



Winter 2026 Newsletter

A Message from the Vice President of Development, Saratoga Hospital Foundation



As we settle into 2026 and shake off the winter chill, I've been reflecting on what an incredible year we just wrapped up. 2025 was full of accomplishments, challenges met, milestones celebrated, and moments that reminded us why our mission matters so deeply.

None of it would have been possible without you.

To our volunteers who show up with heart, our Board of Trustees who lead with vision, our Foundation team who brings passion to every project, and our generous community who continues to believe in the work we do, thank you. Your support and spirit carried us through another remarkable year.

Even though we're already into February, there's still something exciting about the early stretch of a new year: new goals, new opportunities, and new ways to strengthen the care we provide to our region. I can already feel the momentum building, and I know 2026 is going to be a year defined by teamwork, creativity, and meaningful impact.

I'm grateful for all we accomplished together in 2025, and even more grateful to be entering this next chapter with all of you beside us. There is so much on the horizon, and I can't wait to see what we achieve together as this year unfolds.

Here's to a strong start, a hopeful season ahead, and a 2026 filled with purpose, partnership, and possibility.

With appreciation,

Kelly

Kelly Armer

2025 - A Year to Remember

2025 was truly unforgettable!

From the once-in-a-lifetime **Stewart's Ice Cream Live Auction showdown at our Gala**, to celebrating a major achievement as the **17th Annual Cantina Kids Fun Run surpassed \$1 million raised** since its inception, this year delivered milestone after milestone. We also proudly raised more than **\$100,000 for our Heart-To-Heart Cardiac Campaign**—another incredible testament to the strength of our community.

This year also marked the launch of our Foundation Board's **Random Act of Kindness Committee**. Their monthly "Kindness Drops" brought unexpected joy to employees across our organization, small gestures with a big impact, reminding every team member how valued they are.

Thank you for helping shape a year filled with progress, compassion, and purpose. **Your support made 2025 extraordinary—and it inspires an even brighter 2026.**



 [Watch the 2025 Year-in-Review Video](#)

Mark Your Calendars: 2026 Signature Events


SARATOGA HOSPITAL FOUNDATION

Save The Date

2026

SIGNATURE EVENTS



COCKTAILS FOR A CAUSE
WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 2026
Cantina - The 408

THE PARENTS KICK-OFF PARTY TO THE CANTINA KIDS FUN RUN



18TH ANNUAL CANTINA KIDS FUN RUN
SUNDAY, MAY 31, 2026
Congress Park

STRIDES THAT MATTER FOR EMERGENCY PEDIATRIC SERVICES



44TH ANNUAL SARATOGA HOSPITAL GALA
WEDNESDAY, JULY 29, 2026
The Polo Meadow, Saratoga Casino Hotel

INVESTING IN SARATOGA HOSPITAL COMMUNITY BENEFIT PROGRAMS



SARATOGA HOSPITAL GOLF INVITATIONAL
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2026
Saratoga National Golf Club

DRIVING CHANGE IN NURSING EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Get ready for another exciting year of community events supporting Saratoga Hospital:

- **18th Annual Cantina Kids Fun Run - Sunday, May 31 · Congress Park**
Supporting Pediatric Emergency Services at Saratoga Hospital
- **44th Annual Saratoga Hospital Gala - Wednesday, July 29 · The Polo Meadow, Saratoga Casino Hotel**
Supporting Saratoga Hospital Community Benefit Programs
- **Saratoga Hospital Golf Invitational - Wednesday, September 23 · Saratoga National Golf Club**
Supporting Nursing Education and Professional Development Programs

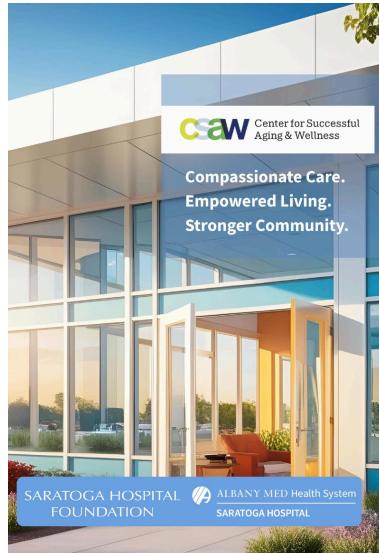
Join us throughout 2026 as we celebrate community, connection, and the mission that brings us together.

Sponsorships are available! To learn more or explore ways to make an impact, please contact Madison Mendel.

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Join The Movement To Redefine Aging



Center For Successful Aging & Wellness

Building a Stronger Community. Addressing the Needs of Our Aging Population.

