

A Record Donation From ELIH Auxiliary

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Pictured Above: Members of the Eastern Long Island Hospital Auxiliary recently presented a check for \$572,000 to hospital Chief Administrative Officer Paul Connor. |. photo courtesy Stony Brook Eastern Long Island Hospital

The Eastern Long Island Hospital Auxiliary, a 100-member volunteer group that fundraises for Stony Brook Eastern Long Island Hospital, reported in January that it raised a recordbreaking \$572,000 in 2023. The donation is part of the Auxiliary's total contribution of more than \$2,457,000 in gifts to the hospital over the last five years.

"I am grateful and proud that the ELIH Auxiliary continues to support Stony Brook Eastern Long Island Hospital," said Paul J. Connor, Chief Administrative Officer of SBELIH. "All the good they do is all for the hospital and our community."

The ELIH Auxiliary raises funds to support SBELIH throughout the year with events such as the Dream Green Extravaganza, a Car/Cash Giveaway, Ladies Day on the Links, Italian Night Dinner and more. The Auxiliary also operates the ELIH Auxiliary Opportunity Shop, a thrift

shop at 321 Main Street in Greenport Village, and the hospital's gift shop. According to the hospital, the Auxiliary has raised more than \$20 million since its inception in 1905, outpacing all other similar groups that fundraise for hospitals throughout New York state.

Past donations have benefited the hospital through vital new equipment such as a new ventilator, med/surg bed upgrades, and replacement of furniture in staff and doctors' lounges. Donations also support operational costs that directly impact the programs and services SBELIH offers patients.

"The ELIH Auxiliary is thrilled to continue to support Stony Brook Eastern Long Island Hospital," said Auxiliary President Helene V. Fall. "Our volunteers love giving back to the hospital, which is such an important part of the North Fork community."

Anyone interested in joining the ELIH Auxiliary can visit <u>elih.stonybrookmedicine.edu/auxiliary</u>.