



Together, We Are Building Our Future

*Mount Desert Island Hospital Launches
Campaign at Annual Community Celebration*



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Visionary Leaders *Lighting the Way Forward*

We are deeply grateful to these leaders whose vision and generosity are transforming the future of healthcare on our island. Their commitment is ensuring that compassionate, high-quality care will always be here for our community.

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In August, we proudly announced the launch of the community phase of our Building Our Future Campaign—a historic effort already transforming MDI Hospital.

Thanks to the extraordinary generosity of friends like you, we have raised \$52 million of our \$55 million goal. Every gift has brought us closer to ensuring the very best care for our loved ones, neighbors, and visitors for generations to come.

Your support is transforming what's possible for our community through:

- A new, state-of-the-art Emergency Department, ensuring faster, more advanced care when every second counts.
- Upgraded surgical suites, ensuring access to the very best technology and treatments, close to home.
- A dedicated ambulance bay and separate walk-in entrance, strengthening our ability to respond swiftly in times of crisis.
- A welcoming new Main Street entrance, opening our doors wider and making care more accessible for every patient and family.

Together, these improvements will enhance every patient's experience and strengthen the hospital's ability to care for our community with excellence and compassion.

"Building Our Future is more than a campaign; it is a commitment to the health and well-being of everyone who calls Mount Desert Island home, or home away from home," said Chrissi Maguire, President and CEO of MDI Hospital.

This campaign marks one of the most significant investments in MDI Hospital's 128-year history, and it is only possible because of you. When we reach our \$55 million goal, we will secure a healthier, stronger future for our island community and beyond.

Join us in making this vision a reality. Together, we will ensure MDI Hospital remains a place of healing, compassion, and community for generations to come.

To learn more, visit mdihospital.org/BuildingOurFuture or contact Oka Hutchins, Director of Advancement, at 207.460.3610 or oka.hutchins@mdihospital.org.



Building Our Future
The Campaign for MDI Hospital



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**"People ask why I keep coming back. It's because MDI Hospital feels like home."
—Donna Wiegle**



Melanie Millner, Kimberly Swan

Because of You: \$510,000 Raised for Lifesaving Care

Donors Make the Difference at MDI Hospital's 2025 Benefit Dinner

On a perfect Maine summer evening in July, something extraordinary happened. At the beautiful home of Kay and Steve Theede, 150 generous donors and sponsors came together to raise \$510,000 for Mount Desert Island Hospital — ensuring that lifesaving care remains close to home.

Guests enjoyed cocktails in Eastcote's walled garden and heard inspiring words from Chrissi Maguire, President and CEO of MDI Hospital, and Donna Wiegler, a Swan's Island resident living with stage IV ovarian cancer.

Since her diagnosis in 2016, Donna has been hospitalized more than 30 times. "These episodes are painful and frightening," she shared. "But through it all, I've always trusted MDI Hospital and its caregivers." Told she had five years to live, Donna recently celebrated her ninth cancer anniversary. "I believe the care I received — and still receive — at MDI Hospital is a big part of why I'm still here."

The evening concluded with a locally inspired dinner by Clark Point Catering and heartfelt remarks from long-time supporters David and Susan Rockefeller. "For generations, MDI Hospital has cared for this island," said David Rockefeller, Jr. "It's our shared responsibility to make sure that care is always here."

Because of you, it will be. Thank you for ensuring that MDI Hospital remains here — for Donna, for our island, and for everyone who calls this place home.

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A New Chapter in Women's Health, Guided by Your Support

With your help, women's health on MDI continues to evolve, expand, and stay close to home



You Keep This Care Close

When change came to women's healthcare on MDI, it was your generosity that helped keep trusted care providers like Ellen in our community, and allowed this next chapter of care to grow.

Thank you for keeping families supported, connected, and cared for.

To learn more about family planning or pregnancy resources on MDI, contact the Lisa Stewart Women's Health Center at 207.288.8100.

For 29 years, Ellen DaCorte, RN, BSN, CBC has been a trusted presence in one of life's most meaningful moments: the arrival of a new baby. As a beloved OB nurse at MDI Hospital, Ellen supported countless families through birth with calm, compassion, and deep care.

When declining birth rates led to the closure of the hospital's Labor & Delivery Unit this past spring, the shift to a new model of women's health and obstetrical care was more than just a logistical evolution — it was a heartfelt one.

"That part of my role has meant a great deal to me and to the families I've cared for," Ellen shared, referring to her work on the Labor and Delivery Unit. "The shift away from delivering babies has been a hard one."

But thanks to your support, and the dedication of our Women's Health team, Ellen's care didn't stop, it evolved.

Today, Ellen continues her legacy as the Women's Health Nurse Navigator at MDI Hospital's Lisa Stewart Women's Health Center in Bar Harbor. In this new role, made possible by community and donor support, Ellen helps women navigate every

phase of their healthcare journey, from prenatal care to postpartum recovery, and everything in between.

"The prenatal and postpartum period is such a powerful and vulnerable time," Ellen says. "I'm honored to be here for women and families through it all."

Because of you, families on MDI still have access to the personalized, compassionate care Ellen is known for, including:

- Breastfeeding education and lactation support
- Prenatal check-ins with MDI Hospital OB providers
- Two-day postpartum visits, newborn hearing screenings, bilirubin checks, and more
- Ongoing guidance and support during the early days of parenthood

By working with the OB providers at the Lisa Stewart Women's Health Center and our network of Family Medicine providers across the island, Ellen ensures that women and families on MDI continue to receive the expert, relationship-based care they've always expected, close to home.

The image shows a rustic living room with a high, vaulted wooden ceiling featuring exposed beams. A large stone fireplace is the central focus, with a fire burning inside. Above the fireplace hangs a chandelier made of antlers. The walls are also made of wood. There are two large windows with multiple panes on either side of the fireplace. In the foreground, there is a wooden coffee table, a patterned armchair, and a white sofa with a fur throw. A small wooden side table with a vase of white flowers is next to the sofa. The floor is made of dark wood.

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