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## M O O R E N O T E S



### Dear Harrington Family,

When the storm and tornado hit our region, so many members of the Harrington Family did all they could to help. Some of you used your own vehicles to bring goods to the victims throughout our region. Some of you who were affected by the devastation, through damage to your homes, went to work in your free time to help others who had been hurt.

Whether it was donating money or putting on work clothes to help clear damaged areas, you did your part. I know some of you have given almost every hour of your free time to help out, whether it's serving meals at the Brimfield Relief Center or helping organize volunteers in Sturbridge.

Senior Leadership Team has established a Disaster Relief Fund for Harrington HealthCare System employees who have sustained damage to their property or have been forced to use Earned Time to deal with the adverse effects of the tornado and storm.

If you would like to donate to this fund, or if you have been adversely affected by the storm, please contact Human Resources. You can reach Charlene Richard at extension 3100 or [crichard@harringtonhospital.org](mailto:crichard@harringtonhospital.org). You can reach Sarah Katz at extension 3095 or at [skatz@harringtonhospital.org](mailto:skatz@harringtonhospital.org).

Thanks again for showing another side -- over and above the call of duty -- of what we call Total Local Care.

Sincerely,

Ed Moore, President & CEO



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## Harrington Helps Out as Tornado, Storm Hit Our Region

Harrington and its employees sprang into action as a tornado and storm swept our region in the late afternoon and early evening of June 1. The Harrington Emergency Care Center treated victims throughout the evening and spent the next several days notifying family members that their loved ones had been taken here for treatment.

Harrington employees donated food, services, goods, their time and money to assist the victims. A bin placed in the lobby of the hospital so employees could donate canned goods, clothing, bottled water and other goods was filled several times over, with employees packing the items in their cars to travel to the Brimfield Relief Center at the First Congregational Church of Brimfield. Other employees worked as volunteers in Sturbridge. The disaster, which claimed one life in our area, hit the hardest in our region in Brimfield, Charlton, Monson, Sturbridge and Southbridge.



The Harrington Auxiliary donated \$2,000 to help victims. (See back page for more information.) Harrington's Senior Leadership Team established a Disaster Relief Fund for Harrington employees who have sustained damage to their property or have been forced to use Earned Time to deal with the adverse effects of the tornado and storm. Members of Senior Leadership Team are making donations of Earned Time or donating cash to the fund. Any employee who wishes to donate to this fund is also encouraged to do so. ■



A car packed with goods destined for the Brimfield Relief Center. At left, tornado damage to a house in Brimfield.

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## Our eICU is Saving Lives

Harrington's new electronic Intensive Care Unit (eICU) system that electronically links our ICU with intensive care specialists at UMass Memorial Medical Center is helping save lives, data shows.

Based on the APACHE scoring system, a sophisticated system which evaluates each patient's severity of illness and likelihood of morbidity, Harrington has posted a much better than average score since the eICU was implemented at the end of 2010. The APACHE system indicates that Harrington saved five lives more than the expected rate for the first quarter of 2011.

The eICU features two-way television monitors in each ICU room so that an intensive care specialist at UMass can monitor the patient, see the patient via closed circuit camera, and interact with both the patient and the Harrington physician caring for that patient. The eICU also allows the UMass intensivists to monitor the patient's vital signs.

"The outcomes are spectacular; better than we could have expected," said Dr. Arthur Russo, Harrington's Chief Medical Officer. "One of the advantages of this system is that patients in this region can receive their care locally, at Harrington, benefiting from the personal care of a Harrington physician at bedside as well as the care of a UMass intensivist in Worcester." ■

## Janet D. Pearl Named Medical Director of The Pain Center

**Dr. Janet D. Pearl**, a Pain Medicine specialist, has been named Medical Director of the newly formed Pain Center at Harrington. Dr. Pearl is board certified in both Anesthesiology and Pain Medicine with the American Board of Anesthesiologists. She also serves as the Medical Director of Complete Pain Care, LLC, an interventional pain medicine practice in Framingham.

