Celebrating Malta House of Care 20 years!

Fall 2026

What a Night! Malta Celebrates 20 Years of Care

More than 200 friends and supporters filled Infinity Hall for an unforgettable evening celebrating two decades of Malta House of Care—and helping launch the next 20 years in spectacular fashion.



Twenty years is something worth celebrating—and on September 24, Malta House of Care did just that!

Guests gathered at Infinity Hall Hartford for an evening filled with great food, our signature "20 Years of Soul" cocktail, fabulous live music from Band Central, and plenty of opportunities to reconnect with longtime friends and make new ones. A special anniversary video made its debut, sharing the people and stories behind Malta's mission. And once the music started, the dance floor stayed busy—eventually inspiring an unforgettable conga line!

Throughout the evening, one message came through loud and clear: Malta has never really been about a van or a clinic. **Malta is about people.**

It is about physicians, nurses and other healthcare professionals who volunteer their time and expertise. The staff and volunteers who make it all work. The donors, sponsors and community partners who make it possible. And, of course, the thousands of patients who have trusted Malta with their care.

That spirit was especially evident when it was time for the evening's Paddle Raise. A generous donor had offered a $50,000 challenge gift if Malta could raise $50,000 that night—meaning every paddle raised could have twice the impact.

And our guests delivered!

By the end of the evening, the Paddle Raise **surpassed our goal and unlocked the full $50,000 matching gift.** Those gifts will help cover the costs of caring for Malta's patients—from lab and radiology testing and medically trained language interpretation to cancer screenings, medical supplies and keeping our Mobile Healthcare Clinic on the road.

That is Malta.

Twenty years ago, Malta began with a bold promise: people in our community should not have to go without healthcare simply because they cannot afford it. Today, after more than 88,000 free patient visits, that promise is still being kept.

A Selection of Photos from our Special 20th Anniversary Celebration!



To everyone who attended, sponsored, donated, volunteered, raised a paddle, hit the dance floor, or has supported Malta at any point during these first 20 years, THANK YOU for believing in Malta and helping us write the next chapter.

Here's to the next 20 years! Together we can ensure that whenever an uninsured patient comes to Malta for care, we can continue to say:

"Welcome. How can we help?"




























thank you!




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Malta House of Care
20 years!


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A New Van for Malta's Next Chapter

Bringing healthcare, resources and support closer to the people who need them.

For 20 years, Malta House of Care has gone where the need is, bringing free healthcare directly into Greater Hartford communities. Now, as we begin our next 20 years, a new Malta van is getting ready to hit the road.

We can't wait to get rolling in 2027!

Beginning in January 2027, the van will support Malta House of Care's Community Health Access & Resource Coordination Initiative, a new project focused on improving health outcomes for uninsured adults in East Hartford.

With support from The Cigna Group Foundation, a Community Health Access Navigator will help patients overcome barriers to care by connecting them with resources for food, housing, behavioral health services, benefits assistance, transportation and other needs.

The initiative recognizes that good health depends on more than medical care alone. By connecting healthcare with community resources and transportation support, Malta can help patients access preventive care, better manage chronic conditions and avoid health crises.





Malta Board members by the new van including: Victor Dowling, George Trumbull, Brian Sheehan, Jennifer Orzell, Susan Link, Angelo DeFazio and Rick McCarthy.

It's an exciting next step for Malta, continuing to meet people where they are and helping our uninsured neighbors lead healthier, more stable lives.

CONNECTICUT Social Services

The purchase of Malta House of Care's new van was made possible with financial support from the State of Connecticut, Department of Social Services.

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BY THE NUMBERS

80%

of Malta patients with diabetes maintained an A1C below 9%, indicating effective blood sugar management.

60%

More than 60% of Malta patients received breast cancer screenings.

70%

More than 70% of Malta patients received cervical cancer screenings.

PREVENTION MAKES A DIFFERENCE

Care before Crisis: Three patients. Three different journeys. One powerful reminder of what's possible when people have access to the care they need.

At Malta House of Care, preventive care takes many forms—from screenings that identify concerns before symptoms appear to ongoing management of chronic conditions that can help patients avoid complications, emergency room visits and disruptions to everyday life.

These three recent patient stories show what can happen when uninsured adults have access to consistent, compassionate care.

