Hello friends,

Have you visited the APD campus recently?

I’m here just about every day and, almost daily, I’m hearing examples of APD’s culture of kindness.

A patient in the Medical Surgical wing shared his experience at APD with me. He told the nursing team it was his late wife’s birthday that week and her favorite flowers were sunflowers. On the morning of her birthday, sunflowers were included on his breakfast tray. “That was the nicest thing anyone has ever done for me,” he told me, “and it will not be forgotten.”

Another patient was having a knee replacement surgery with APD Orthopaedics. “A nurse distracted me with a picture on her phone of her dog while the anesthesiologist put the needle in my back. She knew I had a high level of anxiety to have that done,” she said. “It worked and I appreciated her so much for doing that.”

These experiences are unusual in healthcare and they are exactly why APD is successful. Our staff genuinely cares for our patients and they show it in all sorts of ways. This culture of caring wasn’t built in a day and it wasn’t created by one person. It has been a community effort — and that includes your philanthropic support which, helps APD provide this high-quality, personal care.
Your generous donations sponsor workforce education opportunities, supporting our efforts to recruit and retain the best and the brightest. Your pledges to our annual appeals help us purchase the technology our patients need. Your support of community health programs, like Upper Valley Smiles, directly funds much needed services in New Hampshire and Vermont.

It is with your help that APD is able to preserve and strengthen our culture of caring.

You’ll find the results of your generosity throughout the 2023 Report on Philanthropy. I encourage you to visit the APD campus to see, feel, and hear our values of kindness, service, community, and partnership. From our medical staff to our support staff, everyone is engaged in the act of healing and it starts with recognizing the humanity in every person who comes through the door.

**Thank you for being a true friend and benefactor of APD.**

Sincerely,

Sue Mooney, MD, MS, FACOG
President and CEO
Community

2023 President’s Award

The President’s Award is designed to recognize distinctive, meritorious service to APD and the community it serves. We do not present this award every year as it is meant to recognize individuals and groups who far exceed expectations and provide inspiration to others. These award winners truly embody APD’s values of community, kindness, partnership, and service.

We proudly honored two recipients in 2023:

- The APD Medical Staff — which includes physicians, physician assistants, midwives, certified registered nurse anesthetists, and nurse practitioners — in recognition of their dedicated care to patients and the community in an array of areas from primary care to our orthopaedic surgery department

- Barrie Sellers, founder of Lebanon-based Geokon, for his years of generous philanthropic support to Alice Peck Day Memorial Hospital

Barrie Sellers’s $2 million gift was designated to support two of APD’s highest strategic priorities: $750,000 to support improvements in surgical services and an endowment of $1.25 million to fund workforce education efforts.
In a rural area with labor shortages, dental care isn’t always easy to access. But APD’s Upper Valley Smiles brings dental services directly to the kids who do not have regular dental care.

Upper Valley Smiles is a school-based oral health program that provides preventive and non-invasive dental care to children. During the 2022-2023 school year, the APD dental team visited 11 elementary schools, cleaning and sealing the teeth of 409 students.

In June, Upper Valley Smiles received a $20,000 Humanitarian Grant from the Doris Buffett Legacy Foundation. Now, more children will receive an annual dental screening, fluoride varnish, Silver Diamine Fluoride, and sealants — all at no cost to parents. This funding will help APD provide dental services throughout the 2023-2024 school year.

Asha Clark, APD’s dental hygienist, visits Upper Valley schools throughout the year.
Partnership

Helping Patients with Food Insecurity

APD patients may remember answering a screening true/false question like this: “Within the past 12 months, we worried whether our food would run out before we got money to buy more.”

There’s a reason for this question. In 2022, 11.2% of adult primary care patients at APD answered yes, they worried about food.

To meet the needs of patients, APD asked DHMC, which had a new shelf stable food bag program, if APD could participate. Now, when a patient answers the screening question positively, APD’s Primary Care team can offer food bags on the spot. The bags provide enough food — such as cereal, rice, beans, canned goods, and a can opener — for one to two days for a family up to four.

“The food bags provide immediate support and help our staff engage patients in longer term support for other social-related health needs,” said Karry Smardon, social worker and recovery coach.

The APD program has grown — more than 100 bags have been distributed since 2020 — and APD patients are also offered meal cards for a free, hot meal at Alice’s Café; gas vouchers for those in need; and LISTEN vouchers for clothing, all of which is paid for by community benefit dollars.
I was chilled while waiting in APD’s main lobby for my neighbor to be released from her endoscopy. A nurse commented she liked the color of my jacket. I said thanks and mentioned it was needed, especially since my cold and windy dog walk just before heading to APD had caught up with me. Five minutes later, she is handing me a warm blanket, like you would offer a patient.

