



Mount Desert  
Island Hospital

# Community Benefits Report

*Fiscal Year 2025 (May 2024 – April 2025)*





# Mount Desert Island Hospital

## Kogod Center for Medical Education





*Above: Employees gather on Wear Red Day to promote Heart Health Awareness.*

*Left: Students from Hancock County Technical Center visit MDI Hospital.*

*Cover: A MDIH employee's children help set up for a Produce Pop-up stand.*



## Mount Desert Island Hospital

Mount Desert Island Hospital is committed to improving health and quality of life in the MDI region. Through innovation and effort, we strive to meet the evolving needs of our community with a compassionate, patient-centered approach to care. Our dedication to excellence has been recognized with national awards for patient satisfaction and for the delivery of top-quality care in a rural setting. Today, MDI Hospital's innovative approach serves as a model for rural healthcare delivery for our nation.

## Our Mission

To provide compassionate care and strengthen the health of our community by embracing tomorrow's methods and respecting time-honored values.

## Our Vision

To be our community's medical home by pursuing innovative models throughout the continuum of care. Our integrated system will be the standard by which others are measured.

## Our Values

**Compassion • Community • Improvement • Integrity • Respect • Teamwork**

As one of the largest employers in Hancock County, Mount Desert Island Hospital provided approximately 532 jobs in fiscal year 2025. Our network of Island health centers is our frontline, serving the community with top-quality, individualized primary care where patients feel most at home. Our hospital network offers six primary care facilities in Bar Harbor, Northeast Harbor, Southwest Harbor and Trenton as well as a full-service dental clinic, a nationally recognized Breast Health Center and comprehensive behavioral health services.

# Our Health Centers

## Breast Health Center

### at MDI Hospital

10 Wayman Lane  
Bar Harbor

## Cadillac Family Practice

322 Main Street  
Bar Harbor

## Community Dental Center

4 Community Lane  
Southwest Harbor

## Community Health Center

16 Community Lane  
Southwest Harbor

## Cooper Gilmore Health Center

17 Hancock Street  
Bar Harbor

## Lisa Stewart Women's Health Center

330 Main Street  
Bar Harbor

## MDI Behavioral Health Center

322 Main Street  
Bar Harbor

## MDI General Surgery

17 Hancock Street  
Bar Harbor

## MDI Orthopedics

10 Wayman Lane  
Bar Harbor

## MDI Urology

10 Wayman Lane  
Bar Harbor

## Northeast Harbor Health Center

9 Kimball Road, Northeast Harbor

## Physical Therapy

322 Main Street, Bar Harbor  
16 Community Lane, Southwest Harbor  
394 Bar Harbor Road, Trenton

## Trenton Health Center

394 Bar Harbor Road  
Trenton

# MDI Hospital Organization Services

In FY 2025, our healthcare professionals offered skilled services to the Downeast Region including:

24-7 Emergency Room  
Adult Day Program  
Anticoagulation Clinics  
Behavioral Health  
Breast Health  
Cancer Patient Navigator Program  
Cardiac Rehabilitation  
Cardiology  
Cardiopulmonology  
Care Management  
Critical Care/ICU  
Dental/Oral Health Services  
Diabetes Education  
Elder Care  
Family Medicine  
Health Coaching  
Laboratory Services  
Medical Imaging  
Music Therapy  
Nursing  
Nutrition Counseling  
Occupational Medicine  
Oncology and Hematology  
Ophthalmology  
Orthopedics  
Palliative Care  
Platelet-Rich Plasma Therapy  
Pediatrics  
Pharmacy  
Physical Medicine  
Physical Therapy  
Prescription Assistance  
Primary Care  
Pulmonology  
Short Term Rehabilitation  
Social Services  
Speech Therapy  
Sports Medicine  
Surgical Services  
Urology  
Wellness Programs  
Women's Health

# Free & Uncompensated Care

Mount Desert Island Hospital and Health Centers do not turn away those in need of medical care, regardless of their ability to pay. The organization provided \$193,183 in free and uncompensated care in FY 2025.