Finding Risk Before Cancer Develops



At 61, Teresa recently received her first colon cancer screening. She wasn't experiencing symptoms, but when the results came back abnormal, Malta helped connect her with our partner Hartford Hospital for a follow-up colonoscopy at **no charge.**

The colonoscopy revealed multiple polyps, putting Teresa at increased risk for colon cancer. Fortunately, they were discovered through screening—before she had developed symptoms or cancer.

Her healthcare team can now be proactive. She will be followed closely and return for another colonoscopy in one year as part of an ongoing prevention plan.

Teresa's experience is a powerful reminder of why access to routine screenings and follow-up care matters. **Sometimes the most important care happens before a patient ever feels sick.**

Preventing the Complications of Diabetes



When Gloria, an 80-year-old woman, first came to Malta in July 2025, she had been without medical care and off her diabetes medications for months. **Her A1C was 14.8%—so high it was beyond the range of Malta's in-house testing machine.**

She was exhausted, weak and extremely thirsty, with frequent urination and painful burning in her feet—all symptoms related to her high blood sugar.

Malta's care team started her on medication and worked with her over several visits to help her understand how everyday choices could help manage her diabetes. Gloria began adding more protein and vegetables to her diet, limiting rice, eliminating juice and soda, and walking twice a week. Malta also helped transition her to medication through a patient assistance program.

The results have been remarkable. Her A1C has fallen from 14.8% to 6.5%, her symptoms—including the burning in her feet—have resolved, and her diabetes is now controlled well enough that her medication dose has actually been reduced.

Gloria's progress shows what can happen when access to medication, education, ongoing care—and a patient determined to make a change—all come together.

"I Have Not Felt This Good in Years"



For one longtime Malta patient, better asthma control has meant much more than breathing easier. It has helped Michael get back to his life.

Despite taking his medications as prescribed, chemical exposures at work made it increasingly difficult for the the 62-year-old Malta patient to control his asthma. By 2022, he had made six trips to the emergency room in a single year and had to take time away from work.

A Malta provider with expertise in pulmonology adjusted his medications. His asthma control improved significantly, and he was able to return to work full-time.

Since the beginning of 2023, Michael has needed just two emergency room visits for his asthma. Even more meaningful, he says he **"has not felt this good in years."**

His story shows what access to consistent, expert care can mean: **fewer health crises and emergency room visits—and the ability to work, feel well and enjoy everyday life.**

**Patient names have been changed to protect privacy.*

For Malta's patients, access to regular primary care can mean earlier detection, fewer complications and a healthier future. *For 20 years, Malta has been there to provide that care at no cost to uninsured adults throughout Greater Hartford. As we begin our next 20, your support will help ensure that even more patients have access to the screenings, treatment and ongoing care that* ***can change, and sometimes save, lives.***



Welcome New Board Members!

We are thrilled to welcome four new members to the Malta House of Care Board of Directors!
Their expertise, dedication, and compassion will help us continue our mission of providing comprehensive care to those in need.



Susan Carluccio Link
CFO/COO Collins Medical Associates 2, PC



Thomas Lyons
Partner, DanaherLagnese, P.C.



Rick McCarthy
Chief Information Officer, UConn Health



Patricia McLaughlin
Vice President, Operations AdvanceCT

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.

Tell Us About Your Legacy Plans

(Check the appropriate box on the enclosed envelope)

- ☐ **I have included Malta House in my will or estate plans**
- ☐ **I would like information on how to make a planned gift**

To learn more, contact Dianne Auger, CEO,
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Your Gift Makes Care Possible

Here's how your generosity translates into care for Malta's patients.

Every patient who comes to Malta receives the primary care services they need at no cost. From essential testing and cancer screenings to language interpretation and the everyday supplies that keep our clinics running, your generosity makes that possible.

Your gift can provide:

$5,000
Covers one month of all patients lab and radiology testing

$2,500
Supports one month of medically trained language interpretation

$1,000
Sustains Malta's Mobile clinics

$500
Funds annual cancer screenings for one patient

$250
Provides clinic and patient medical supplies

Every gift, at every level, helps Malta provide free, compassionate healthcare to our uninsured neighbors.

For 20 years, your generosity has helped Malta restore health and bring hope to uninsured adults in our community. Together, we can continue providing the quality, compassionate healthcare our patients need to survive and thrive, and carry this mision into the next 20 years.

Scan the QR code to DONATE!