT

## AT THE HEART OF OUR COMMUNITY

We are deeply embedded in the fabric of the North Fork community, taking part in a wide array of local events that reflect our unwavering 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 help save lives, our presence is felt across the region. We proudly support the Greenport Business Improvement District (BID), the Cutchogue Fire Department's legendary Chicken BBQ, ensuring

that SBELIH is always at the heart of community engagement.

This year, SBELIH was also proud to join the Greenport LGBTQ+ Pride Parade, standing in solidarity with our diverse community and celebrating inclusion, acceptance, and the spirit of unity that defines the East End. The event served as a vibrant reminder that healthcare is for everyone and that our hospital doors are open to all, regardless of background, identity, or circumstance.

We continue to 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.

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 true partner in the region's health and vitality. Together, we're building a stronger, more inclusive, and healthier future for the North Fork!



Mattituck Lion's Club Strawberry Festival



Lobster Fest



Rotary Club Golf Outing



Maritime Festival

# ELIHF BOARD NEWS



## EMS WEEK HONORING OUR HEROES: A TRADITION OF GRATITUDE WITH SHERI WINTER PARKER

ELIHF Board Member Sheri Winter Parker, North Fork real estate expert and devoted community advocate, once again showed her appreciation for the healthcare heroes and first responders who serve our community.

During EMS Week 2025, Sheri continued her annual tradition of giving back by hosting a special lunch for local EMS workers and volunteers, partnering with Greenport's 1943 Pizza Bar and the Rolling in Dough Pizza Truck to deliver warmth, laughter, and gratitude.

Sheri's generosity reflects her deep, personal connection to SBELIH and her ongoing commitment to those who care for others. Through her "Shopping with Sheri's" initiative and her steadfast support, she continues to strengthen the bond between the hospital and the community it serves.

Thank you, Sheri, for your kindness, leadership, and unwavering dedication to our mission—and to the EMS professionals whose courage and compassion inspire us all.

## WELCOMING NEW LEADERSHIP TO THE FOUNDATION BOARD: DANIEL OAKLEY JOINS THE ELIHF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The ELIHF proudly welcomed Daniel Oakley to its Board of Directors in July 2025. With more than four decades of leadership in the financial services industry, Mr. Oakley brings exceptional expertise in strategy, analytics, and fiscal management to the Foundation's mission of supporting Stony Brook Eastern Long Island Hospital (SBELIH).

Mr. Oakley previously served as Vice President of Decisioning & Analytics at Discover Financial Services, leading enterprise-wide initiatives to modernize processes and implement advanced analytic models. Earlier

in his career, he held senior roles at Verisk Analytics, Ernst & Young, and Zurich Financial Services, driving innovation and organizational transformation. His thought leadership has been featured in the Harvard Business Review, where he co-authored articles on using analytics to improve outcomes.

"Joining the ELIH Foundation Board is a wonderful opportunity to support the hospital and the important work it does for the North Fork," said Mr. Oakley. "I look forward to lending my experience in finance and analytics to help guide investment and funding decisions."

A Harvard College and MIT Sloan School of Management graduate, Mr. Oakley resides in Cutchogue with his wife, Eileen. His appointment reflects the Foundation's commitment to strong, visionary leadership that will continue to advance SBELIH's growth and impact.



Daniel Oakley



The Hidden JEM

## AN INSPIRING EVENING AT THE HIDDEN JEM

Community, connection, and purpose came together beautifully as Justin and Elizabeth Mirro hosted an unforgettable evening at their stunning barn in Cutchogue, The Hidden JEM. Guests gathered to celebrate philanthropy, friendship, and the future of SBELIH in an atmosphere that perfectly reflected the warmth and generosity of the North Fork.

Mr. Mirro shared the story behind the name The Hidden JEM and spoke passionately about his new role on the Joint Advisory Committee at SBELIH, drawing a meaningful connection between the “hidden JEM” of his family’s

property and the hospital’s equally remarkable, though often understated, impact on the East End. His words resonated deeply with attendees, reminding everyone that extraordinary things often happen quietly, right in our own backyard.