## Subsidized Health Services

### Fitness for Parkinson's Exercise Class

MDI Hospital's free Wellness Program provided two classes per week for 50 weeks to a total of 500 MDI Hospital employees and community members. As the format of Fitness for Parkinson's is virtual, we are able to accommodate several new participants from outside of the MDI community—one participant joins us from Canada!

### MDI Hospital Community Exercise Class

MDI Hospital's free Wellness Program provided four exercise classes per week for 50 weeks to a total of 1,000 MDIH employees and community participants.

### Walking for Wellness Walking Program

A total of 1,500 people participated in the year-round walking program.

### Prevent T2 Diabetes Prevention Program

Developed by the CDC, the Prevent T2 program is a year-long program. Two sessions are held each year; a total of 45 people participated in the program with the MDIH Prevent T2 Lifestyle Coaches.

### Free Cancer Support Group

Due to COVID-19, no in-person support groups were held; however, the Beth C. Wright Cancer Resource Center aided in the establishment of a well-attended support group, ultimately going virtual. MDI Hospital provides free monthly support groups for patients, survivors, and their families.

### Strong and Steady Exercise Class

MDI Hospital's free Wellness Program provided seven classes per week for 50 weeks to a total of 5,000 participants.

### Smart Moves Healthy Lifestyles Program

The MDIH Integrated Care Team has completed training/certification as instructors of a family healthy lifestyle program, Bright Bodies. Utilizing the Smart Moves Program curriculum and model developed and utilized by Yale University, Bright Bodies is focused on overall family health and includes physical activity, nutrition, and behavior modification components and parent/caregiver classes. Plans are underway for a pilot program in early 2026.

### Health Insurance Counseling

MDI Hospital offered health insurance enrollment counseling to help community members explore their options on the Health Insurance Marketplace. This service is provided free of charge. To learn more, contact MDI Hospital's Financial Counselor's Office at 288-5082, ext. 1202.

### Breathe Easy Together Group Clinic Program

MDI Hospital's ICT Team members received training through the American Lung Association and became certified FFS facilitators, implementing the first Freedom From Smoking Group Clinic in the MDI community. Based on the results of the pilot program, the MDIH ICT Team has partnered with the ALA and created a hybrid class tailored for our community; that program will be implemented in early 2026. Breathe Easy Together is funded by the Maine Cancer Foundation.



MDI Hospital Clinical Student Educator participated in STEM night at Connors Emerson School.

# Community Connections

## Food Pantry Partnerships

MDI Hospital partnered with the Good Shepherd Food Bank to help make food available to patients in need at our health centers. In FY 2025, over 7,699 pounds of food were distributed to patients and families experiencing food insecurity, with patients and families also being connected to local food pantries.

## Give Thanks and Give Back

MDI Hospital Organization's annual Give Thanks and Give Back initiative brought holiday cheer to many local individuals and families. Made possible through the generosity of our staff, the program delivers gifts each holiday season to residents of the nearby MDI Housing Authority, helping brighten their celebrations.

## MDI Marathon

MDI Hospital proudly supports the MDI Marathon each year by providing both a medical tent and a water station for participants. These stations are staffed by dedicated hospital volunteers, who help keep runners safe and hydrated throughout the race. This well-loved community event brings together athletes and supporters from all over.



*Birch Bay Retirement Village employees volunteer at the annual Trail of Treats.*

## Trail of Treats

The Trail of Treats is a "spook-tacular" partnership between Birch Bay Retirement Village and MDI Hospital. Employee volunteers decorate tables along the outdoor walking path at Birch Bay, handing out candy to local trick-or-treaters. Birch Bay residents gather in the Bay Vista Room to celebrate Halloween and admire the costumes! FY 2025 was the fourth Trail of Treats event.

## Food Insecurity and Access

MDI Hospital now offers Help Yourself Shelves at each Health Center, where patients are able to help themselves to a bag of shelf stable food without needing to identify themselves or ask for help. Additionally, Health Centers have been able to offer Produce Pop-Ups where fresh produce is available for free, no questions asked on various days of the month throughout the summer.