This unexpected gesture was so profound to me. To be a non-patient who was seen and heard and cared for filled me with gratitude and thanks. The warm blanket was such a relief to me but, more than that, the nurse’s attentiveness and kindness was exceptional. There is no substitute for someone who cares for all people as valued patients, worthy of care and a warm blanket.

— K.C., Lebanon, New Hampshire
Senior Leadership

Sue Mooney — MD, MS, FACOG
President and Chief Executive Officer

Dr. Sue Mooney joined the medical staff at APD in 2000 as an obstetrician/gynecologist and continued in that role until 2005. After pursuing fellowship training as a Veterans Administration Quality Scholar, she became the Medical Director of Quality and later the Chief Medical Officer before transitioning to her current role as President and CEO in 2013. Dr. Mooney is passionate about improving the quality of care APD provides to patients.

Michael Lynch — MD, MBA
Chief Medical Officer

Dr. Michael Lynch has been the Chief Medical Officer at APD since 2019. He also practices at APD as an emergency physician. He went to Dartmouth as an undergraduate where he met his wife of 35 years, and is thrilled to be back in the Upper Valley and part of this wonderful community.

Jean Ten Haken — MSN, RN, CENP
Chief Operating Officer, Vice President of Nursing and Chief Nursing Officer

After working in direct nursing care, Jean Ten Haken began her management career at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center as the Director of the Intermediate Cardiac Care and Cardiovascular Critical Care Units. She previously served as the Chief Operating Officer, Vice President of Patient Care Services, and Chief Nursing Officer at the Elliot Health System in Manchester, New Hampshire. She joined APD in 2018.

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David Watts — MS, SHRM-SCP
Senior Director of Human Resources

David Watts has more than 20 years of human resource experience in healthcare in the Upper Valley, most recently as the Director of Human Resources at Kendal at Hanover. David and his family live in Vermont and spend considerable time in the Northeast Kingdom.
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Choose the Purpose of Your Gift

New in fiscal year 2023, donors could choose the purpose of their gift by selecting a designation: Capital Fund, Workforce Education, Community and Patient Health, and the President’s Fund. Here’s how your generosity made an incredible impact.

The Capital Fund

The Capital Fund supports the capital needs of the hospital. This could include state-of-the-art equipment or campus improvements.

In fiscal year 2023, APD completed construction of a 5,600-square-foot addition that made space for a new Materials Management warehouse as well as a larger and more modern Central Sterilization department. Both materials management and central sterilization are important functions for hospitals with a significant surgical program like APD.

**Materials Management** makes sure all needed supplies are available and inventories are up-to-date so hospital operations can run smoothly. They source materials, meeting the right criteria for delivery, timeliness, quantity, quality, and cost. Our new addition includes a modern, secure, and larger materials management space that is closer to our operating rooms. That means our surgical teams, and all of APD, will receive the materials they need, when needed, efficiently and safely.

**Central Sterile** ensures devices, instruments, and equipment used in medical procedures are properly cleaned, sterilized, and organized. Our new central sterile department has expanded, modernized, dedicated work and storage spaces, including a segregated decontamination area for operation room instruments.

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**FY 2023 Facts & Stats**

- **60,237** outpatient visits
- **2,341** inpatient stays
- **11,281** Emergency Department visits
- **2,295** surgeries
- **1,727** procedures
Workforce Education

By supporting Workforce Education, your gift will give APD staff access to advanced training and educational opportunities. Here are three examples.

Certification and training help the APD Environmental Services team maintain the ultimate environment of care. All 28 EVS employees have completed the Certified Health Care Environmental Services Technician programs and four OR technicians completed the Certified Surgical Cleaning Technician program. “The training makes us certified experts in the subject of cleaning and disinfecting,” said Shawn Richardson, Director of Nutrition and Environmental Services at APD.

After training and performance monitoring, APD’s Emergency Department is recognized for pediatric emergency care. The Emergency Department at APD was recognized under the Always Ready for Children program offered by New Hampshire EMS for Children. Participation in this program will create a safer patient experience for families.

In a new class at APD, nurses learned ultrasound guided techniques for increased vascular access. The technique decreases the number of difficult IV starts which, in turn, increases patient satisfaction. Five nurses received certification through APD’s first ultrasound vascular access training program in February.
Community and Patient Health

Gifts designated to **Community and Patient Health** improve the health and wellbeing of our patients by enhancing the patient experience, personalizing patient care, and allowing APD to continue our efforts to meet our community’s healthcare needs.

**In fiscal year 2023, an expanded Diabetes Clinic provided education to patients and APD providers. As part of the training, primary care providers wore a continuous glucose monitor (CGM).**

“Our providers wore CGMs to learn what it is like to be a patient with diabetes,” said Joanne Hayes, a nurse practitioner, Certified Diabetes Care and Education Specialist, and director of APD’s Diabetes Clinic. “They were able to see the data and learn how to analyze it.”

