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Neuroinclusive hospital rooms open for pediatric patients at South Shore Hospital. Nurses Maverick Shay, RN; Beth Brooks, RN; and Leigh Anne Wuori, RN attend the ribbon-cutting ceremony.

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Letter From the Chair of the Board

Without a major golf tournament or walk-a-thon to gather at in 2026, it was a *seemingly* quieter spring for the Foundation than in years past. But thanks to our Board of Trustees, fundraising committee members, and the Foundation's wide

network of advocates, we kept very busy with smaller, curated events that allowed us to steward our longtime supporters, cultivate new relationships, and engage in pointed conversations about the state of local healthcare and its influence on current challenges and future priorities at South Shore Health. Your overwhelming optimism and trust in our path forward is a great motivator as the next capital campaign materializes.

But I've already jumped too far into the future. Right now, all eyes are turned toward the 2026 *South Shore Health Gala*, which is just over two months away.

Proceeds from this year's gala will continue to support urgent investments in emergency care, including ongoing upkeep and modernization of treatment areas, acquisition of state-of-the-art equipment, and working resources for our emergency medicine physicians, nurses, and first response teams. Last year we had our first \$1M+ gala, and I have no doubt that we can get there again. I look forward to seeing this event take shape over the summer months and watch it come to life on Friday, October 16. Refer to page 8 for information on tickets and sponsorships. If you cannot attend, you can still help us reach our goal by **donating an item** to our silent or live auction, or **making a gift** to emergency care.

What you allow the health system to achieve for its patients and families has a visible and profound impact. On behalf of the Board, I extend my deepest gratitude to all who support South Shore Health and the programs and services that benefit our wonderful neighborhoods and communities.

Regards,

Rick Russell

Chair of the Board, South Shore Health Foundation

Dunkin' Joy in Childhood Foundation Improves Hospital Care for Kids With Sensory Processing Difficulties

In April, South Shore Health, Dunkin', and Dunkin' Joy in Childhood Foundation celebrated the opening of two specialized pediatric rooms at South Shore Hospital.

The sensory-informed care rooms cater to a wide range of pediatric patients such as those with autism spectrum disorder, mood and anxiety disorders, and those managing traumatic experiences. These enhancements were made possible by a "Joyful Spaces" grant from the Dunkin' Joy in Childhood Foundation and include quiet and dimmable LED lighting, scenic ceiling tiles, sliding panels that hide medical equipment, white noise machines, weighted blankets, removable wall padding for safety, and more.

As the primary provider of pediatric care in the region, South Shore Health is the only 24/7 pediatric emergency department and pediatric medical/surgical inpatient unit between Boston and Cape Cod, making these spaces critical for patient care. The rooms are expected to serve more than 900 pediatric patients annually.

Sue Andrade, Dunkin' franchisee and Dunkin' Joy in Childhood Foundation board member shared,

"Through Joyful Spaces, our hope is to help transform children's hospital experiences from overwhelming to therapeutic, allowing staff to provide the highest level of care that meets patients' medical and emotional needs."

The Dunkin' Joy in Childhood Foundation, the charitable foundation supported by Dunkin' and the generosity of its franchisees, guests, vendor partners, and employees provides the simple joys of childhood to kids battling

hunger or illness.

The Foundation partners with food banks, hospitals, and other nonprofit organizations to fund joyful environments and experiences for kids when they need it most. Since 2006, the Joy in Childhood Foundation has granted more than \$70 million to hundreds of national and local charities across the country. For more information, please visit www.bringjoy.org.



Dunkin' leadership and franchisees, along with Joy in Childhood Foundation representatives, celebrate and tour the new spaces with clinicians and leadership from South Shore Health and Boston Children's Hospital.



Health System News

Advanced Urologic Oncology Program Launches at the Dana-Farber Brigham Cancer Center at South Shore Health

Residents of the South Shore and throughout Southeastern Massachusetts now have even greater access to specialized cancer care, closer to where they live. Building on South Shore Health's long-standing affiliation with Mass General Brigham and Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, an expanded urologic oncology program has launched, staffed by experts from all three organizations.

The initial focus is on prostate cancer, with plans to expand to kidney, bladder, testicular, and penile cancers.

"This unique collaboration is a powerful example of what we can achieve for our community," said Sam Skura, Chief Operating Officer, South Shore Health. *"Together with Mass General Brigham and Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, we are bringing cutting-edge expertise and technology to patients where they live."*



Robotic-assisted surgery is at the core of the new program, offering patients minimally invasive treatment with smaller incisions, less pain, faster recovery, and exceptional precision.

45 South Shore Hospital Physicians Named Top Docs by Boston Magazine

The *Boston Magazine* Top Docs™ list is developed in collaboration with Castle Connolly Medical Ltd., whose physician-led research team conducts a rigorous nomination and vetting process using mail, phone, and electronic surveys. The result is a peer-nominated roster of top-performing physicians across the Boston/metro area.