Providing free food, both shelf stable and fresh to people who need it most in the community is a priority for MDI Hospital because nutrition is healthcare.

## Topics in Modern Health

Topics in Modern Health is a monthly series held at the Northeast Harbor Library in the summer where experts in their field give free lectures about important topics in public health and healthcare. Last year featured "The Future of Healthcare on MDI" with MDI Hospital CEO/President Chrissi Maguire, "Common Eye Issues, Glaucoma, and Optical Health" with Dr. George Shafranov, "New Approaches to Cancer Prevention and Treatment" with Dr. Edward Benz, and "Developments in Emergency Medicine and Medical Education" with Dr. Nathan Donaldson.

## Holiday Stars

The MDI Hospital Auxiliary offers The Holiday Stars project to remember and honor those whose lives have been affected by cancer. For a small donation, a personalized star is hung in the main hospital lobby during the holidays and a handmade cloth star crafted by volunteers is mailed to the donor. Donations help provide Palliative Care at MDI Hospital to those in need.

## David R. Harding Memorial Golf Tournament

MDI Hospital partnered with Bar Harbor Bank & Trust and Kebo Valley Golf Club for the 31st Annual David R. Harding Memorial Golf Tournament. In 2021, Bar Harbor Bank & Trust selected Mount Desert Island Hospital as the beneficiary for the tournament. In 2022, recognizing our vital services to the community, Bar Harbor Bank & Trust selected Mount Desert Island Hospital to manage the tournament and be the primary beneficiary annually. Bar Harbor Bank & Trust continues to support as the presenting sponsor, and its employees volunteer their time to help organize and staff the event. Each year, teams of local community members gather to support this fun-filled day-long event.

## Community Celebration and Annual Meeting

Held at the Bar Harbor Club, the Annual Community Celebration drew a number of attendees including community members, local businesses, donors, board members and hospital employees to celebrate the hospital's accomplishments in FY 2025. The Annual Meeting was held prior to the event via Zoom.

## University of Pennsylvania Conference at Atlantic Oceanside

MDI Hospital's annual UPenn Conference was generously hosted by Atlantic Oceanside this year. Over the course of the event, mentors, healthcare leaders, and researchers from UPenn delivered a series of presentations to staff from MDI Hospital & Health Centers, Birch Bay Retirement Village, and members of the local community. The two-day conference also included a third day dedicated to hands-on educational simulations held in MDI Hospital's Emergency Department.

## Earth Day Roadside Cleanup

MDI Hospital and Birch Bay Retirement Village employees joined Friends of Acadia in their annual cleanup day to help pick up trash along the roadside to maintain and improve MDI's terrain.

## Putting with a Purpose

Members of the MDI Rotary Club demonstrated their ongoing commitment to community well-being by raising \$5,000 for MDI Hospital's Food Insecurity Program during its Annual Mini Golf Challenge at Pirate's Cove. This generous contribution directly supports MDI Hospital's efforts to ensure that individuals and families across Mount Desert Island have consistent access to nutritious food. The event brought together a vibrant mix of locals, families, business leaders, and visitors—reflecting the deep-rooted compassion and civic spirit that define our island community. We're grateful for the Rotary's continued partnership in building a healthier, more resilient community.



*Bar Harbor Bank & Trust employees at the Annual Mini Golf Challenge at Pirate's Cove.*

**Working alongside community organizations and engaging directly with the community we serve are part of our core values strengthening our ability to keep this vibrant community healthy and connected!**

# Staff Volunteerism

In FY 2025, MDI Hospital and Birch Bay Retirement Village had a combined total of 3,901 volunteer hours from volunteers. MDI Hospital and Birch Bay Retirement Village staff members also committed their own time to organizations across our local communities, such as, but not limited to:

Amateur Radio Club events	Holy Redeemer Catholic Church
Bar Harbor Fire Department	Island Arts Association
Bar Harbor Food Bank	Island Connections
Blue Hill Congregational Church	MDI Marathon
Boy Scout Troop 86	MDI Search & Rescue
Camp Capella	MDI YMCA
Conners Emerson School	Mount Desert Island Music Boosters
Cub Scout Troop 86	Mrs. Maine America
Down East Family YMCA	National Gymnastics Association
Ellsworth Elks Lodge	RSU 24
Ellsworth Public Library	Southwest Harbor Congregational Church
Ellsworth VFW	Surry School
Friends of Acadia	The American Legion
George Stevens Academy	The Grand
Good Shepherd Food Bank	Town of Bar Harbor Age-Friendly Committee
Habitat for Humanity	Tree of Life Food Pantry
Healthcare Financial Management Association	Wreaths Across America
Heart of Ellsworth	YWCA Mount Desert Island

We are a community engaged workforce who are proud to work in and serve our greater community.

## Community Health Services

### Oral Health Services

MDIH Community Dental Center is an affiliated teaching center with the University of New England College of Dental Medicine, and Dr. Jane Ogembo is an appointed Adjunct Assistant Clinical Professor with the program. This adjunct status is based on supervision of dental students as part of our Community-Based Education Program. We plan to host another student in Spring of 2026 and to welcome our Dental Student Rotation Coordinator for a site visit.

### Childbirth Education Classes

MDI Hospital provides two childbirth education classes for new families in our community. The Prepared Childbirth Class is a day-long class, welcoming expectant parents to experience childbirth through a holistic format. Topics include employing mindfulness skills in the labor process, relaxation and positions in labor, pain management, possible interventions, the role of the partner, bonding with the newborn, and caring for the newborn. The second course offering, the Breastfeeding Class, is taught by Certified Lactation Counselors and provides further preparation in breastfeeding and newborn care. Both classes are offered quarterly and are free to the participants.

### Flu Shot Clinics

MDI Hospital conducts low-cost public flu shot clinics each year at locations throughout the community, including several local businesses. A total of 250 people took advantage of these convenient clinics during FY 2025.

### Diabetes Education

MDI Hospital's Diabetes Education program provides guidance and support to help people manage their disease.



*MDI Hospital Health Coach, Laura Rich, offers biometric screenings at the spring Health Fair.*

## **Nutrition Education**

MDI Hospital dietitians provide a variety of educational and outreach services to the community each year. These efforts include:

- Individual diet instructions, offered at Bar Harbor
- Individual nutrition counseling and teaching group classes as part of the Diabetes Education Program in Southwest Harbor and Bar Harbor
- Guest educator for the Diabetes Prevention Program classes
- Nutrition education for the Cardiac Rehab program
- Community ServSafe® education

## **Vaccination Efforts**

MDI Hospital Pharmacy continues to support influenza vaccine clinics for public school districts in our community. The pharmacy team works to coordinate, store and distribute influenza vaccines provided by the Maine CDC to local public schools that desire to host vaccines clinics for enrolled students. In addition to this service, we provide supplies as necessary to support these clinics. Additionally, MDI Hospital also supplies medications to support Dr. Charlie Hendricks' medical trips to the Dominican Republic

## **Integrated Care Team**

MDI Hospital's Integrated Care Team members work side-by-side with patients and their families to improve health, wellness, and quality of life both in and out of the clinic setting. Services offered include Health Screenings, personalized Health Coaching, Tobacco Cessation counseling, Diabetes Prevention Education, a Cancer Patient Navigator Program, and more.

## **Pharmaceutical Support for EMS Services**

**Ambulance Supply and Replenishment:** MDI Hospital Pharmacy continues to supply medications to EMS Services across the island including Bar Harbor Fire Department, Mount Desert Island Fire Department and Southwest Harbor Tremont Ambulance Service. These medications are maintained by pharmacy staff and supplied to these departments at no charge to these organizations.

## Palliative Care

MDI Hospital's Palliative Care Program focuses on improving quality-of-life for patients with life-changing illnesses, and their families, through the prevention and relief of physical, social, and spiritual aspects of suffering. While hospice focuses on end-of-life care, palliative care provides specialized medical care for people living with serious illnesses, whatever the diagnosis. Palliative care is appropriate at any age and any stage of a serious illness and can be provided together with curative treatment.

