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# Door-to-Door

**RHODE ISLAND HOSPITAL NEIGHBORHOOD CONNECTION • FALL 2016**

Dear Neighbors,

I'm happy to present the second edition of *Door to Door*, Rhode Island Hospital's community newsletter, which we mail to every resident living within 250 yards of the Rhode Island Hospital campus. The newsletter is printed in English and Spanish. This year we are also hand delivering copies of the newsletter to community organizations and churches in the Upper South Providence neighborhood. In this newsletter you will find information about our community outreach activities and upcoming events and meetings, as well as information regarding our commitment to be a good neighbor.

The first event I would like to announce is the Rhode Island Hospital Community Job Fair scheduled for October 1 from 2:00–5:00 p.m. at the Refugee Dream Center, located at 340 Lockwood Street, Providence, RI 02907. The Community Job Fair provides an opportunity to inquire about and apply for various jobs at our hospital, and to meet human resources representatives about the types of training and certifications needed. We currently have 700 people living in the 02907 zip code working at one of the Lifespan hospitals. We invite you to stop by our job fair to learn about opportunities for employment with Rhode Island Hospital.



*Dr. Van Bree*

I would also like to invite you to attend a Rhode Island Hospital Neighborhood Meeting on September 15 at 6:30 p.m. to learn about our five-year plans for our campus. The meeting will be held in our conference room at 335R Prairie Avenue.

In October we intend to submit our Institutional Master Plan to the City Planning Commission. Before we submit the plans, we first want to meet with our closest neighbors to discuss our goals

and get your feedback. I hope you will join me at this meeting. We will be serving sandwiches and other refreshments. RSVP to Monica Anderson, director of community relations, at 401-444-3907.

I hope you enjoy this edition of *Door to Door*. I look forward to seeing you in September.

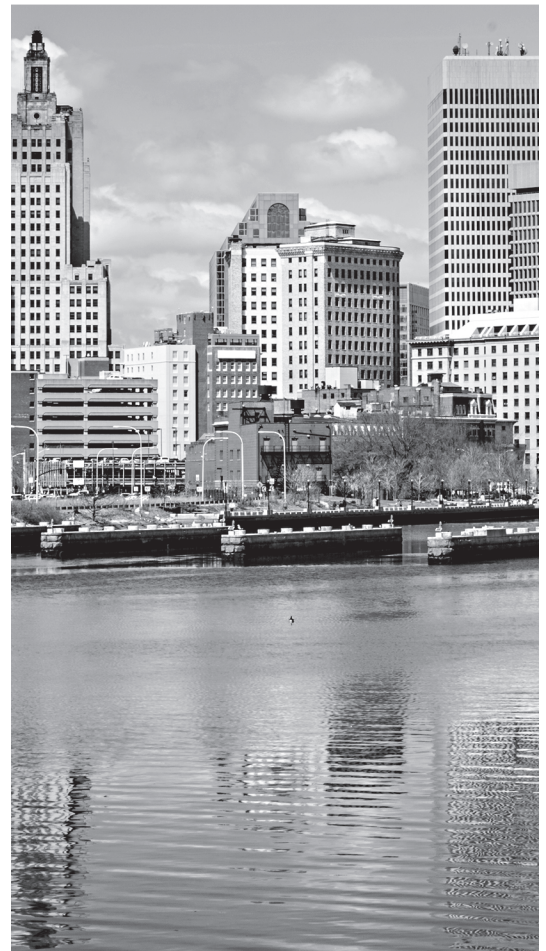
Sincerely,

Margaret M. Van Bree, MHA, DrPH

*President, Rhode Island Hospital and Hasbro Children's Hospital*

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## Dear Neighbors of Rhode Island Hospital,

I am pleased to announce that, as part of our commitment to serve our neighbors, Rhode Island Hospital has established a Neighborhood Hotline—a direct line for neighbors of the hospital to call with concerns, questions and comments. The Rhode Island Hospital Neighborhood Hotline number is 401-444-3907. Please call anytime with neighborhood concerns. I will be answering the hotline and checking messages daily, and will respond to your call within 48 hours.