Paul J. Connor III, Chief Administrative Officer, SBELIH, followed with a compelling update on the hospital’s continued growth, achievements, and the ambitious goals shaping its future. His remarks, both data-driven and deeply personal, underscored the critical role of philanthropy and community partnership in ensuring that SBELIH remains a leader in advanced, compassionate care close to home.

The evening captured the very best of what makes the North Fork special: engaged residents, generous hearts, and a shared vision for a healthier, stronger community. The ELIHF is profoundly grateful to the Mirros for their hospitality, leadership, and steadfast commitment to the hospital’s mission.



The Hidden JEM



The Hidden JEM



The Hidden JEM



**TIDES & TUNES AT THE BARRS: AN EVENING OF GENEROSITY AND COMMUNITY**

The ELIHF extends heartfelt thanks to Doreen and Kevin Barr for graciously hosting an intimate gathering at their stunning waterfront home in Southold, bringing together friends and supporters to raise awareness and strengthen the mission of Stony Brook Eastern Long Island Hospital (SBELIH).

The evening was filled with inspiring conversation, heartfelt connection, and shared purpose as guests learned more about how their generosity fuels innovation, compassion, and access to exceptional healthcare close to home. Guests enjoyed live music by The LP's, whose performance set the perfect tone for a night of community and celebration.

This special event highlighted the powerful role philanthropy plays

in shaping the future of care on the North Fork. Support from donors like the Barr's and all who attended helps power modern imaging and surgical technology, enhance patient comfort through refreshed spaces, and strengthen a more resilient campus, ensuring that advanced care remains available right here in our community.

Together, we are building on 120 years of service, advancing community health, and ensuring that compassionate, world-class care will continue for generations to come.



**CORCORAN GROUP CARES SUPPORTS SBELIH**

SBELIH and the ELIHF extend heartfelt thanks to Corcoran Group Cares and longtime friend of the hospital, Sheri Winter Parker, ELIHF Board Member, for their continued generosity.

Paul Connor, Chief Administrative Officer, SBELIH, and Linda Sweeney, VP Foundation/External Affairs, SBELIH, joined Sheri Winter Parker, who once again secured a generous Corcoran Group Cares donation in support of the hospital.

This marks the second gift made possible through this wonderful program, a true testament to Sheri's ongoing commitment to the hospital and the community. Her leadership and generosity continue to make a lasting difference on the North Fork.





# CHAMPIONS OF CARE

## UPHOLDING A LEGACY OF GENEROSITY

The ELIH Auxiliary volunteers are the heart and soul of SBELIH. Through their time, compassion, and unwavering dedication, they make an extraordinary difference in the lives of our patients, families, and staff. From fundraising and community outreach to providing invaluable support throughout the hospital, their kindness and generosity strengthen the North Fork community and the mission of SBELIH every day.

## CELEBRATING 120 YEARS

The ELIH Auxiliary held its Annual Meeting at Townsend Manor Inn in Greenport at the end of April, celebrating an extraordinary 120 years of service to SBELIH and the North Fork community.

Helene V. Fall, President, ELIH Auxiliary, opened the event with a quote from Mahatma Gandhi: "The best way to find yourself is in the service of others." That sentiment was reflected in the Auxiliary's remarkable achievements — 100 members contributing over 15,000 volunteer hours in the past year alone.

The celebration included the presentation of a \$120,000 pledge to support SBELIH's Primary Stroke Center, along with heartfelt recognition of members for their volunteer milestones.

Paul J. Connor III, Chief Administrative Officer, SBELIH, expressed his gratitude, saying, "You're remarkable. Thank you for all you do for our hospital and community."

Z. Micah Kaplan, MD, reflected on the Auxiliary's enduring legacy by reading from the 1915 Eastern Long Island Hospital Association journal, adding, "We are very thankful for all who came before. Everyone here today is special. You're all golden, thank you."

Linda Sweeney, VP Foundation/

External Affairs, SBELIH, also spoke on behalf of the ELIHF, commending the Auxiliary's impact: "It's outstanding what you do here."

