

20 Years of Answering the Call

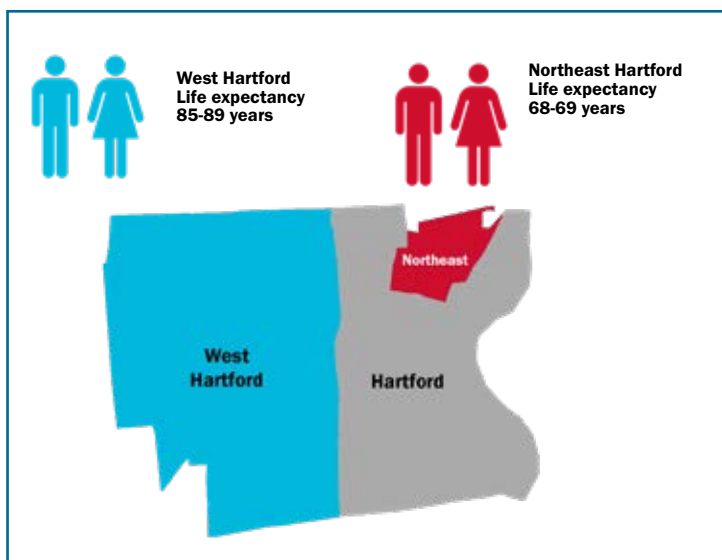
From a simple question to a lasting commitment to health equity

In 2004, a small group of Hartford-area leaders affiliated with the Order of Malta gathered around a simple but urgent question: *What more could we do?* They had witnessed growing disparities in access to health care across Greater Hartford—disparities that were visible, persistent, and deeply consequential. Neighbors were going without care. Preventable illnesses were becoming life-altering crises. Rather than accept that reality, *they chose to act.*

That decision—and the conviction behind it—laid the foundation for everything Malta House of Care has become.

At the time, 5.8% of residents were uninsured, and nearly 10% had gone without coverage at some point during the year. Twenty years later, progress has been made, but not enough. The deeper truth remains sobering: **where you live—and whether you can access care—can predict how long you live.**

In Greater Hartford, life expectancy can vary by nearly twenty years depending on geography alone. In Northeast Hartford, life expectancy is approximately 68–69 years. In West Hartford, it rises to 85–89 years. That difference is not explained by biology. **It is explained by access.**



Malta's founding members (left to right): Brien Horan, Pauline Olsen, Ronald Jarvis, Peter Kelly Sr., Jean-Pierre van Rooy

For uninsured adults facing multiple barriers to care, the consequences are profound. Illness is too often discovered in moments of crisis rather than prevented or managed over time. Studies show that uninsured individuals may face up to a **40% higher risk of premature death**, driven largely by delayed diagnosis and inconsistent care.

That's where Malta comes in.

By providing consistent, relationship-based primary care, Malta helps move patients from crisis to stability—and from uncertainty to trust. In doing so, health outcomes and lives are changed.

What began as a compassionate idea is now a trusted, community-based health care resource. Today, Malta delivers free, high-quality primary care through both a **mobile medical van** and a **physical clinic**. The evolution from van-only care to a permanent clinical site reflects a deepened commitment to quality, access, and continuity of care.

This progress has been possible because of a community that has stood behind Malta from the very beginning—supporters who recognized that access to care is not just a medical issue, it is a moral one.

And the need continues to grow.

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Patients are arriving with increasingly complex medical conditions—often layered with the challenges of work, caregiving, and financial instability. The strain on the health care safety net is rising, and Malta plays a critical role in meeting that need.

Malta's work is powered by people—dedicated staff, volunteer clinicians, engaged board members, and a community of donors and partners whose generosity sustains this mission every day.

To those who have supported Malta over the past twenty years: **THANK YOU.**

Because of you, patients receive care earlier.

Because of you, chronic conditions are managed instead of ignored.

Because of you, individuals and families experience stability, dignity, and hope.

As Malta marks its 20th anniversary, it does so with both pride and purpose—honoring the vision of our founders while recommitting to the work ahead. Health care is not a privilege. It is a right. And for twenty years, together, we have answered that call.

This mission continues to be guided by the words of Matthew 25:40:

“Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.”

The Power of Your Gift: Healing Today, Sustaining Tomorrow

For 20 years, Malta House of Care has been a trusted source of free, compassionate healthcare for uninsured adults in Greater Hartford—and your support keeps that legacy alive. Your generosity powers every patient visit, every screening, every life changed.