This year's list calls out South Shore Hospital physicians and surgeons across 21 specialties, underscoring the depth of clinical expertise available to patients on the South Shore.



Anesthesiology

Ethan Brovman, MD

Bariatric Surgery

Neil Ghushie, MD

Cardiovascular Disease

William Calhoun, MD
J. Gregory Corrodi, MD
Susan Feinstein, MD
Anthony Marks, MD
Brendan Merchant, MD
Paul Schubert, MD

Cardiac

Electrophysiology

Seth McClennen, MD

Emergency Medicine

Jason Tracy, MD

Family Medicine

Tiffany Meier, MD
Steven Golden, MD
Sarah Sciascia, MD

Gastroenterology

Gregory Bolduc, MD
Alison Goldin, MD
Sarithchandra Reddy, MD

Gynecologic Oncology

Katie Wakeley, MD

Infectious Disease

Todd Ellerin, MD

Interventional Cardiology

David Denmark, MD
Anthony Litvak, MD
Paul Schwerdt, MD

Maternal & Fetal Medicine

George Graham, MD
Barbara O'Brien, MD

Medical Oncology

Mark Anderson, MD
Barbara Civiello, MD
Jennifer Faig, MD
Shail Maingi, MD

Neurology

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John Piecyk, MD

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Hsi-Pin Chen, MD
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Michael Cummings, MD
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Radiation Oncology

Peter Orio, III, DO

Thoracic & Cardiac Surgery

Christopher Ducko, MD
George Tolis, Jr., MD
Jon Wee, MD

Vascular Surgery

Gregory Kechejian, MD

Reachable Star Fund Supports Career Advancement for South Shore Health Employees

Often, patients express their gratitude for wonderful care with a heartfelt letter, email, or phone call to the Office of Patient Experience. And frequently, those kind words are accompanied by a generous donation to the South Shore Health Foundation to bolster health system resources and preserve key services and programs.

Recently, an anonymous \$1 million donation was made with a very clear directive: fund opportunities for non-leadership staff* seeking to grow in their profession. The donor is a grateful patient who was inspired by the incredible talent and compassion that he observed throughout the health system over the years. His goal was simple: to help employees remove cost barriers that would prevent them from moving forward in their career path.

This fund supports certifications, courses, conferences, and other opportunities not currently covered through existing South Shore Health reimbursement programs,



allowing staff to enhance their expertise and acquire new skills relevant to their current role or a new role within the health system.

If you are a South Shore Health employee and have questions about eligibility, refer to the Reachable Star folder on the Organizational Development page of the colleague portal or email

OrganizationalDevelopment@southshorehealth.org.

*Note, physicians and advanced practice clinicians are not eligible for funding.

Critical Care Unit Receives Award

The American Association of Critical Care Nurses (AACN) has awarded a silver-level Beacon Award for Excellence to the Richard and Joann Aubut Critical Care Unit (CCU) at South Shore Hospital.

The CCU was evaluated across several key areas, including research and evidence-based practice; patient outcomes; leadership and organizational ethics; recruitment and retention; education, training, and mentoring; and the creation of a healthy work environment.

Opened in 2017, the Aubut CCU is staffed by an interdisciplinary team that cares for patients with significant injuries, complex illnesses, and those recovering from major surgery. The unit includes 24 private, technologically advanced rooms.

This recognition marks the fourth consecutive Beacon Award for the CCU and its team of caregivers.

"This achievement speaks to the extraordinary dedication of our nurses, physicians, and support staff," said Lynn Wenners, RN, nurse manager of the CCU. "Our team continues to rise to the occasion. I am incredibly proud of their expertise and their deep commitment to our patients and to one another."

Colleagues from South Shore Hospital's Critical Care Unit celebrate their well-earned recognition.





Thank You Presidents' Circle

Presidents' Circle is South Shore Health's corporate giving program. Members are local businesses that generously invest in close-to-home healthcare, demonstrating an ongoing commitment to their customers, employees, and the neighborhoods they serve.

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McCarthy's Moving & Storage
Megan Belson, William Raveis
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Vertex

The Friends of South Shore Health



Kickin' Up Country

On June 6, our annual country-themed fundraiser once again brought some boot stompin' fun to Players Sports Bar & Grille in support of the South Shore Visiting Nurse Association! Thank you sponsors, attendees, and supporters who raised nearly \$29,000 for home care programs.



Left: VP/Chief Nursing Officer, Drew Harding, DNP, RN, with VNA colleagues Carolann Ricardo, Trisha Doyle, VP/Home Health Services, Beth Sulger, Jay Small, Christie Silva, and Rick Pascarelli.

Above: Carol Taylor and The Friends Vice President Jimmy Chung.

Day-Trippin' with The Friends



Top left to right: The Mapparium, inside the Mary Baker Eddy Library, Boston, Hammond Castle Gloucester, MA.

Bottom left to right: Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, Boston MA, Hammond Castle Gloucester, MA



Join The Friends of South Shore Health for only \$35/year for individuals and \$50 for couples.