Thank you to the ELIH Auxiliary for 120 years of generosity, dedication, and heart.

## GENEROUS RECORD BROKEN

In 2024, that dedication reached an extraordinary milestone. The ELIH Auxiliary raised a record-breaking \$600,000 in 2024, marking the highest annual contribution in its long history of service. These funds directly support vital equipment, facility upgrades, and patient care initiatives, ensuring that SBELIH continues to deliver exceptional healthcare close to home. This milestone is part of more than \$2.55 million in gifts over the past five years and continues the Auxiliary's long tradition of generosity and community impact.

"I am deeply grateful and immensely proud of the ELIH Auxiliary's unwavering support for Stony Brook Eastern Long Island Hospital," said Paul J. Connor III, Chief Administrative Officer, SBELIH. "Their dedication and generosity directly benefit our hospital and the community we serve."

The Auxiliary raises funds

throughout the year through much-loved community events, including the Dream Green Extravaganza, the Car/Cash Giveaway, the Ladies Day on the Links, and the Italian Night Dinner. It also operates two key fundraising ventures: the ELIH Auxiliary Opportunity Shop, a popular thrift shop at 321 Main Street in Greenport Village under the guidance of Chairperson Constance Connor and Co-Chairperson Jean Graham, and the hospital's gift shop.

Since its founding in 1905, the Auxiliary has contributed more than \$20 million to SBELIH, outpacing all other hospital auxiliaries in New York State. Past donations have funded critical hospital needs, including new ventilators, upgraded med/surg beds, and improved staff and physician lounge spaces. The ELIH Auxiliary's remarkable legacy of generosity continues to shape the future of care on the East End.

Helene V. Fall, President, ELIH Auxiliary, expressed her pride and gratitude for the group's members: "We are overjoyed to support Stony Brook Eastern Long Island Hospital with this record-breaking donation. Our dedicated volunteers take great pride in giving back to a hospital that plays such a vital role in the North Fork community."



To learn more about joining the ELIH Auxiliary and making a difference, visit [elih.stonybrookmedicine.edu/auxiliary](http://elih.stonybrookmedicine.edu/auxiliary).

# ELIH AUXILIARY EVENTS



## ANNUAL CAR/CASH GIVEAWAY

The ELIH Auxiliary once again revved up excitement with its annual Car/Cash Giveaway, a beloved community fundraiser which supports SBELIH.

Helene V. Fall, President, ELIH Auxiliary, joined Paul J. Connor III, Chief Administrative Officer, SBELIH, and longtime ELIH Auxiliary member Laretta Faria to announce this year's winner and celebrate another successful event.

"The Annual ELIH Auxiliary Car/Cash Giveaway has raised more than \$538,000 for the hospital since 2006, when the Auxiliary first launched the fundraiser to help purchase essential hospital equipment," said Mrs. Fall. "Our partners at Mullen Motors in Southold have supplied the vehicles for purchase by the Auxiliary from the start, and M&T Bank in Greenport has generously supported the event for the past four years with an annual \$5,000 grant to offset printing and mailing costs. They are both outstanding community partners."

Proceeds from this year's giveaway will directly support SBELIH's programs, equipment, and patient care initiatives. The Car/Cash Giveaway is another example of how the Auxiliary's hard work and dedication continue to make a lasting difference for the North Fork and Shelter Island communities.



## LADIES ON THE LINKS

Congratulations to the ELIH Auxiliary on hosting another unforgettable Ladies on the Links golf outing at Island's End Golf & Country Club in Greenport.

A signature Fall event for the

Auxiliary and a cherished tradition on the North Fork, Ladies on the Links brings together friends, neighbors, and supporters for a day of camaraderie, competition, and community spirit, all in support of SBELIH.

The Auxiliary's dedication, creativity, and tireless efforts made this year's event a tremendous success. Special recognition goes to event co-chairs Barbara Koch and Laretta Faria for their outstanding leadership and organization. Their commitment and attention to detail continue to make Ladies on the Links a highlight of the Auxiliary's fundraising calendar.