Palliative care is offered in both inpatient and outpatient settings at MDI Hospital. In FY 2025 we had approximately 100 referrals for palliative care: a combination of inpatient and outpatient referrals. Care is provided by a Registered Nurse, Licensed Social Worker and MD who work together with other care practitioners to provide an extra layer of support. In FY 2025, Patrick Ainsworth began serving as a certified Hospice and Palliative Care RN. We continue to provide education to the outpatient clinics and inpatient teams on palliative care. Patrick provides education to staff on end-of-life care and symptom management for our inpatient team. We continue to collaborate with our community partners including MDNA, Hospice Volunteers and our local hospice agencies to provide continuity of care and support to our patients in the community including those who continue to receive palliative care and those who transition to hospice at home. We are now serving patients on Swan's Island and currently have 3 we are providing palliative care services to.

## MDI Marathon

MDI Hospital provided medical support and organized volunteers for the MDI Marathon.

## MDI Hospital's Collaboration with AOS 91 Schools and COA

- Registered nurses from MDI Hospital Health Centers collaborate with AOS 91 registered nurses regularly throughout the school year.
- A family nurse practitioner from MDI Hospital runs a student clinic at the College of the Atlantic in Bar Harbor during the school year.

## Oversight & Training to All Island Emergency Medical Services

During FY 2025, MDI Hospital's Emergency Department was led by Dr. David Sugerman. In addition to serving as Medical Director for Bar Harbor, Mount Desert, and Southwest Harbor Emergency Medical Services (EMS), Dr. Sugerman brought expertise as a board-certified emergency physician with a background in sports medicine. In his role as EMS director, he reviewed operations, facilitated educational opportunities, and conducted quality assessments for EMS professionals across the island. He also oversaw the Mount Desert Island Hospital–Penn Medicine Collaborative, which supports EMS education. On April 25, 2025, Dr. Damian Flowers succeeded him as Director of MDI Hospital's Emergency Department.

## Cancer Patient Navigator Program

Established in 2018, MDI Hospital's Cancer Patient Navigator Program guides patients and families through all phases of cancer care, from pre-diagnosis through survivorship. To date, the program has assisted 163 patients. Heather Sinclair, LSW, and Patrick Ainsworth, RN, CHPN, interact with each cancer patient, clarifying diagnostic information and treatment options, assisting with management of symptoms and medications, and seeking to reduce fear and anxiety. They closely interface with colleagues in Oncology, Breast Health, Primary Care, Emergency, Medical Imaging, Radiology, Pharmacy, Laboratory, and Care Management to ascertain that patients' individualized needs are being fully addressed. A key goal is to assure a seamless transition as patients move throughout our hospital organization as well as to other regional healthcare providers. The Navigator team also maintains a productive collaboration with the Beth C. Wright Cancer Resource Center, located in Ellsworth. The Wright Center is a source of valuable support and care, including counseling, nutrition support, acupuncture/massage, support groups, access to an extensive lending library, and exercise programs.

# Educational Partnerships

MDI Hospital's Medical Education Program introduces the next generation of caregivers to a unique, rewarding healthcare environment, providing a memorable and impactful experience for students that will be the foundation for delivering rural medicine in the future. Through dynamic collaborations with nationally recognized university and hospital partners, our independent community hospital cultivates a creative, innovative culture of professional development drawn from our integrated care model, which serves individuals and families throughout their lives and the continuum of their care. Led collaboratively by an engaged medical staff, MDI Hospital's Medical Education Program is geared to provide a scalable, sharable model for peer hospitals striving to recruit and retain the best-quality medical providers and caregivers. In FY 2025, MDIH hosted 51 students across 15 educational partnerships: 10 Emergency Medicine residents, 3 Behavioral Health residents, 6 Outpatient residents, 3 Internal Medicine Residents, 9 Medical students, 7 Physician Assistant students, 2 Family Nurse Practitioner students, 1 Dental student, 3 Pharmacy students, 2 Premed students, and 4 Music Therapy students.