The Pain Center also includes **Ashraf Farid, M.D.**, and **A. Steve Reddy, M.D.**, each of whom maintain their own practice. The Pain Center patients are seen for consultations in the individual physician's offices in Southbridge. Interventional procedures are performed in the Pain Center office at 55 Sayles Street on the Harrington Hospital campus. Kyphoplasty and vertebroplasty are performed in the Operating Room at Harrington Hospital. ■

## Ed Moore Appointed to MHA Board

The Massachusetts Hospital Association (MHA) has named **Edward H. Moore**, the President and CEO of Harrington HealthCare System, to its Board of Trustees. Moore will serve a three-year term, ending in June 2014.

"I am truly honored to be chosen to sit on the Massachusetts Hospital Association Board," Moore said. "MHA has been a strong advocate for hospitals in this state, and is leading the way in promoting public health state-wide while helping member hospitals navigate all the changes in our healthcare system."

The Massachusetts Hospital Association (MHA) is a voluntary, not-for-profit organization comprised of hospitals and health systems, related organizations, and other members with a common interest in promoting the good health of the people of the Commonwealth. ■

## Drs. Marshall, Geddis-Comrie Join Harrington

Two new physicians, **Christopher A. Marshall, M.D.**, and **Brenda Geddis-Comrie, M.D.** have joined Harrington.

Dr. Marshall will join **Dr. John Stagias'** Gastroenterology practice at 428 Hamilton Street in Southbridge beginning in July.

Dr. Marshall, who has a degree in Medicine from the University of Massachusetts, has just completed his fellowship in Gastroenterology at UMass and is well trained in all routine Gastroenterology procedures as well as advanced endoscopic techniques and procedures. Dr. Marshall's arrival means that Harrington HealthCare will have two highly respected and accomplished Gastroenterologists in Southbridge. We will be able to offer Gastroenterology services five days a week. Scheduling will be done through the main number at the office, 508-765-1600.

Brenda Geddis-Comrie, M.D., a Family Medicine Physician, is joining Harrington Physician Services. She will practice at 37 Oakes Avenue in Southbridge. To schedule an appointment with Dr. Geddis-Comrie, who began practicing in May, please call 508-765-5417. She is accepting new patients.

Dr. Geddis-Comrie comes to Harrington from the UMass Memorial Medical Group, where she practiced Family Medicine for several years. She has also practiced Family Medicine at The Cleveland Clinic Foundation as well as The NASA Glenn Research Center. Dr. Geddis-Comrie completed her undergraduate degree at Yale University, her pre-medical studies at Columbia University and received her Degree in Medicine from SUNY Buffalo. Her residency was completed at University Hospitals of Cleveland, Case Western Reserve University, where she served as Chief Resident. ■


## Vascular Care Begins at Charlton Building

Harrington HealthCare at Charlton, 10 N. Main St., has begun offering vascular care services. Vascular care includes the evaluation and treatment of diseases of the arterial, venous and lymphatic systems, including carotid artery disease and all aspects of hemodialysis.

Services will be under the medical direction of **Dr. William Patrick Robinson III**, a member of the UMass Memorial Medical Group and the UMass Memorial Health Care Heart and Vascular Center of Excellence, and a new member of the Harrington Medical Staff. ■

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### Auxiliary Helps Disaster Victims

Our Auxiliary donated \$1,000 to help Harrington employees and Auxilians who have suffered damages because of the tornado and storm that struck our region on June 1. The Auxiliary donated an additional \$1,000 to the United Way of Southbridge, Sturbridge and Charlton, which will use the money to give victims gift cards for food at the Big Bunny supermarket. Pictured, Auxiliary President Kathy Vairo (left) presents the \$1,000 check for Harrington employees and Auxilians to Charlene Richard, Harrington Vice President of Human Resources.

## National Cancer Survivors Day

Almost 100 people attended The Cancer Center at Harrington's first National Cancer Survivors Day event June 1, despite the impending storm and tornado. The Giving Tree, donated by the Auxiliary and crafted by renowned metal sculptor Michael Saarni, was dedicated. The work of art, near the entrance on the second floor, soon will bear the names of those who have donated to The Cancer Center. Cancer survivors, local dignitaries, Harrington employees and Auxiliary members heard several guest speakers, including State Representative Peter Durant (pictured), who held up a picture of a friend and colleague who recently succumbed to cancer. ■