SBELIH extends its sincere gratitude to the Auxiliary and all participants for their ongoing generosity and support of the hospital's mission to provide exceptional, compassionate care to the North Fork and Shelter Island communities.

The Auxiliary looks forward to welcoming everyone back next year for another wonderful day on the greens in support of local healthcare.

## DREAM GREEN

Excitement filled the air in front of the ELIH Auxiliary Opportunity Shop as community members gathered for the annual Dream Green Extravaganza, one of the North Fork's most anticipated fundraising events. Helene V. Fall, President, ELIH Auxiliary, welcomed attendees before Paul J. Connor III, Chief Administrative Officer, SBELIH, drew the winning numbers for a lively crowd eager to see who would take home part of the \$135,000 prize pool. In all, 65 prizes were awarded this year.



This year's event showcased the remarkable dedication of the ELIH Auxiliary, whose tireless volunteerism and community spirit make Dream Green a highlight of the local calendar. Thanks to their commitment — and the efforts of those who sold tickets across the North Fork including Andy's, Front Street Station, Founders Tavern, Orlowski Hardware, Shelter Island Heights Pharmacy, and Southold Pharmacy — the event once again exceeded expectations.

A heartfelt thank-you goes out to everyone who supported the Dream Green Extravaganza. Proceeds from the event directly benefit SBELIH, helping to sustain vital programs, enhance patient care, and strengthen healthcare for the North Fork and Shelter Island communities.

With another successful Dream Green in the books, the Auxiliary and SBELIH look forward to continuing this cherished tradition and to making next year's event even bigger and better.



## ITALIAN NIGHT

The ELIH Auxiliary hosted its annual Italian Night Dinner at Townsend Manor Inn, where community members gathered for an evening of great food, friendship, and philanthropy all in support of SBELIH.

The event was a wonderful success thanks to the generosity of attendees and the dedication of the Auxiliary's volunteers, whose efforts continue to make a meaningful difference for the hospital and community. The Townsend Manor Inn staff were also recognized for their warm hospitality and delicious cuisine, which created a festive and welcoming atmosphere.

The Auxiliary and SBELIH extend their sincere gratitude to the North Fork community for its continued support. Together, they help ensure that exceptional, compassionate care remains close to home for all who rely on SBELIH.



## ANNUAL AUXILIARY FALL LUNCHEON

At the annual ELIH Auxiliary Luncheon, Helene V. Fall, President, ELIH Auxiliary, reflected on the remarkable 120-year history that unites the ELIH Auxiliary and SBELIH.

"Our hospital continues to be a place of excellence, and our Auxiliary's commitment to the hospital and community remains steadfast," Mrs. Fall shared. "Thank you is so inadequate when I look around this room, you are magnificent!"

Paul J. Connor III, Chief Administrative Officer, SBELIH, echoed her appreciation, noting, "The ELIH Auxiliary's hard work and dedication are an essential part of our hospital and a common thread throughout our 120-year history."

During the luncheon, Mr. Connor gratefully accepted a check for \$284,000 from Mrs. Fall on behalf of the Auxiliary. "Every dime raised here stays here," he remarked, emphasizing that the Auxiliary's tireless fundraising efforts directly benefit SBELIH and the patients it serves across the North Fork and Shelter Island. Through the end of October 2025, the ELIH Auxiliary has donated \$545,000 including the fulfillment of its \$120,000 Primary Stroke Center Pledge.

# STONY BROOK EASTERN LONG ISLAND HOSPITAL IN THE NEWS



Alison C. Madden, MD

## NEW CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER

Stony Brook Eastern Long Island Hospital (SBELIH) has a new Chief Medical Officer. Alison C. Madden, MD, was appointed to the position effective July 21, 2025. Dr. Madden brings more than two decades of leadership in clinical excellence, patient safety, and medical education across prominent healthcare institutions.

“Dr. Madden is an award-winning physician executive whose commitment to quality,

innovation, and community-centered care aligns perfectly with the mission and values of SBELIH,” Paul J. Connor III, Chief Administrative Officer, SBELIH said. “Her proven ability to lead multidisciplinary teams and enhance health outcomes will be an extraordinary asset to our patients and staff on the North Fork and Shelter Island.”