Diabetes, an endocrine disease that affects the way the body uses blood sugar, is one of the dominant chronic conditions in the United States. It contributes to a host of serious medical conditions, such as vascular disease, kidney disease, loss of eyesight, and nerve pain. According to the CDC, approximately 49 percent of adults have diabetes or prediabetes.

**With the support of a grant, the Diabetes Clinic in APD’s Primary Care has had 100 referrals and seen more than 200 patients in just six months.**

“Now we can do this. We can offer every patient access to good diabetes care either with their primary care provider or through the diabetes clinic,” Hayes said.
The President’s Fund supports the areas of greatest need across the hospital campus and our community.

**Thanks to you, funds were at the ready for a critical need in Medical-Surgical.**

One great example: Patients in the Medical-Surgical wing have wounds that need consistent care. In the past, a member of the healthcare team would wash hands and glove up before coming into the patient’s room to assess the wound, then unglove and go out to the supply closet for the items necessary for wound care. If a different item was needed, such as 2-inch tape instead of 1-inch tape, the process started all over again.

The Medical-Surgical team sent a request to the President’s Fund for a Wound Care Cart, a mobile unit with all the supplies to provide wound care directly at the bedside.

“The mobile cart allows us to have all of our supplies at the ready for wound care assessments and skin rounds,” said Amanda Fay, MSN, RN, WCC, Clinical Educator and Program Development Coordinator. “Sterile drapes, gloves, dressings, adhesives, cleaners, gauze, tape, and a computer are in one central location, providing increased efficiency and better patient care. Now we have all the supplies on hand to make wound care unique to the patient.”
Thank you to ALL of our donors.

The basic understanding of the value of helping someone else is the truest essence of philanthropy.

Philanthropy can come in many forms — from being a committed monetary donor to volunteering in your spare time to engaging in projects that align with your passions.

It is something built in each one of us.

Philanthropy is vital to helping APD continue our mission of building a healthier community, one connection at a time. Your support means that APD will be accessible to all, proactive to prevent illnesses and injury, and able to provide excellent, personalized medical care in a cost-effective setting. APD is where neighbors take care of neighbors.

**We believe in being a community hospital and, to put it quite simply, we couldn’t do it without you — our philanthropists.**

With gratitude,

*Melissa Dalton*

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July 2022
First graduate nurse residency training program at APD

September 2022
APD joins Upper Valley commitment to diversity and inclusion

October 2022
Under-Secretary of Agriculture Xochitl Torres Small visits APD

November 2022
Periop 101 training program launched
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**December 2022**

$500,000 grant to expand diabetes clinic in Primary Care

**February 2023**

APD receives $200,000 gift from the Leon Nichols estate

**March 2023**

APD donates EKG to Ukraine hospital

**March 2023**

ED receives 2022 Guardian of Excellence Award for Patient Experience
April 2023
ED nurse manager/clinical educator receives Excellence in Nursing Award

May 2023
Upper Valley Smiles* provides dental services to 409 kids

May 2023
APD Orthopaedics receives Center of Excellence recognition for carpal tunnel procedure

June 2023
ED receives pediatric certification
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Upper Valley Smiles* receives a $20,000 Humanitarian Grant from the Doris Buffett Legacy Foundation

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Tribute giving is a way to recognize, honor, and celebrate people that are important to you while giving back to organizations you and the honoree care about. Donations made in honor or in memory of someone provide a wonderful way to create a lasting legacy.

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Legacy gifts – naming the hospital as a beneficiary of your will, trust, or retirement plan – help contribute to the long-term financial strength and ongoing quality of the healthcare provided at Alice Peck Day Memorial Hospital. A legacy gift is a powerful tool for donors who want to give back to the community well into the future.

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Alice Peck Day Memorial Hospital
2023 Best Hospital for Nurse Communication
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2023 Best Hospital for Staff Responsiveness
Pet Therapy on Fridays

On Fridays, Cadence “Sugar” Genereaux and Sholy, a Whoodle (Wheaton terrier and poodle mix), check in on staff, visitors, and patients at APD.

“We stop in patient rooms, asking if they would like a visit from a dog,” Sugar said. “Most patients welcome Sholy, pet his soft fur, and share family cat and dog stories with me.”

Pet therapy, or animal-assisted therapy, is a guided interaction between a patient and a trained animal. It can make patients feel happier, decrease loneliness, and reduce anxiety. “The visit from the therapy dog was the best part of my trip,” one patient said about her hospital stay at APD.

Sugar was a palliative care volunteer at DHMC for a number of years before becoming certified in pet therapy. She started volunteering with Sholy at APD after undergoing knee surgery five years ago.

“I was impressed with my care and wanted to give back to APD,” she said.