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Strengthening the Front Door of Ellis Medicine

A $3.1 million philanthropic investment in the Emergency Department will strengthen the place where so many patient journeys begin.

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> Every year, thousands of people come through the doors of Ellis Medicine's Emergency Department seeking answers, comfort, and care. For many, it is their first connection to Ellis, and an important first step toward the services, specialists, and support they may need next. As one of the busiest Emergency Departments in the region, Ellis' ED plays an essential role in keeping high-quality emergency care close to home.

To meet that need—today and for years to come—the Foundation's 3E Campaign is investing in three essential priorities: Equipment, the Environment of Care, and Education. With $3.1 million earmarked for ED updates, philanthropy will help ensure Ellis staff have the tools, technology, spaces, and training needed to care for patients and families today and into the future.



A new CT scanner can acquire images from a full rotation in just 0.3 seconds - significantly faster than our current scanners, according to Jine Maroney, Director of Radiology. This increased speed helps reduce motion-related blurring, particularly for patients who may have difficulty remaining still, resulting in fewer repeat scans. Faster imaging and fewer repeat scans can also help reduce patients' overall radiation exposure.

Each year, nearly 80,000 patient visits make Ellis' ED not just busy, but a vital point of access for residents from Schenectady and the surrounding counties. Those visits connect patients to the full continuum of Ellis Medicine services—from emergency medicine and imaging to surgery, cardiology, pulmonary care, oncology, and inpatient treatment.

Updating the ED for Today's Needs

Ellis' Emergency Department was rebuilt in 2014 with technology and equipment designed to meet the needs of patients and care teams at that time. Today, much of this equipment is nearing or have reached the end of their serviceable life. Continued investment will replace aging technology with tools that help care teams diagnose conditions sooner, coordinate care more efficiently, and communicate information more clearly. For patients and families, that means faster answers, greater confidence, a smoother emergency visit, better health outcomes and a faster path to recovery.



Ellis is committed to serving our community, and the Emergency Department will remain a critical resource for the people who depend on us. Investing now helps ensure Ellis is ready to provide safe, responsive, high-quality emergency care for years to come.

The $3.1 million donor-powered commitment includes:

- **$2.4 million for technology and digital infrastructure,** including a new CT scanner and imaging system; digital radiography/ X-ray equipment; digital ultrasound equipment; and ED mobile workstations, clinical tablets, and patient data protection.
- **$420,000 for patient care and clinical support,** including patient beds, furnishings, and minor equipment.
- **$300,000 for Environment of Care and safety improvements**, including facility security systems, access control, improvements to the decontamination area, and continued support for Ellis' K-9 security team.

Emergency Care That Is Personal

At Ellis, emergency care is deeply personal because the people providing it are part of this community, too. The ED is staffed by Ellis-employed nurses, physicians, clinicians, and security professionals who live and work here—neighbors caring for neighbors. Their teamwork, skill, and commitment help patients feel understood, supported, and confident in the care they receive. That commitment shows in meaningful ways, including Ellis' "left without being seen" rate, which is among the lowest in the nation—an important measure of how quickly patients are evaluated and connected to care.

That same personal connection is at the heart of the 3E Campaign investments. For patients and families, these updates will make a practical and meaningful difference: helping clinicians view images sooner, access critical information at the bedside, improve comfort during care, and strengthen safety for everyone in the ED. For donors, it is a powerful opportunity to help ensure Ellis is ready when a neighbor, loved one, or patient comes through the doors.

The 3E Campaign is about giving care teams the technology to diagnose and treat patients more quickly, creating an environment where patients and families feel safe and supported, and ensuring staff have the education, skills, and knowledge to provide exceptional care when it matters most.

3E CAMPAIGN
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A gift to Ellis and the 3E Campaign helps ensure your community hospital remains strong, prepared, and ready to care for you, your family, and your neighbors. Whether through an outright gift, a Qualified Charitable Distribution from your IRA, appreciated stock, or a donor-advised fund grant, your support strengthens emergency care when and where it is needed most.

To learn more visit EllisMedicineFoundation.org or call the Foundation at 518.243.4600

A Trusted Name, Now Part of Ellis

CareNet Medical Group recently became Ellis CareNet OB/GYN, building on more than 43 years of trusted obstetrical and gynecological care for generations of patients.

That legacy continues with familiar providers, continued access to medical records, and services at the Bellevue Woman's Center campus in Niskayuna and the Medical Center of Clifton Park—along with broader access to coordinated Ellis services, including mammography.