## Mount Desert Island Hospital—Penn Medicine Collaborative

Participating Residents are specializing in Emergency Medicine or Behavioral Health. University of Pennsylvania's Perelman School of Medicine—sited in one of America's largest urban hospitals—sought an alternative setting to introduce future leading physicians to small-community health. MDI Hospital sought the expertise and innovation of these professionals-in-training. Established 14 years ago with no preexisting affiliation, these two organizations have crafted a program from the ground up that has profoundly changed cultures and practices. To date, over 100 residents have accessed rural medical training directly from MDI Hospital. In turn, they share their knowledge of leading-edge, evidence-based standards of emergency medical care and psychiatry with our Critical Access Hospital team. There were 10 Emergency Medicine residents and 3 Behavioral Health residents in FY 2025. In the summer and fall of 2024 we had a total of 8 educational presentations from residents including AUD, SUD, Toxic Inhalations and Cardiogenic Shock. All staff and interested community members/organizations are invited to these presentations.

## Maine Rural GME Education Collaborative

MDI Hospital joined the Maine Rural GME Education (MERGE) Collaborative, a distributed, inter-professional infrastructure created to increase access to high-quality graduate medical education in a rural environment. Residents will be accepted from the four ACGME-accredited Sponsoring Institutions in Maine which include MaineHealth, Northern Light, Central Maine Medical Center, and the Maine Dartmouth Family Medicine Residency. Residents will spend 2- or 4-week rotations in one of 4-5 disciplines. The MERGE Collaborative's mission is to ensure that the State of Maine will be the premier provider of rural graduate medical education and produce highly skilled, diverse, and talented providers who remain in the state after graduation because they are committed to, and prepared for, meeting the unique needs of the people and communities they serve.

## College of the Atlantic Internship

An 11-week internship offering second- and third-year undergraduate student and broad job-shadowing exposure to MDI Hospital's healthcare delivery, and providing opportunities to discuss what they observe, including primary care, hospitalist rounds, emergency care, medical imaging, and orthopedics. The College of the Atlantic Internship was suspended in 2020 due to COVID-19; in 2022-2023 this program was reinstated. We welcomed one premed student for an 11-week Internship in FY 2025.

## University of New England Dental School Program

Twelve-week rotations for fourth-year dental students at the Community Dental Center in Southwest Harbor. Students provide care to patients under the supervision of Jane Ogembo, DDS, MPH. They also have the unique experience of practicing in a dental home where the psychological and social determinants of patients' dental problems can be addressed if indicated.



*A farewell gathering was held for Tufts Medical Students Jack and Nicholas.*

## Tufts University School of Medicine Maine Track Program

The Maine Track Program is a nine-month learning opportunity for aspiring physicians to encourage medical practice in rural Maine. Two third-year medical students participate in the care of patients with our physicians and staff members: routine office visits, home visits, subspecialty evaluations, office or hospital-based procedures, hospital care, and emergency care. In FY 2025, we welcomed two Tufts students to MDI Hospital.

## Jackson Laboratory Shadow Program

This clinical observation experience is a collaborative opportunity between The Jackson Laboratory and Mount Desert Island Hospital, designed to provide meaningful exposure to clinical environments and patient care processes. The program supports future applicants to medical training programs by fostering reflection, professional development, and deeper understanding of healthcare delivery. One post-baccalaureate student will complete an 8-week observation experience in 8 different disciplines. This program began in the fall of FY 2025.

## University of New England Pharmacy

Rotations of two weeks (for first- and second-year Pharmacy students) or six weeks (for fourth-year Pharmacy students) working with MDI Hospital's Pharmacy staff and learning methods and protocols unique to the hospital setting. Students participate directly in all Pharmacy services, including drug distribution, sterile preparations, inventory regulation, and quality assurance programs.

