



WOOD RIVER HEALTH

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Wood River Health Partners with WARM Center to Combat Homelessness



In 2024, Wood River Health approached the Westerly Area Rest Meals (WARM) Center, which provides shelter and meals to the homeless, to partner in offering home stabilization services to its clients. Using funding from a competitive grant awarded by the

Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS), Wood River Health provided WARM with laptops and trained its staff on how to manage documentation and coding, utilize the Electronic Health Record, and accurately bill the Medicaid program.

"Our partnership with Wood River Health has enabled us to expand the services we provide our members," stated **Jessica Mowry**, MSW, LICSW, Executive Director of the WARM Center. "It is one more way we can support members to stay housed and live fuller, healthier lives."

This partnership allows Wood River Health to reduce WARM clients' use of local emergency departments for conditions that could be managed in a health center setting. This is achieved by employing Community Health Workers who connect WARM clients with medical, dental and behavioral health services provided at Wood River Health.

Additionally, Community Health Workers assist WARM clients with navigating health insurance, preparing applications, accessing quality health care services, checking eligibility for the Sliding Fee Scale Program, and obtaining food and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits. They assist clients with securing affordable medication, accessing transportation and managing any financial issues they are experiencing.

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Wood River Health's 2025 **401 Gives campaign** raised \$1,375 for our community health center! We thank the following donors who supported our mission during Rhode Island's Annual Day of Giving:

Anonymous
Jeffrey Del Ricci
Donald R. Frink
Bob & Kim Mastrofino
Mendolia Family
Kalpesh Shah
Kate Porter
Deborah Suggs

One anonymous donor shared: "I sought a new PCP in advance of my move to RI. Wood River Health was the only location accepting new patients. Others had a 6-8 month wait which would have further delayed my cancer diagnosis and treatment Thank you!"

Powered by United Way, 401Gives is a unified day of giving that brings people together to make a difference for nonprofits that deliver vital services to our communities each and every day.



Wood River Health is grateful to **Navigant Credit Union** for donating \$5,000 to improve the quality of life of our patients.



On April 7, several members of Navigant's leadership team visited our Hope Valley site to learn about Wood River Health's initiatives and identify opportunities to partner with us. Pictured above:

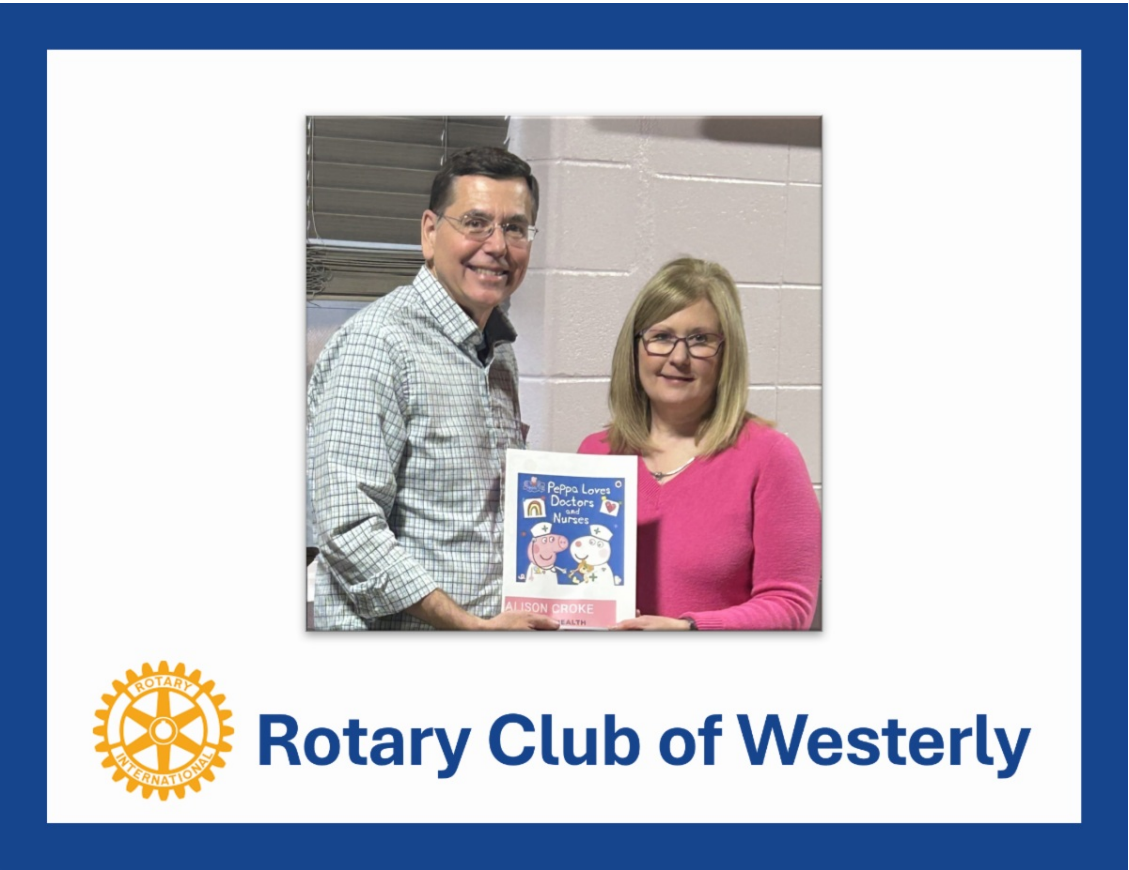
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Christine King, Senior Director, Integrated Care, Wood River Health