Dr. Madden most recently served as Chief Medical Officer and Vice President of Medical Affairs at St. Joseph Hospital in Nashua, New Hampshire, where she oversaw strategic operations for a 208-bed community hospital. In

this role, she advanced medical staff in education and training, introduced key clinical service improvements, and led the successful launch of a geriatric inpatient psychiatry unit to address critical community needs. Her extensive background includes leadership roles at St. Vincent Hospital in Worcester, Massachusetts and UMass Memorial Medical Center, where she directed quality and risk initiatives in obstetrics and gynecology and mentored the next generation of healthcare providers.

Throughout her career, Dr. Madden has played an integral role in advancing patient-centered initiatives, implementing electronic medical records transitions, and promoting interdisciplinary collaboration. She is board-certified in obstetrics and gynecology and currently holds active medical licenses in Massachusetts and New Hampshire. Dr. Madden earned her Doctor of Medicine degree from Cornell University Medical College and completed her residency in obstetrics and gynecology at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles, where she later served as associate residency director and earned numerous awards for excellence in teaching and leadership.

She opened a gynecology practice this fall at the Stony Brook Medicine Advanced Primary and Specialty Care

facility on the North Fork in Mattituck. She is a published researcher and advocates for equitable, high-quality care. “Dr. Madden has a demonstrated commitment to improving patient experience, supporting staff development, and strengthening the community-hospital connection. We are thrilled to welcome Dr. Madden to SBELIH and look forward to the insight and expertise she brings,” said Mr. Connor.

Town Police Department and Dr. Daniel Van Arsdale of Stony Brook Medicine.

Each Narcan Rescue Station contains doses of Narcan nasal spray, fentanyl test strips, a CPR shield, and detailed instructions—supplied and restocked free of charge by Community Action for Social Justice (CASJ). Businesses across Hampton Bays have since adopted the kits, helping ensure

## SBELIH OPENS TWO NEW RECOVERY HOMES IN FLANDERS

SBELIH opened two new recovery homes in Flanders in February 2024. These recovery homes are safe, supportive residences designed for women and LGBTQ individuals progressing on their journey to recovery.

The new homes expand the hospital’s existing continuum of care, joining the established men’s residence to serve up to 34 individuals at a time. Each location offers access to medical and mental health services, substance use counseling, and vocational support through Stony Brook Medicine’s integrated network.

“This expansion strengthens the local framework of compassionate, accessible care—delivering vital resources and a strong sense of community,” said Paul J. Connor III, Chief Administrative Officer, SBELIH.

These new residences reflect SBELIH’s deep commitment to addressing addiction and housing disparities across the East End. By fostering safety, belonging, and empowerment, they provide more than shelter—they offer a path toward lasting recovery and renewed hope.



## EXPANDING THE NARCAN RESCUE STATION PROGRAM TO SAVE LIVES

SBELIH has expanded its lifesaving Narcan Rescue Station Program to local businesses in Hampton Bays, furthering its mission to combat the opioid crisis through education, access, and compassion.

Following a presentation to the Hampton Bays Rotary Club, community leaders joined forces to host a Narcan training event at the Hampton Bays Ambulance building. Local first responders, healthcare professionals, and business owners came together for an interactive session led by experts including Lt. William Kiernan of the Southampton

this critical tool is within reach during an emergency.

This initiative underscores SBELIH’s proactive commitment to community health and addiction awareness, empowering residents to save lives and support those affected by the opioid epidemic.





ELIH Auxiliary

## ELIH AUXILIARY CELEBRATES 20 YEARS OF THE CAR/CASH GIVEAWAY

A beloved North Fork tradition reached a remarkable milestone this year as the Eastern Long Island Hospital Auxiliary celebrated 20 years of its annual Car/Cash Giveaway. Since its founding, this cherished fundraiser has generated nearly \$500,000 to support hospital programs, equipment, and services.