## University of New England Physician Assistant Program

Students from UNE's Master of Science Physician Assistant Program, the only PA program in Maine, work directly under the tutelage of a PA for two months. Our pre-professional PA students experience the full range of rural healthcare firsthand, from preventive care to emergency visits.

## Community Health Rotation

Medical students considering a rural practice can opt to spend one month at MDI Hospital working two days a week in an outpatient clinic and with the Integrated Care team making home visits; and spending three days a week exploring community-based programs that support individuals who have high-risk medical needs. By the end of the month, they will understand the importance of collaboration with community organizations that can improve and sustain positive outcomes.

## Student Nursing Programs

Advanced Practice Nurse education programs are individually focused on multiple clinical disciplines, including primary care, behavioral health, and anesthesia. Student clinical rotations are supervised by MDI Hospital medical staff related to their specialized needs.

## Music Therapy Internship

Every year, Music Therapy interns rotate to MDI Hospital from universities throughout the country. We are the site of Maine's only Music Therapy internship program. For six months, interns maintain an individual caseload of clients working towards rehabilitative or palliative goals. They provide Music Therapy services to patients of all ages in one-on-one and group sessions, alleviating pain, distress, and agitation while improving cognitive functioning, engagement, and communication.



*A Music Therapy student performs for students from Hancock County Technical Center.*



*The MDI Hospital Auxiliary held quilt raffles to raise funds to support MDI Hospital.*

## **MDI Hospital Auxiliary** **A Tradition of Giving Since 1948**

The generosity of MDI Hospital Auxiliary, celebrating over seven decades of service to MDI Hospital, greatly benefits our patients and community and supports MDI Hospital in providing the compassionate, quality care for which we are known. Auxiliary fundraising in FY 2025 soared, reaching \$17,000. Fundraising activities included card sales, bake sales, jewelry sales, a new quilt raffle and the Auxiliary auction and raffle, held during MDI Hospital's Annual Community Celebration. Through their efforts, MDI Hospital Auxiliary votes to fulfill annual Auxiliary Wish List items that directly benefit patient experience & recovery and strengthen provision of care by our healthcare teams.

Wish-list purchases this year totaled just under \$10,000 and included gifts of the following items:

- Lifeline pendants for community members
- Infant, pediatric, and adult pulse oximeters
- An emergency bariatric evacuation mat
- Stethoscopes
- Items to help people with dementia such as fidget blankets and a sand tray
- Items to help patients served by Care Management improve their eating habits and weight:
  - Exercise balls, exercise sliders, and dumbbell set
  - Weekly meal planners and meal guides
  - Habit trackers
  - Calorie King books
  - Food scales
  - Digital body-weight scales
- Educational literature for patients with heart conditions, diabetes, and dementia
- A Newspaper subscription for our Surgical Services waiting area
- Pill organizers to assist patients with their medication management

In addition, MDI Hospital Auxiliary provides scholarships to students pursuing careers in the medical field established by the Marion Joy Morse Scholarship & Barbara Joy Trust, now managed by the Maine Community Foundation. This support helps the next generation of caregivers from our community as they pursue their goals!

# Financial and In-Kind Contributions

## Event Sponsorships

In FY 2025, MDI Hospital contributed more than \$4,200 in sponsorships to local organizations. This includes the Maine Chapter of American Cancer Society, the MDI Marathon, Hancock County Food Drive, and Birch Bay Golf Tournament. MDI Hospital regularly donates space in its conference rooms at the Lisa Stewart Women's Health Center, the Community Health Center, and Birch Bay Retirement Village for local groups to conduct meetings.

## Give Thanks and Give Back

This year, MDI Hospital Organization's Give Thanks and Give Back campaign provided holiday gifts to many local individuals and families. Coordinated by the MDI Hospital Advancement Department in partnership with the MDI Housing Authority, the annual program was made possible through the generosity of Hospital employees, who purchased gifts for community members in need.



*Each year MDI Hospital and the MDI Housing Authority work together to provide gifts to locals in need.*



Girl Scouts selling cookies at the MDI Hospital Spring Health Fair.



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