

HL THE HAROLD LEEVER
REGIONAL CANCER CENTER

AWARE!



 When it rains, look for rainbows. 

During these challenging times, everyone here at The Harold Leever Regional Cancer Center is committed to providing the services our patients need.

“We are proud to be a member of the Greater Waterbury community, and we want to do everything we can to improve the care, support, and resources we provide to the community we call home,” said Kevin Kniery, Executive Director of The Harold Leever Regional Cancer Center.

Photo by Mary Beth McGrath, RN

A Community of Caring

Generosity and support

We would like to thank our staff, our patients, and the community for all the donations we have received that have helped make the Leever Cancer Center safe and welcoming for all.

1: Thank you to **Mizzi Cosmetics**, a Portland, CT-based beauty company, which generously donated a supply of its custom-made hand sanitizer for use at the Leever Cancer Center. Hand sanitizer is crucial to helping us keep our doctors, patients, and staff safe and healthy, and this donation will help us continue to provide ongoing care to our patients.

2: We were so grateful to receive a case of medical face shields manufactured and donated by **Porter Preston Inc.**, a Waterbury-based manufacturer of window treatments. The company has reconfigured its equipment to manufacture personal protective equipment for police, medical staff, and first responders. We appreciate the care you've shown for our medical staff!



3: We are truly grateful to the many people who have donated face masks that have been used to protect vulnerable patients and our staff members who are continuing to provide life-saving care. We continue to welcome donations of masks, which may be dropped off at the front radiation check-in window.

4: Thank you to **Food For The Front Lines - Litchfield County**, which provides meals to front-line workers through local restaurants, for delivering a delicious lunch from **The Deli in Morris** to the Leever Cancer Center. Our staff was so grateful for the special treat.

5: Many thanks to the **Litchfield Distillery**, which is using its expertise in alcohol to do good for the community. The liquor manufacturer has paused normal operations to focus on community service, producing gallons of liquid sanitizer and providing it free to emergency responders and high-risk people, including Leever Cancer Center's patients and staff.

6: Great appreciation to **Tzu Chi USA**, an international nonprofit humanitarian organization with over 10 million volunteers and supporters worldwide. They were kind enough to send out a supply of 200 surgical masks in the early stages of the pandemic when we were not receiving our supply from regular vendors.

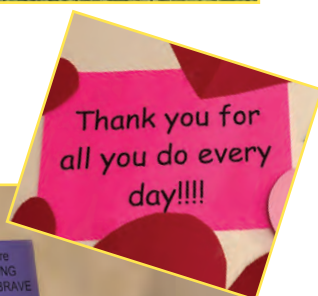
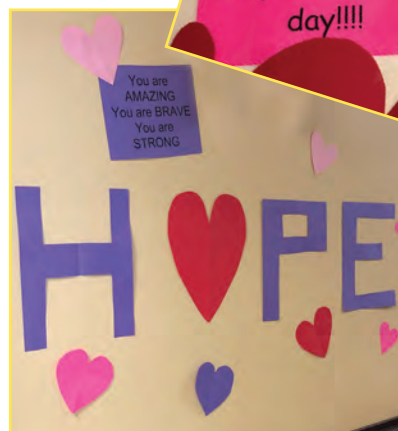
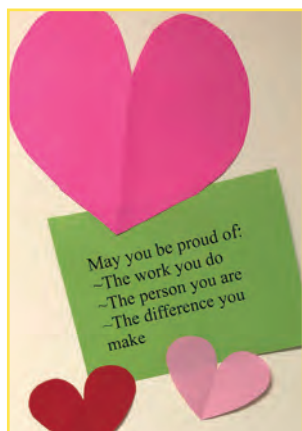


...hope and gratitude!

We are encouraged every day by the signs that are displayed outside the Cancer Center. Thanks to **BTS Graphics & Printing, LLC of Oakville**, **Yale New Haven Health**, and one of our partners, **Seymour Pink**. While Seymour Pink is usually focused on raising funds to fight breast cancer, now, in an effort to send a message of hope to the entire community in this challenging time, Seymour Pink is delivering free lawn signs with a message we all need to hear: We will get through this together.



Messages of gratitude and healing are scattered throughout the Center to give hope and encouragement to all.



We are grateful to every individual, family, and company who donated to the Leever Cancer Center. Here is a list of those who gave their time and talent making face masks and face shields, preparing and delivering food, or providing hand sanitizer or other needed items. If we have inadvertently omitted a name, please accept our apology and our sincere thanks.

