

## SAVE THE DATE

**Saturday, June 6, 2026**

38<sup>th</sup> Annual Hospital Ball "Mardi Gras"

The Wire Event Center

Coxsackie, NY

5:30pm-10:30pm

**Monday, August 3, 2026**

30<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament

Columbia Golf & Country Club

Claverack, NY

Shotgun Start: 9:00am

For information on all Foundation events and opportunities to give, visit: [GiveCMH.org](http://GiveCMH.org) or call (518) 828-8239.



**4th Annual Bacchus Barley & Bounty**  
**Saturday, November 8, 2025**  
**5:00 pm – 8:00 pm**

**Hudson Hall at the Historic Hudson Opera House**



Featuring fine wine, craft beer, mocktails, specialty hors d'oeuvres & desserts!  
Enjoy live music by Anthony Cabbage, a bountiful Holiday Auction and photo booth!

**Register or Sponsor Today!**



## Innovative MRI Technology

CMH unveiled state-of-the-art medical imaging technology in July that provides an enhanced experience for patients. The new Philips Ingenia Ambition 1.5T S advanced MRI machine allows for faster scans, superior image quality, and an immersive audiovisual experience, which helps calm patients and guide them through their exams, potentially reducing anxiety and improving overall comfort. The machine reduces acoustic noise up to 80 percent and incorporates positive, peaceful visuals for patients during scans.

The new MRI suite is the latest addition in the hospital's commitment to providing the highest quality care to the community and keeping pace with the latest advancements in medical technology.

The acquisition of the MRI machine was made possible by a generous \$1 million grant from the HRBT Foundation and our community of donors.

*"The HRBT Foundation has supported CMH for over 30 years. Our investment in CMH and this innovative technology is part of our ongoing commitment to keep healthcare local and make a meaningful difference. We are pleased to support the continued exceptional care provided by the hospital and their dedicated staff."*

– Carl A. Florio, President of the HRBT Foundation



Carl Florio, President; Marilyn Herrington, Secretary;  
Sidney Richter, Treasurer; Tony Jones, Vice President

Every gift to the Columbia Memorial Health Foundation supports essential healthcare services, advanced technology, and the modernization of facilities at CMH. *Your gift makes the difference - thank you!*

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## Jay P. Cahalan Appointed Board Chairman

The Columbia Memorial Health Foundation is pleased to announce the appointment of Jay P. Cahalan as Chairman of the Foundation's Board of Trustees. Jay is the former President & Chief Executive Officer of Columbia Memorial Health, retiring from that role in 2022.

Jay succeeds James J. Armstrong who has served as Chairman of the Foundation for the past two years and has been a member of the CMH Foundation Board since 2011.

Jay has been a member of the CMH Foundation Board of Trustees since 2018. He is currently the Chairman of Greene County Bankcorp, Inc., which is the parent company of the Bank of Greene County and its subsidiaries. He has previously served the community as a past President of the Greene County Rural Health Network and was a Rural Health board member for many years.

Jay will lead a team of newly appointed Board officers, including Past Chair Anne Schomaker, Community Leader; Vice Chair Richard Byrne, Four Seasons Sotheby's International Realty; Treasurer Glenn Lunde, Vice President, Senior Relationship Manager Commercial Lending, TD Bank; and Secretary Ryan Scott, Owner, Pro Printers.

*"I am honored to serve as Chairman of the Columbia Memorial Health Foundation's Board of Trustees and look forward to continuing the Foundation's support of the CMH Mission and its very talented healthcare professionals."* - Jay P. Cahalan



## Welcome New Board Member Jonathan T. Spampinato of Hudson

Over the past 20 years, Jonathan has helped build communications strategies, activities, and teams for some of the world's most recognized brands including IKEA, Visiting Nurses, Lysol, Pfizer, and UNICEF. He is currently a senior manager for global sustainability at Wallenius Wilhelmsen, a publicly traded Norwegian shipping company. Jonathan has also served as deputy political director for former Massachusetts governor W. Mitt Romney, head of communications at the Sustainability Accounting Standards Board (now ISSB) and head of communications at IKEA Foundation. As a founding board member, he also helped launch and develop Better Shelter, the award-winning social enterprise that designs and manufactures flat-pack emergency shelters.

Jonathan has a BA in international relations from Boston University, an MA in political science from Northeastern University and an MPA in international nonprofit and public management from NYU's Wagner School of Public Service.