This transition reflects Ellis Medicine's ongoing commitment to sustaining compassionate, local care for patients and families at every stage of life.



THE GALA FOR ELLIS MEDICINE

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A Festive Tribute to Our 2027 Gala Honorees

Ellis is pleased to celebrate Antonio and Maria Civitella (top) and Drs. Colleen and Chris Dibble (bottom) as our 2027 Gala honorees.

Antonio "Tony" and Maria Civitella have long demonstrated a deep commitment to community. Tony is the founder and CEO of Transfinder, an international company recognized for its growth, innovation, employee-centered culture, and role as one of the region's most dynamic technology firms. Their story is rooted in a family legacy that began when Tony's parents and grandparents immigrated from Italy and built a life grounded in family, gratitude, and service. Dedicated advocates for education, healthcare, entrepreneurship, and community revitalization, Antonio and Maria bring vision, generosity, and heart to all they do.

Drs. Colleen and Chris Dibble, a primary care provider and a noninvasive cardiologist with Cardiology Associates of Schenectady, respectively, have cared for patients in our region for nearly two decades. As Foundation Trustees, they have advocated for Ellis Medicine, helped raise funds to support patient care, and mentored physicians, PAs, and NPs while modeling collaborative, patient-centered care. Their service reflects a deep commitment to improving the health and well-being of the community they call home.

We look forward to a festive evening celebrating these remarkable honorees and the many ways they help advance Ellis Medicine's mission.

To learn more about the event and honorees, scan the QR code below or contact Brittany Mancini, Event Manager at 518.243.4092 or mancinib@ellismedicine.org.

Foundation Welcomes New Board Leadership

> The people who guide The Foundation for Ellis Medicine are deeply connected to this community, grateful for the generosity of our donors, and committed to helping Ellis Medicine continue to be here for the patients and families who rely on it.

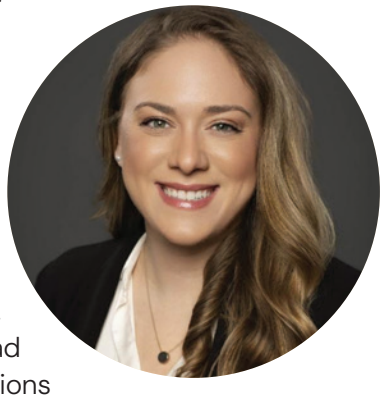
Their leadership matters especially now, as the Foundation works to strengthen trusted care close to home and ensure donor support is directed where it can make the greatest difference.

At the annual meeting in June, the Foundation elected new officers for the coming year: **James R. Barnes, Esq.,** with Gleason, Dunn, Walsh & O'Shea, as Chair; **Bonnie Keller**, Vice President and Branch Manager at NBT Bank, as Vice Chair; **Sarah Johnson** as Secretary; and **Stephanie Mumford**, CPA, Shareholder at Teal, Becker & Chiaramonte, as Treasurer.

This group brings steady judgment and a shared commitment to listening carefully, leading responsibly, and strengthening the Foundation's ability to support Ellis Medicine through change and into the future.

We are grateful, too, for the continued service of **Elizabeth Guerin,** Marketing Strategist at CBS6-WRGB; **Michelle Hewitt**, RN, Director of the Ellis' Belanger School of Nursing; and **Matt Lombardo,** Chief Actuary at MVP Health Care, who will each continue serving the Foundation in a second term.

The Board is also strengthened by three new trustees whose experience and community ties, and commitment to service will help deepen the Foundation's connection to the people and purpose behind its work.



Megan A. Brennan, Esq., is an Associate Attorney at Cioffi Slezak Wildgrube P.C., where she practices estate planning, estate administration, real estate, and business law. Her work gives her a broad perspective on the decisions families, individuals, and organizations make to protect what matters most. A graduate of SUNY New Paltz and the Elisabeth Haub School of Law at Pace University, she brings a thoughtful, service-minded perspective to the Board. Megan resides in Ballston Spa with her husband, Rick, and their son.



Ravi S. Modasra is President and principal owner of The Mohawk Companies, a Schenectady-based real estate development and management platform. Ravi has spent the past decade building ventures across the Northeast as a commercial real estate developer and investor, with extensive experience in hospitality, mixed-use development, acquisition, financing, and strategic partnerships.A Scotia native, he brings an entrepreneurial mindset and commitment to lasting relationships. Ravi resides in Ballston Lake with his wife, Soniya, and their children, Vihaan and Shanaya.