This past spring I had the pleasure to meet many of our neighbors at the Community Health Needs Assessment forums held in the greater Providence metropolitan area. Thank you to all who attended a forum and shared their thoughtful comments with us. We are compiling the information you provided. You can read more about the Community Health Needs Assessment on page 3 of this newsletter.

On July 28, I attended the Upper South Providence Neighborhood Association monthly meeting. Thank you to Dwayne Keyes and Deborah Schimberg for inviting us to attend the meeting. As a result of this community conversation, we planned a community job fair. Representatives from Rhode Island Hospital's Human Resources Department will be at the fair to discuss employment opportunities and skill sets, and to answer your questions about the application process.

Please save the date below and help spread the word about our job fair.

### Rhode Island Hospital Community Job Fair

**Date:** Saturday, October 1, 2:00–5:00 p.m.

**Location:** Refugee Dream Center Conference Room

**Address:** 340 Lockwood Street, Providence, RI 02907

With September already here, we are working with community agencies and leaders to help organize our annual Season of Giving at the hospital. Last year we partnered with Los Angeles de la Comunidad, Crossroads, and other agencies to deliver toys, coats and food to families and individuals in need. This year we plan to increase our giving and include a day of volunteering in the community. If you represent a community agency and would like to partner with us, please call me on the Neighborhood Hotline at 401-444-3907 by October 14.

Have a safe and happy fall! I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming job fair.

## Rhode Island Hospital Goes Green

Rhode Island Hospital is proud to be a good steward of the environment. From energy conservation to recycling and composting, the largest hospital in Rhode Island is taking a serious stance to help preserve our shared environment.

Did you know that since January 2016, Rhode Island Hospital has composted more than 225 tons of organic waste from the kitchen? That's 225 tons of organic waste diverted from the Central Land Fill—the same weight as 225 hippopotamuses. On the recycling front, we have launched a plastic container recycling campaign aimed to keep a wide variety of plastics from going to the landfill. Overall, since April 2016 Rhode Island Hospital



has recycled over **29.75 percent** of its waste.

Last but not least, Rhode Island Hospital is making huge strides in energy conservation. Our efforts saved 67,103 therms and 1,681,339 kilowatt-hours since 2015. According to the EPA Greenhouse Gas Equivalency Calculator, our energy savings mean real improvements for the

environment. Our efforts are similar to the results of planting 30,623 ten-year-old trees in the community, or taking 250 cars off the roads in the community for an entire year. *Delivering health with care* includes being good environmental stewards, and to this end we strive to make improvements in every corner of our campus.

# Lifespan Community Health Institute UPDATE

The Lifespan Community Health Institute (LCHI) hosted more than 30 Community Health Needs Forums across Rhode Island. Hundreds of people shared their ideas and health concerns at these valuable and informative local forums this past spring.

The LCHI forums were held at community-based organizations such as The John Hope Settlement House, DARE, and Saint Michael's Church. Facilitated by community liaisons and hospital personnel, the forums gave us an opportunity to hear from you about the top health concerns in the community. Ten forums were organized for Rhode Island Hospital by members of the community. Thank you to each person who participated in our community forums and to our community liaisons Akosua Adu-Boahene, Kormasa Amos, Joemily Collazo, Kenya Fullen, Norma V. Hardy, Isaac Ogbomo and Joselina Reyes.

LCHI is currently writing the final report for the Community Health Needs Assessments.

When the report is complete, we plan to hold community meetings about our findings to share our plans to comprehensively address the issues cited.



Did you know that the LCHI has a monthly newsletter with information about health resources, community events and workshops? Visit <http://www.tinyurl.com/lchsnewsletter> to sign up for our newsletter and to stay up to date with our many community outreach programs throughout the year.

## Some of our community liaisons...



Kormasa Amos



Joemily Collazo



Kenya Fullen



Norma V. Hardy



Joselina Reyes



## Save The Dates

**Rhode Island Hospital  
Institutional Master Plan Public Meeting**  
Date: Thursday, September 15, 6:30–8:00 p.m.

Location: Prairie Avenue Conference Room, 1st Floor  
Address: 335R Prairie Avenue, Providence, RI 02905

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