Together we can change lives by restoring health and bringing hope to those who need it most. By joining us, you become the heartbeat of our mission, ensuring quality healthcare for the uninsured. Your generosity makes all the difference.



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A Guiding Post in the Storm: When Access Changes Everything

Ten years ago, a simple but urgent concern changed the course of Verna's life. A friend noticed swelling on Verna's neck and encouraged her to have it checked. At 55 years old and without health insurance, Verna did not know where to turn. She was worried, uncertain, and unsure how she would access care. That same friend told her about Malta House of Care.

Verna made an appointment—and she has never looked back.

Since that first visit, Malta has become her medical home. Over the past decade, she has received consistent, relationship-based primary care and support through some of life's most difficult moments. Guided by Malta's providers and staff, Verna underwent two surgeries and today is a two-time cancer survivor.

Through it all, she says, Malta provided more than medical treatment. It offered reassurance, advocacy, and dignity. “I would not be alive without Malta House of Care's level of care, compassion, and guidance,” Verna shares. **“Malta is my guiding post.”**

For patients like Verna, access to care is not just about appointments or prescriptions—it is about having a trusted place to turn when uncertainty strikes. It is about being treated with respect, being guided through complex medical decisions, and knowing that someone is walking alongside you every step of the way.

Verna's story is one of survival—and it is also a testament to what compassionate, consistent primary care can make possible.

Donor Impact in Action: Investing in Malta's Mission

An Interview with long-time supporter and Board member George R. Trumbull, III

When George Trumbull first became involved with Malta House of Care in 2012, it began, as many Malta stories do, with an invitation. "Peter Kelly invited me to lunch," George recalls. "He talked about Malta's mission, and I realized it was something I believed in. I told him, 'You've known me a long time — I'm going to be me.' And he said, 'That's exactly why we want you.'"



Since then, George has served on Malta's Board of Directors (since 2016) and become one of its most dedicated champions — giving his time, his resources, and his leadership.

A Deeply Held Belief

At the heart of George's connection to Malta is a conviction he has lived by throughout his life. "Those of us who have been blessed with opportunity have an obligation to give back," he says. "That obligation can take many forms — giving money, giving time, volunteering — but we should do something."

He speaks candidly about healthcare access in America. "In one of the richest countries in the world, people should have access to care. Since the government doesn't always provide it, we have to do it in some fashion. And by 'we,' I mean Malta House of Care." For George, Malta's impact goes far beyond individual patients. "Malta saves lives. It saves families. And it makes our community better for all of us."

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Why It's a Worthy Investment

George believes strongly in investing fully in the causes he supports. "If I'm going to be involved in something, I'm not going to be halfway about it. I'm going to put my money where my mouth is."

He describes Malta as an organization worthy of investment not only because of its mission, but because of its leadership. "We have a superb CEO, a superb Medical Director, a highly motivated staff, and wonderful volunteers. If you're going to invest in something, why not invest in an organization with excellent management and a mission that truly changes lives?"

He is especially proud of how Malta has evolved over the years — from a mobile-only model to a respected fixed clinic delivering high-quality primary care. "We stack up with any private practice in Greater Hartford in terms of quality," he says. "We treat patients the way we would want to be treated. Many of our patients don't expect that — but that's what they receive."

Why Now — and Why the Future Matters

As Malta embarks on a campaign to secure its future, George is helping lead the effort.

"If not now, when?" he asks. "We are fully funded by philanthropy. To ensure Malta is here 20 or 25 years from now, we need to build the reserves and capacity to withstand economic downturns and continue serving those who depend on us."

His personal commitment includes a legacy gift. "My time on the board — and my time on this planet — is finite," he says with characteristic candor. "I want to help ensure Malta is here well beyond my expiration date."

A Personal Invitation

When asked what he would say to someone learning about Malta for the first time, George doesn't hesitate. "Take a visit. See what we do. If you want to invest in something that changes lives and strengthens our community, boy, do I have an opportunity for you." Then he offers a simple call to action: "I believe strongly enough in Malta's mission that I welcome you to join me in investing in work that has such a profound impact on lives and on our community."

Heart of Malta Legacy Society

Your generosity today helps Malta continue to change lives for decades to come.

Since our founding, Malta House of Care has been deeply blessed by the generosity of individuals who have chosen to include Malta in their legacy plans. Their foresight and kindness have helped shape Malta into what it is today — a trusted haven for free, compassionate, and comprehensive primary healthcare for our community's uninsured adults.



Tell Us About Your Legacy Plans

(We invite you to check the appropriate box on the enclosed envelope)

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