

Reservation. Proceeds from the event will support the creation of comprehensive cancer care at the new Commonwealth Newburyport Cancer Center adjacent to the hospital.

For event tickets, raffle tickets, sponsorship opportunities and event details, visit www.ajh.org or call 978-463-1176.

SVHC Pledges for Healthy Food

The Food and Nutrition Department at **Southwestern Vermont Health Care** (SVHC), Bennington, signed a Healthy Food in Healthcare Pledge in May, joining 239 U.S. facilities that have agreed to accept practices that will improve the health of patients and communities through nutrition while also protecting the surrounding environment.

The pledge is presented by Health Care Without Harm (HCWH), an international coalition of hospitals and healthcare systems, medical professionals, community groups and environmental organizations. It outlines practices a healthcare organization can undertake which consider the health of its patients, as well as the health of the ecosystem.

Some of the steps to this process include: increasing the offering of fruits and vegetables within the organization, working with area farmers to increase the use of locally produced food, and minimizing food and packaging waste.

"The pledge is a significant step toward helping the people in our

community become healthier through good nutrition," said Rachel Rodney, RD, inpatient dietitian at Southwestern Vermont Medical Center. "And it encourages greater sensitivity toward the environment. Together, these two things can have such a positive impact."

Nearly 40 other New England hospitals have signed the pledge.

Hospital for Special Care Creates Garden for Kids

The pediatric unit at **The Hospital for Special Care**, New Britain, CT, received multiple grants totaling more than \$17,000 to transform the 30-bed, long-term unit into a family-friendly play environment.

"Many of our children are born with health problems that require spending the early part of their lives here," said David Crandall, president/CEO. "Ensuring they have age-appropriate activities, and strong family relationships, is critical to normal development."

Contributors to the area, known as the "Garden of Hope," include Cherish the Children Foundation, Ronald McDonald Charities of Connecticut & Western Massachusetts and private donors. ■



PEDIATRIC UNIT FUN: Thanks to grants totaling more than \$17,000, The Hospital for Special Care, New Britain, CT, established the "Garden of Hope," a special play area for children hospitalized in the pediatric unit. *courtesy The Hospital for Special Care*

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Neurobehavioral Program

Hospital for Special Care is a 228-bed, Joint Commission and CARF-accredited, state-of-the-art facility located in New Britain, CT. Our Neurobehavioral program is for patients with traumatic and non-traumatic brain injuries, which may include aneurysm, anoxia, and tumors. Hospital for Special Care's interdisciplinary care focuses on cognitive and physical rehabilitation through individual and group treatment sessions.


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