The idea, first conceived by Pat Pispia and Toni De Meo, quickly became a cornerstone of community giving—powered by the generosity of Mullen Motors, which has donated a vehicle every year since the event's inception. To honor this milestone, Auxiliary members joined the Mullen family and hospital leadership to celebrate two decades of partnership.

"This event exemplifies what's possible when our community comes together with shared purpose," said Paul J. Connor III, Chief Administrative Officer, SBELIH.

Helene V. Fall, President, ELIH Auxiliary, added, "It's a testament to the creativity and dedication of our volunteers and the generosity of the Mullen family."

Proceeds from this year's giveaway continue to enhance patient care at SBELIH—ensuring

world-class healthcare remains close to home for the North Fork community.



## SBELIH NURSE SAVES COWORKER'S LIFE — A STORY OF SWIFT ACTION AND TEAMWORK

In an extraordinary act of teamwork and clinical excellence, SBELIH nurse Krystal David, RN, saved the life of her coworker, Brittney Berry, after recognizing the early signs of a stroke while both were on duty.

Acting immediately, Nurse David called a stroke code, and Dr. Ryan Zapata administered emergency medication to dissolve the blood clot. Thanks to the team's rapid response, Brittney made a full recovery. Their lifesaving collaboration inspired the creation of the hospital's new Life Saver Award and the annual Krystal Clear Award, honoring staff who demonstrate clear thinking under pressure.

The story also highlights SBELIH's continued progress

toward achieving Primary Stroke Center designation, ensuring that stroke patients on the North Fork receive specialized care without delay.

"Our personal experience is a testament to the dedication and compassion this hospital provides every day," said Michelle Smith, RN, Brittney's mother and fellow SBELIH nurse.

This moment of courage and connection embodies the hospital's spirit—neighbors saving neighbors through skill, teamwork, and heart.

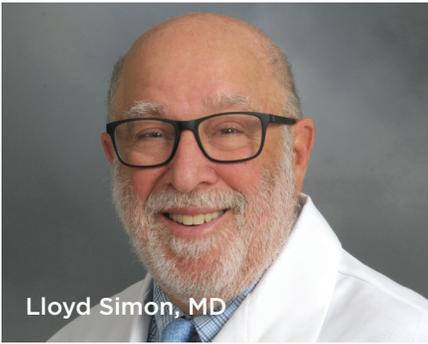
## HONORING A LEGACY OF LEADERSHIP

After more than 40 years of dedicated service, Lloyd Simon, MD, Senior Vice President of Medical Affairs and Chief Medical Officer at SBELIH, retired in 2025 leaving behind a legacy of excellence, compassion, and innovation.

Dr. Simon first joined the hospital in the early 1980s, later becoming Medical Director of Quannacut, SBELIH's acclaimed addiction treatment program. His visionary leadership helped advance programs in behavioral health, emergency medicine, and quality improvement, shaping the hospital's identity as a trusted regional leader in care.

"Working at SBELIH has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my life," Dr. Simon reflected. "I leave knowing the hospital is in excellent hands and poised for continued success."

Paul J. Connor III, Chief Administrative Officer, SBELIH, praised Dr. Simon's unwavering dedication, saying, "He has set the standard for compassionate, high-quality care that defines who we are."



Lloyd Simon, MD

Dr. Simon's colleagues and patients celebrated his remarkable career and lasting impact, a legacy that will continue to inspire generations of caregivers across the East End.

### EXPANDING BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES ACROSS THE EAST END

A major milestone this year was the expansion of Quannacut Outpatient Services in Riverhead, which officially received licensure from the New York State Office

of Mental Health (OMH). This certification allows SBELIH to offer a full spectrum of outpatient behavioral health services, addressing both mental health and substance use disorders, in an integrated, community-based setting. The new OMH-licensed clinic underscores the hospital's dedication to comprehensive, accessible care for all individuals seeking recovery and support.

At the same time, the Quannacut Inpatient Rehabilitation and Detoxification Center underwent significant renovation, enhancing patient rooms, therapy spaces, and treatment areas to foster a more comfortable and healing environment. These updates ensure that SBELIH continues to lead with dignity, compassion, and excellence in behavioral health care, hallmarks of our legacy.