The Center for Successful Aging & Wellness is designed around one core belief: everyone deserves compassionate care, empowered living, and a community that supports them as they age.

This new facility will deliver comprehensive, coordinated services through a specialized healthcare model tailored to the evolving needs of older adults. With a dedicated focus on promoting health, independence, and overall quality of life, the Center will help community members thrive throughout the aging process.

This campaign is about much more than constructing a state-of-the-art building, it reflects a shared vision—shaped by the insight, passion, and partnership of those who believe deeply in our mission.

Together, we can remove barriers to care, meet patients' changing needs, and ensure that every individual is treated with dignity and compassion. With your support, the Center will have a lasting impact on generations of patients and, in turn, the entire Saratoga community.

Your generosity fuels compassionate care, empowers individuals to live fuller lives, and strengthens the community we all call home.

The Center for Successful Aging & Wellness brings together the best of what we value: caring for one another, supporting independence, and building a stronger community for the future.

**Be part of something transformative.
Be part of our shared future.**

If you'd like to learn more or discuss how you can make an impact, please contact:
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Together, we are building something extraordinary for our community.

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Advancing Cancer Care. Changing Lives.

Together, We're Building the Future of Cancer Care

World Class Cancer Care - Right Here at Home

Cancer affects us all—but access to world-class treatment shouldn't require leaving home. With the new Varian Halcyon Linear Accelerator and Ethos Adaptive Therapy System, Saratoga Hospital is bringing the most precise, adaptive cancer treatment directly to our community.

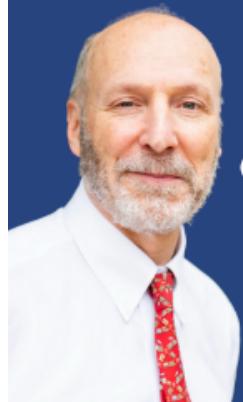
These technologies allow our oncology team to adjust therapy in real time, improving accuracy and enhancing outcomes for patients facing prostate, lung, head and neck, breast, and other complex cancers.



**VARIAN HALCYON
LINEAR
ACCELERATOR**

**This is more than technology—it's a lifeline.
It's hope, comfort, and healing delivered close to home.**

“Our goal has always been to provide the highest level of cancer care close to home.



This new technology ensures that our patients never have to leave the community they trust for world-class treatment.”

-Alex Frank, MD

Medical Director, Radiation Oncology
Saratoga Hospital

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Philanthropy In Action



Community Caring For Community

We're honored to present this gift to the **Franklin Community Center** to support their crucial work addressing food insecurity and continue our shared work supporting Saratoga. This partnership reflects

our employees' concerns about ongoing food insecurity.

As Jill VanKuren, President & CEO of Saratoga Hospital, shared, "There is a truly symbiotic relationship in caring for Saratoga—because food is medicine."

Partnerships like this strengthen the health of our community and make a lasting impact.

The Flower & Fruit Mission Pledges \$170,928 for Advanced Maternal Care Training at Saratoga Hospital

For more than a century, The Flower & Fruit Mission of Saratoga Hospital has championed the health of mothers and babies, and their impact continues.

At The Snow Ball this year, The Flower & Fruit Mission announced a \$170,928 pledge to fund two state-of-the-art maternal and newborn care simulators for the Hospital's Mother/Baby Unit. This investment will elevate training, enhance emergency preparedness, and strengthen care for families throughout our community.

Thank you to **The Flower & Fruit Mission of Saratoga Hospital** for carrying forward a legacy of compassion, innovation, and unwavering support for women's health.



Random Act of Kindness Committee

Starting 2026 on a Sweet Note!

The Foundation Board of Trustees kicked off the new year by surprising teams across the hospital, Wilton Medical Arts, and Malta Med Emergent Care with personalized fortune cookies—a small gesture to brighten the day and spread kindness.

Our partners at the Saratoga YMCA joined in the fun by donating a raffle prize: a 3-month family YMCA membership with the ELEVATE package for one lucky employee.



With Gratitude...

From All of Us at Saratoga Hospital Foundation

As we step into the year ahead, our hearts are full. Thank you for the generosity, kindness, and unwavering commitment you continue to show our patients, our staff, and our mission.

Because of you, we are building a healthier, stronger, and more compassionate Saratoga!

“Community is much more than belonging to something; it’s about doing something together that makes belonging matter.” — Brian Solis

From all of us at Saratoga Hospital Foundation: thank you for walking this journey with us. We can't wait to see what we'll accomplish together in 2026.

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