

Record Broken: Eastern Long Island Hospital Auxiliary Donates \$600,000 to SBELIH in 2024

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The Eastern Long Island Hospital Auxiliary (ELIH Auxiliary), a 100-member volunteer group that fundraises for Stony Brook Eastern Long Island Hospital (SBELIH), raised a record-breaking \$600,000 in 2024. The donation is part of the Auxiliary's total contribution of more than \$2,554,000 in gifts over the last 5 years.

"I am deeply grateful and immensely proud of the ELIH Auxiliary's unwavering support for Stony Brook Eastern Long Island Hospital," said Paul J. Connor, Chief Administrative Officer of SBELIH. "Their dedication and generosity directly benefit the hospital and the community we serve." 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 located at 321 Main Street in Greenport Village, and the hospital's gift shop. 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 the replacement of furniture in staff and doctors' lounges. Donations also support operational costs that have had a direct impact on the programs and services SBELIH offers patients.

Helene V. Fall, President of the ELIH Auxiliary, shared her enthusiasm for the group's ongoing commitment to the hospital. "We are overjoyed to support Stony Brook Eastern Long Island Hospital with this record-breaking donation," she said. "Our dedicated volunteers take great pride in giving back to a hospital that plays such a vital role in the North Fork community."

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