Your membership benefits patient care at South Shore Health while providing you with discounts at participating local retailers and restaurants; opportunities to participate in fun-filled day and overnight trips to scenic New England locations; access to lunch bunch outings and live theater performances; and more! Contact us at **781-624-8520**.

2026 FOUNDATION EVENTS

TEAM SOUTH SHORE HEALTH

2026 Boston Marathon

Congratulations to Team South Shore Health's runners who were part of a historically fast and competitive Boston Marathon on April 20. Thank you to this small but incredibly mighty team that raised more than \$78,000 for local healthcare leading up to Marathon Monday.

Runners Michaela Clark, Thomas Haley, Ali McInnis, Samantha Packard, and Lindsey Sullivan fundraised for the Cancer Center and Grayken Center for Treatment at South Shore Health.

SouthShoreHealth.org/BostonMarathon.

Left: Lindsey Sullivan with South Shore Health colleague and former Team South Shore Health runner, Jay Small.

Right: Michaela at the bottom of Heartbreak Hill.



Coming Up...



Longtime Team South Shore Health riders Len Bicknell (far left) and his daughter Laura Bicknell Carbone (center) cross the finish line in 2025.

Pan-Mass Challenge

Each summer, thousands of riders and volunteers from 43 states and 12 countries participate in the Pan-Mass Challenge (PMC), all with a goal to find a cure for cancer.

On August 1 and 2, our 27-member team—made up of cancer survivors, community advocates, and South Shore Health colleagues—will ride between 25–177 miles to support local cancer care at the Dana-Faber Brigham Cancer Center at South Shore Health.

Help them reach their fundraising goals [here](#).

SOUTH SHORE HEALTH
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FOR THE CARE WE
COUNT ON

Getting Ready for Gala 2026

Gala season is nearly here! On Friday, October 16, at the Marriott Boston Quincy, South Shore Health will host an evening *for the care we count on*. Funds raised will once again benefit emergency care at South Shore Health and be invested in technologies, equipment, and staffing that saves lives.

In emergency medicine, every second counts. And for an independent not-for-profit health system, every dollar counts. Please visit our website to learn about sponsorship opportunities and to purchase tickets.

SouthShoreHealth.org/Gala.

Top left: 2025 Gala Co-Chairs Helen Garvey and Denise Teixeira with Frank Teixeira and Amy and Joe McLaughlin.

Top right: Board of Trustees member Maureen Austin and her husband Albert.

Bottom: Local band, Hot Mess, keeping the dance floor full all night.





HONOR — YOUR — CAREGIVER

Dedicated to Care Excellence

Every day, grateful patients and their loved ones send handwritten notes and thoughtful emails detailing the superb care they received from South Shore Health caregivers and support staff. But don't just take our word for it.

"Awesome team during a scary time. The doctors, nurses, and the tech taking vitals—they were all amazing."

—Emergency Department patient

"Dr. Metzger has been my PCP for many years. He is a very knowledgeable and caring doctor. My only concern is that he takes such good care of me that I might outlast him!"

- South Shore Medical Center patient

"Dr. Semel and his staff are amazing. He's been keeping track of me for almost 10 years and I think I'm alive because of him. I am forever grateful."

-Vascular care patient

"The care my family received from the nurses was so endearing and meaningful. Having them throughout this entire experience, before and after birth, is the kind of care I wish every woman would be so lucky to receive."

- OB patient

Exceptional and compassionate care can take many forms: a courteous welcome from reception, attentive guidance from a social worker, a helping hand from a volunteer, or a friendly ride from a patient transporter. Whoever had a positive impact on your patient experience, we invite you to express your gratitude at GratefulPatient@southshorehealth.org.

If you would like to honor the great care you received with a philanthropic gift to the South Shore Health Fund, please call the Foundation office at **781-624-8600** or visit SouthShoreHealth.org/Give. These meaningful gestures epitomize community-based care, heartening our caregivers with the resources they need to provide the care you expect.



Thank you!

COMMUNITY KINDNESS IN ACTION

Top circle: Students in Ms. Cueno's art classes at Wareham High School created more than 200 coloring and activity books for patients to enjoy during their hospital stay.

Bottom circle: Gianna with a Kindness Kit donated by Connor's Kindness Project. The activity kit provides a little bit of fun and comfort for kids navigating challenging situations.

Bottom left: The Alden Kids Care Club, made up of elementary students at Alden Elementary School in Duxbury, partnered with the Jared Box Project to create craft boxes for pediatric patients at South Shore Hospital. Each box is filled with activities and small gifts designed to bring comfort and distraction to children spending time in the hospital.

Bottom right: Hingham Girl Scout Troop 70755, pictured with our very grateful Emergency Medical Services (EMS) colleagues, delivered 100 boxes of community-donated cookies to the health system.



If you are interested in organizing a gift-in-kind donation to the health system, contact Katie Daly, Manager of Donor Experience and Clinical Outreach at CDaly@southshorehealth.org.



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