

## **Upper Connecticut Valley Hospital Awarded \$100,000 to Support Hospital Expansion and Renovation**

### *Grant Will Support Emergency, Rehabilitation, and Specialty Services*

Colebrook, NH: Upper Connecticut Valley Hospital (UCVH) announced that it has been awarded a \$100,000 grant from the Neil and Louise Tillotson Fund of the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation. The fund was established in 2006 with a bold vision: "To serve as a catalyst for the region to move toward sustainable community and economic development in Coos County and surrounding communities." The grant will support the UCVH capital campaign to renovate and expand the hospital's emergency, rehabilitation, and specialty services departments.

The cost of the UCVH capital campaign is expected to reach \$2.5 million and the renovation will more than double the size of the current hospital emergency department while providing enhanced services and space for the rehabilitation department and specialty physician medical services. It will also create more comfortable patient registration and waiting space. Construction on the project is currently underway. The renovated and expanded rehabilitation and specialty services facilities reopened on June 12. Currently the campaign has raised \$892,763 toward the \$950,000 community portion of its fundraising goal.

The Tillotson Fund is one of the largest permanent rural philanthropies in the country, distributing more than \$3 million in grants annually to support projects that focus on community revitalization. Grants are awarded to municipal, educational, and nonprofit organizations throughout northern New Hampshire and bordering communities in the United States and Canada.

"On behalf of the board of directors and everyone at Upper Connecticut Valley Hospital, I want to thank the Tillotson Fund and the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation for the generous grant supporting our capital campaign," said Scott Colby, president of UCVH. "The grant recognizes the importance of our community hospital in providing for the future healthcare needs of the residents of the Colebrook area. Everything we do at UCVH is for the benefit of our community and the Tillotson grant will help make our hospital and our community stronger."

The expansion and renovation project includes increasing the number of private rooms in the emergency department from two to six and adding a private trauma room. The rehabilitation department now has more spacious treatment bays and has facilities for cardiac rehabilitation treatment. In addition, the number of exam rooms for specialty services has increased. Overall, the project incorporates improved space design in all areas and eliminates wasted space and inconvenience for both staff and patients.

The New Hampshire Charitable Foundation is a statewide community foundation, founded in 1962 by and for the people of New Hampshire. The foundation manages a growing collection of more than 1,800 funds created by generous individuals, families, and businesses, and awards nearly \$40 million in grants and scholarships every year. The foundation works with generous and visionary citizens to maximize the power of their giving, supports great work happening in our communities and leads and collaborates on high-impact initiatives.

The UCVH capital campaign is ongoing. Anyone wishing to make a donation, at any giving level, is encouraged to send a gift to Capital Campaign 2016. Checks should be made payable to Upper Connecticut Valley Hospital and mailed to UCVH, 181 Corliss Lane, Colebrook, NH 03576. You can also donate online at [www.ucvh.org](http://www.ucvh.org). Look for the donate link on the homepage.

For more information about Upper Connecticut Valley Hospital and the capital campaign, please visit [www.ucvh.org](http://www.ucvh.org) or call 603-237-4971