OMH Clinic Ribbon Cutting

## VOICES OF OUR PATIENTS: STORIES OF HOPE AND HEALING

At SBELIH, every patient story is a testament to the care, compassion, and commitment that define who we are. This year, we invited members of our community to share in their own words what their experiences at SBELIH have meant to them.

Their stories capture the heart of our mission: providing exceptional healthcare close to home, where neighbors care for neighbors. From emergency care to rehabilitation, surgery to behavioral health, each voice reflects the trust and gratitude that continues to inspire us every day.

"The care I received at SBELIH didn't just save my life—it reminded me what community truly means." — SBELIH Patient

As we celebrate 120 years of service, these stories remind us why we do what we do. Each patient voice represents a life touched, a family comforted, and a future made brighter because of your generosity and support.

Thank you for helping us continue this legacy of compassionate care one patient, one story, and one healing moment at a time.



Scan the QR Code to Watch Our Video "Voices of Our Patients"

# AND THE AWARD GOES TO...



## LAURA GOODALE AWARD

Linda Sweeney, VP Foundation/ External Affairs at Stony Brook Eastern Long Island Hospital (SBELIH), received the 2025 Laura Goodale Award, presented by the Rotary Clubs of Southold and Greenport. The honor recognizes those who embody the compassion and community spirit of Laura Goodale, a beloved ELIH nurse of 42 years.

Now in its 40th year, the ceremony began with Walter Krupski reflecting on Goodale's legacy. Paul J. Connor III, Chief Administrative Officer, praised Mrs. Sweeney's leadership and service, while Suzie Marriott, Chief Nursing Officer, added, "Linda's natural ability as an ambassador for our hospital has elevated us in the community."

Through her work with the ELIH Foundation, Mrs. Sweeney has advanced key initiatives, including SBELIH's Primary Stroke Center designation. Accepting the honor, she shared, "Being part of SBELIH is the experience of my life."



## THEODORE ROOSEVELT AWARD

Congratulations to Walter J. Krupski, Jr., recipient of the Theodore Roosevelt Award, recognizing his decades of service, leadership, and unwavering commitment to the community.

Because it was Walter, the North Fork Country Club was filled to capacity—a true reflection of the admiration he's earned through years of dedication to the East End and Stony Brook Eastern Long Island Hospital (SBELIH).

Tributes from Senator Anthony Palumbo, Paul Romanelli, Nancy Cervelli, Kevin Stuessi, and Al Krupski celebrated his generosity and lifelong service, while Paul J. Connor III, Chief Administrative Officer, and Linda Sweeney, VP Foundation/External Affairs, shared heartfelt remarks.

"We're proud to celebrate Walter and are grateful for his steadfast partnership in advancing the mission of Stony Brook Medicine," said Mr. Connor.

Established in 1958 by the Nassau-Suffolk Hospital Council, the award honors outstanding volunteer service to hospitals.

## HONORING HEROES: KRYSTAL CLEAR AWARD & LIFE SAVER AWARDS

SBELIH hosted a Stroke Awareness Month barbecue in June to honor the teamwork that saved Behavioral Health team member Brittney Berry, who suffered a stroke while on duty. Thanks to the swift actions of Krystal David, RN, and her colleagues, Brittney made a full recovery—



underscoring SBELIH's progress toward Primary Stroke Center designation in 2025.

To commemorate the event, SBELIH introduced the Life Saver Award for teamwork and the Krystal Clear Award for swift clinical action, presented to Krystal David. "Her actions set a standard for excellence we can all aspire to," said Suzie Marriott, Chief Nursing Officer.

## 2025 NURSING AWARD

Christopher Murphy, RN, of the Med-Surg Unit, was named SBELIH's RN Preceptor of Distinction 2024 and winner of the 1199 Preceptor of Distinction Award. From Ward Clerk to RN, Chris is known for shaping confident nurses through hands-on guidance and unwavering support. His leadership in launching the Capstone Student Program expanded clinical training opportunities and strengthened SBELIH's nursing excellence and team cohesion.



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