



THE GALEN SOCIETY

The Galen Quarterly

Tuesday, October 6, 2020



Our Latest Renovations for Patient Care and Comfort

Innovation and excellent patient care are at the forefront of our work at Virginia Hospital Center, with the recent renovation of our Medical & Surgical Unit illustrating these values.

Virginia Hospital Center's renovated Medical & Surgical Unit was completed almost a month ahead of schedule, featuring 21 spacious, private rooms. Our team was even able to pivot and reconfigure the floor's entire ventilation system in response to COVID-19 and provide additional protection for patients and staff.

To see more features of our Medical & Surgical Unit renovation and the latest expansion progress, click the button below.

[Watch the Latest VHC Renovations!](#)



Foundation President Shares his Frontline Story



Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, members of the Foundation team have worked alongside their fellow Hospital colleagues to fulfill new, critical roles related to ensuring the safety of our patients and staff.

Foundation President, [Tony Burchard](#), shared his experience as a volunteer patient greeter and screener in the main lobby of the Hospital for a week in his *Washington Business Journal* Op-Ed. In the piece, Tony highlights the strong community bond between the Hospital staff and patients, noting "My experience at the front door of VHC has reminded me what it really means when we refer to ourselves as a community hospital."

[Read Tony's Washington Business Journal Op-Ed](#)



"It's comforting that even in times of great challenge, we can rely on VHC to save lives, enhance lives, and in our case, deliver a new life to our community."

—Blair Holmes, who delivered her baby on
April 24, 2020

VHC Recognized as Top Maternity Care Hospital in Northern VA

Virginia Hospital Center was honored to be recognized as the only Northern Virginia Hospital in [Newsweek's 2020 list of Best Maternity Care Hospitals](#). The Hospital prides itself in providing high-quality care to all patients, even in the midst of a global pandemic. Galen Society members Blair and Josh Holmes saw that firsthand when they welcomed their second child in the spring.

Their healthy baby boy, Hunter James Holmes, was born on April 24, 2020. Just like when she delivered their eldest son, Blair says, "Once again, Virginia Hospital Center exceeded all expectations. My doctors were so wonderful, and the professionalism and service of the entire team were very reassuring and calming." Special thanks to fellow Galen Society member, Dr. Sue Prather, and the team at [Northern Virginia Physicians to Women](#) for ensuring Hunter's safe delivery.

Read more about Virginia Hospital Center's recent honor below.

[Learn about our "Best Maternity Care Hospital" Recognition](#)



VHC Pediatrics - Join in Supporting the Holiday Toy Drive

This December, the [VHC Pediatrics](#) Holiday party will look different, but will be no less meaningful to the children. They will receive their gifts from the VHC Pediatrics staff at their office in December. **This year - more than ever - community participation in the VHC Pediatrics Toy Drive is needed.** Our goal is to exceed the 500 toys and gift cards we gathered for the children last year.

To participate in the Toy Drive, contact Rosemarie O'Connor at 703.717.4499 or roconnor@virginiahospitalcenter.com. All toys collected should be dropped off at the VHC Foundation Office at [1701 N George Mason Drive, Arlington](#) during office hours. The drive runs from now through December 15.

[Participate in the VHC Pediatrics Toy Drive](#)



The Galen Society - Making Community Philanthropy Count

During this year of uncertainty, your sustained generosity as a member of [The Galen Society](#) has enabled Virginia Hospital Center to continue to provide the best care to our patients. **We are grateful for the trust you have placed in our work.**

To become a member of The Galen Society, an individual or family makes a one-time gift or pledge of at least \$25,000 or through reaching \$25,000 in their cumulative giving. This giving threshold update occurred in 2019 and members who committed to a pledge of \$10,000 or reached the \$10,000 cumulative giving threshold before 2019 are lifetime Galen Society members.

Once an initial Galen Society pledge at any amount is fulfilled, we ask members to continue their support annually at the level of \$1,000 or above to ensure

sustainability and keep Virginia Hospital Center an independent Hospital for the community.

For more information or to join [The Galen Society Leadership Committee](#) contact Colleen Hughes at chughes@virginiahospitalcenter.com or 703.717.4424.

The 2020 Galen Society Leadership Committee

Co-Chairs: Allison Blake and Justin Miller

Suzanne Griesmer, Suzanne Hanas, Barbara Lewis, Kris Motz, Allan Plumley, III, Susan Pascoello, Gwendolyn (Gigi) Sutton



FOUNDATION