Behind the camera: **Michael Mattone**, SVP, Chief Retail Banking and Experience Officer at Navigant Credit Union

Wood River Health also thanks **Denise Dionne**, Navigant Credit Union's Events and Donations Coordinator, who was instrumental in securing the funds for Wood River Health. Every penny will support the livelihoods of our patients.

To learn more about Navigant Credit Union, **visit its website**.

Wood River Health's CEO Addresses Rotary Club



On March 31, Chief Executive Officer **Alison L. Croke** was invited to speak at the Rotary Club of Westerly. Alison presented a brief history of community health centers and how they function as a critical health care safety net across the United States. She also provided overviews of the Medicaid program, the proposed federal Medicaid budget changes, and how they would impact Rhode Islanders.

Alison is pictured above with Club President Alan Brinton. After presentations, speakers receive books dedicated in their honor. The books are then donated to the Children's Room in the Westerly Library. The book Alison received is appropriately titled "Peppa Loves Doctors and Nurses" by Lauren Holowaty.

Solving real problems takes real commitment and vision. For more than 110 years, Rotary's people of action have used their passion, energy, and intelligence to take action on sustainable projects. From literacy and peace to water and health, Club Members are always working to better our world. If you are interested in joining a local Club, visit **Rotary International**.

New Vaccine Guidelines

New Guidelines for Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR) Vaccine

Adults who received a dose of measles vaccine from 1963-1967:

Patients vaccinated during these years may be unsure of which type of vaccine they received, or if they received an inactivated (killed) measles vaccine.

- Patients who do not fall into a high-risk category should be revaccinated with 1 dose of MMR vaccine
- Patients who do fall into a high-risk category should receive 2 doses of MMR vaccine

People who have documentation of receiving a live measles vaccine in the 1960s do not need to be revaccinated unless they fall into a high-risk category listed below.

- Students at post-high school education institutions
- Healthcare personnel
- International travelers
- Close contacts of immunocompromised people
- People with HIV infection who are not severely immunosuppressed

Most adults vaccinated from 1968-1989 received 1 dose of MMR vaccine.

These patients do not need an additional dose unless they fall into one of the high-risk category.

Please speak with your healthcare provider if you have any questions.

Save the Date for Our Annual Wellness Fair



FOURTH ANNUAL
WOOD RIVER HEALTH

HEAD to TOE WELLNESS FAIR

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4

1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

THE ESPLANADE AT WILCOX PARK

44 BROAD STREET, WESTERLY

Join us for plenty of resources that will cover
you and your family from head to toe!

Meet Wood River Health staff and representatives
from many local non-profit organizations!

FREE, FAMILY-FRIENDLY EVENT SO BRING THE KIDS!

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In case of rain, the event will take place inside Westerly Library.

Help Prevent Norovirus

WASH YOUR HANDS WELL TO PREVENT NOROVIRUS.



**WASH with SOAP AND WATER for
at least 20 SECONDS, especially:**

BEFORE
eating,
preparing, or
handling food.



AFTER
using the toilet or
changing diapers.

BEFORE
giving yourself
or someone
else medicine.



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Since 1976, Wood River Health has provided quality, affordable, patient-centered care. We offer medical, dental, behavioral health care, WIC and care coordination services.

A non-profit, Federally Qualified Health Center, we help families at every stage of their lifecycle. We accept most insurance plans, Medicaid and Medicare.

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