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Heather Peterson, CPA, is a Schenectady native and principal of Heather Peterson, CPAs. She earned both her bachelor's and master's degrees in accounting from The College of St. Rose. Known for pairing deep expertise in estate, trust, and tax matters with a thoughtful, client-centered approach, Heather provides steady guidance through complex financial decisions. Her professional commitment is matched by a strong dedication to the Schenectady community. She has served as President of the Downtown Schenectady Improvement Corp. and currently offers her expertise to the Foundation's Planned Giving Advisory Council. Through her professional experience and community involvement, Heather brings a trusted local perspective to the Foundation's Board.

> Together, the Foundation's 27-member Board of Trustees is committed to Ellis Medicine's mission and to the long-term strength of the Foundation. **Their leadership helps ensure that the resources entrusted to us are used wisely today and cared for with the future in mind**—so donor generosity continues to make a meaningful difference for patients, families, and our community.

A Pawsitive New Addition to Ellis Security

Thanks to donor support, Rex has joined the Ellis Hospital security team. A feisty pup of 15 months originally from the Czech Republic, Rex is trained in obedience, tracking, bomb and firearm detection, handler protection, and aggression control.

Rex's role is to support hospital security while on duty, helping provide an added layer of safety throughout our campus. Rex joins other K-9 security officer, Wick. The generosity of a supportive community helps provide important resources like Rex that keep our hospital safe.



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Ellis' Commitment to Our Community

Ellis Medicine has long been part of this community—welcoming babies, responding in moments of crisis, helping patients heal, and caring for generations of families. Ellis is committed to continuing that legacy by keeping care local and accessible.

Protecting local access to care is at the heart of Ellis' decision to pursue a merger. Guiding that decision is a Board of Trustees with deep ties to the community. Its members understand what Ellis means to Schenectady and the surrounding region and are focused on preserving the services patients rely on close to home.

"Our responsibility is clear: prioritize access to high-quality local care and choose a partner that will serve this community for generations," said David Horan, chair of the Ellis Board of Trustees. "That standard guides every merger discussion."

Finding the right partner

Healthcare consolidation has accelerated over the past two decades, and our region has experienced that trend firsthand. Since 2020, Ellis has explored a possible merger with St. Peter's Health Partners (SPHP). Through that relationship, Ellis strengthened its finances, improved patient-care quality and outcomes, and created greater stability for physicians and other providers.

After six years of merger planning, Ellis' Board determined that the proposed direction would significantly reshape local services and reopened the search for a partner. SPHP chose not to submit a proposal. Ellis continues seeking a partner with the clinical strength, resources, and commitment to serve this community, including through active discussions with Albany Medical Center.

Providers chose Ellis

Ellis' ability to attract the right partner is strengthened by the people who choose to provide care here. When the SPHP partnership ended this summer, 95% of the physicians, PAs, NPs, and other providers chose to stay with Ellis—a clear sign of confidence in its future.

Their decision reflects strong patient relationships, Ellis' culture, and a shared belief in its mission.

For patients, it means continuity with familiar physicians, trusted care teams, and important services close to home. It also affirms what donors understand: Ellis is people caring for people, supported by a community that values local healthcare.

Preserving cardiology services

That confidence is especially important in cardiology, which supports emergency and critical care, pulmonary medicine, and other hospital services. As of this writing, 21 of 27 cardiologists have signed employment agreements with Ellis—encouraging progress toward keeping this essential care in Schenectady.

However, the effort to preserve cardiology services is now the subject of legal proceedings involving Ellis and SPHP. The question is whether physicians who have cared for Ellis patients for decades should be free to continue practicing here. Ellis believes they should—and that patients should not have to travel farther for cardiac care when every minute can matter.

Ellis' position is grounded in its agreement with SPHP, which anticipated that the relationship might end and preserved our ability to work directly with these physicians. While the courts consider the issue, we remain focused on maintaining high-quality local care and supporting physicians who want to serve this community.

"Physicians should be free to choose where they practice," said Ellis President & CEO Paul Milton. "Healthcare organizations should compete fairly for their services, and non-compete clauses should not limit patients' access to local care."

A future worth building together

For generations, Ellis has adapted to the region's changing healthcare needs. We remain optimistic because of the physicians and staff who care for patients, the volunteers who give their time, and the donors who invest in Ellis. Patient access and community need will remain at the center of every decision. With your partnership, Ellis will continue building a strong future for those who count on us.

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