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| Laurie & Nelson Acosta,
The Red Owl Jewelry
& Gifts
Allie Ambry
Amelia
Jamie Amenta
Lori B
Karen Bailey
Joyce Balanda
Nicolle & Kylee Barrett
Alex Barreuther
Shelby Baz
Holly Bemonte
The Bronson Family
Nanay Buonocore
David Burke
Val Cochrane
Teri Cook
Sandra Corcoran
Stephanie Cummings
Maria DaCosta
Holly Delaurentis
The Deli of Morris
Elizabeth Dillon
Stephanie Dionne
Doreen
Kristina Doty
Corky Dupre
Louise Egan
Janice Elwell
Diann Ensero
Cassandra Fann-Pierce
The Fenwick Family
Elise Figueroa
Food For The Front Lines
Steven Gilmore
Carol Gizzi
Diane Hardt
Dina Harrington
Meredith & Joe,
Helping Hands
for Heroes
Lori Houseknecht
Stacey Irrizary
Susan Jean
Joelle
Manuela K
Katrina
Angelina Kendra,
Quilting After Dark
Suzanne Kraynek | Doreen Kroskosky
Kathy LaGrave
Jocelyn Lane
Marilyn Lombardo
Kathy Maheu
Mar Vic Cleaners
and Tailors
Dawn Marchant
Filippina Martone,
Masks for Heroes,
Masks for CT
Judy Mcguire
Diana McIntosh
Mary Moran
Christine Morcell
On the Mend
Neighbors at
Platt Farm Road &
Terrell Farm Road, Morris
Stella Orsini
Veronica Paulson
Marilene Pereira
Jason Polaski,
Yellow Birch Outfitters
Porter Preston
Joyce Powell
Barb Richardson
Gwendolyn
Rinaldi-Gonzalez
Rocky Hill Adult
Day Center
Maria Rodrigues
Deborah & Lindsey Roger
Karen Sabbath
Jan Schweikher
Melissa Seres
Eliana Severa
Christine Shields
Edicelia Silveira
Charishma Smith,
#SewTogether
Heather Stocking
Elise Tietjen
Tina Torizzo
Tricia
Marie Ursina
Nicholle West
Aubrey White
Kyle White
Jessica Widman
Wing It On
Lauren Woolf |
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Important information about the Leever Cancer Center

As always, the health and safety of our patients and staff are of the utmost importance, and we are doing everything we can to ensure that we are able to provide the necessary care to our patients while protecting against the spread of COVID-19.

Screening & Safety:

- We are screening everyone for signs of COVID-19 at the front door. Until further notice, everyone who enters the building will be screened each time they do so, regardless of how long it has been since their last screening.
- Anyone who has a fever or respiratory symptoms or has traveled recently will not be allowed into the building.
- When in the building, all staff and patients should follow social distancing guidelines by staying at least six feet away from other people.
- Effective immediately, we will be asking all patients to “BYOM” - Bring Your Own Mask - to any appointment or visit to the Center. This is in response to guideline updates.

Appointments & Visitors:

- Our physicians are evaluating each appointment requested on a case-by-case basis. We have rescheduled any non-urgent appointments.
- We are not allowing visitors except under extenuating circumstances, which will be determined by the practice the patient is visiting. Any allowed visitors will be screened.

Cleaning & Sanitizing:

- We have removed items that might be handled by multiple people, including newspapers and magazines, and we have closed the library.
- We conduct a thorough cleaning each evening and periodically throughout the day. Regular disinfectant fogging is completed on a weekly basis.
- When entering the Leever Cancer Center, we ask that you wash your hands thoroughly after being screened at the front door, and utilize the hand sanitizer stations and bottles located throughout the building.

We are carefully monitoring the developing situation regarding the coronavirus and will be updating the guidelines and information as needed. Check our Health & Safety Announcement on our website: leevercancercenter.org.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact Radiation Therapy at (203) 575-5555, the Smilow office at (203) 755-6311, or the Saint Mary's Hospital Oncology Center office at (203) 709-6560.

All onsite support groups and events are cancelled through the end of August 2020.

Although we no longer have in-person support groups at this time, we have some virtual/online resources:

- Look Good Feel Better: For a virtual workshop and to receive your free makeup kit, utilize this link: lookgoodfeelbetter.org/alliance-partner-virtual-workshops/.
- Brave at Heart Zoom Meetings: Contact Anne Pringle, (203) 910-7582, for more information.
- For an extensive list of online support groups, click here: cancercaresupportgroups.org.



HELPFUL RESOURCES

For programs providing support and information:
211 or 211.org

Direct numbers for specific resources:

Domestic violence

888-774-2900 English
844-831-9200 Spanish
800-799-7233 National

Suicide

866-794-0021 Greater Waterbury
800-273-8255 National

Child abuse

800-842-2288

Crisis hotline for teens and young adults

Text “listen” to 741741

Parenting support

Talk It Out
833-258-5011 or talkitout.com

Elder abuse

888-385-4225

Sexual assault

888-999-5545 English
888-568-8332 Spanish

Veterans crisis hotline

800-273-8255 and press 1
Text: 838255
or veteranscrisisline.net

Alcoholics Anonymous

866-783-7712 English
855-377-2628 Spanish
or ct-aa.org

Narcotics Anonymous

800-662-4357 800-420-9064
ctna.org

National Alliance of Mental Health (NAMI)

800-215-3021

Food resources

ctfoodbank.org
(Local food pantries can be looked up by zip code)