## CMH Auxiliary Spirit of Giving

The CMH Auxiliary, a dedicated 125 member volunteer group, presented a check for \$80,000 to CMH and the Foundation. The donation is part of the Auxiliary's total contribution of \$1.7 million to support new equipment and patient care items at CMH.

The Auxiliary has been a cornerstone of the hospital community since 1953, their dedication and generosity directly benefit the patients and families we serve.



Shirley McThenia, Auxiliary Chair, and members of the auxiliary joined by CMH Leadership and the CMH Foundation.



# SPEAKEASY SOIRÉE

## A Night to Remember

On June 7, over three hundred guests gathered at The Wire Event Center for our 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Hospital Ball “Speakeasy Soiree” to honor Kirk Kneller for his dedicated service to CMH and the Albany Med Health System.

Thanks to the incredible support from our community, we raised \$480,000! The evening featured a spirited, live auction to support the development of a new Ambulatory Surgical Center at the CMH Greene Medical Arts Building in Catskill. A spectacular fireworks display over the Hudson River concluded a night filled with inspiration, generosity, and celebration.

Special thanks to all donors and our Featured Sponsors, The Bank of Greene County, Kneller Insurance Agency, and Mid-Hudson Fiber, and Premier Sponsors USI Insurance Services, Louis A. DiGiovanni, MD, Community Care Physicians, Jerome and Marlene Brody Foundation, Dorothy M. Urschel, DNP, Richard N. McCarthy and Jean D. Hamilton, and the T. Backer Fund.



Kneller Family & Employees

## 29th Annual Golf Tournament

Over one hundred golfers enjoyed a beautiful day on the course at Columbia Golf and Country Club on August 4 to raise \$47,000 in support of CMH’s network of health care services.

We are grateful for our Featured Sponsors, MetzWood Insurance, CDPHP, Pioneer and KeyBank, and to all sponsors, players and volunteers that contributed to a successful day.



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To see all event photos visit [GiveCMH.org/photos](https://GiveCMH.org/photos)

## Nursing Scholarship Program

The CMH Foundation has awarded academic scholarships to ten CMH employees who are nursing students at Columbia-Greene Community College (CGCC). The program was established to provide financial support to local nursing students and strengthen the workforce at CMH.

CMH is building a stronger, healthier community, thanks to the commitment of these future nurses.



Scholarship recipients joined by CMH colleagues and CGCC representatives.

## Champions of Caring

The CMH Foundation received generous donations in honor of three exceptional employees for the compassionate care they provided to our patients. Honorees were joined by their colleagues and presented with a **Champion of Caring** pin which symbolizes their commitment to excellence in care.



Dulce Juusola, Lead Sonographer, Ultrasound



Leanna Piraneo, RN, M6



Theresa Richardson, PCA, 2A



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## New Tax Law – What it Means to You

Newly signed tax legislation extends (and makes permanent) many current tax provisions and introduces new ones that could influence your charitable giving. We want to make sure you are informed to make the wisest decisions regarding your generosity.

**Here are seven important elements of the new law, which takes effect Jan. 1, 2026:**

### What's staying:

- **Income tax brackets:** The new law permanently extends the 10%, 12%, 22%, 24%, 35% and 37% tax rates.
- **Higher standard deduction:** Most taxpayers will continue to use the elevated standard deduction - \$15,750 for individuals and \$31,500 for married couples filing jointly in 2025. It will be indexed for inflation thereafter.
- **Higher deduction limits for cash gifts:** You can continue to deduct cash gifts to public charities up to 60% of your adjusted gross income (AGI) if you itemize.
- **Higher estate tax exemption:** The federal estate and gift tax exemption will remain high and increase to \$15 million per individual (indexed annually).

### What's new in 2026:

- **Tax break for non-itemizers:** You can deduct up to \$1,000 (individuals) or \$2,000 (married couples) for charitable gifts, even if you do not itemize.
- **If you do itemize, there is a new floor on your charitable deduction:** The new law adds a minimum charitable contribution rate that requires taxpayers to give at least 0.5% of their AGI to receive a tax benefit for their charitable giving.
- **Limitation on charitable deduction for those in the top tax bracket:** Under current law, top earners receive a tax benefit of 37 cents for every dollar deducted. In 2026, that benefit will be capped at 35 cents.

*Consult with your tax advisor to understand how these changes may affect your giving in 2025 and beyond.*