

A MAJOR BOOST



State funding will enhance pediatric and ventilator care.

Monroe Community Hospital (MCH) will embark on one of its most transformative projects in recent years while strengthening and expanding specialized care for some of the region's youngest and most vulnerable residents, thanks to a nearly \$10.2 million state grant.

The funding, awarded through Gov. Kathy Hochul's Statewide Health Care Facility Transformation Program, is part of \$300 million supporting 50 projects across the state to expand access to inpatient, primary, behavioral, and long-term care services.

Both County Executive Adam Bello and Executive Health Director Alyssa Tallo praised the efforts of MCH staff for their dedication and service in helping to secure the funding.

MCH was one of only three organizations in Monroe County to receive funding from the program. The grant will help add more pediatric beds, enhance ventilator care, and renovate an



outdoor playground. Final plans and designs will be completed and approved by the state in the coming months.

The work will help MCH meet growing community needs and build upon the opening of Faith 4 Center, a new 25-bed Palliative Care & Hospice Center, as well as Friendship Place, a separate project opening in the summer of 2026 that will provide a safe and supportive home for individuals with dementia and wandering-like behaviors.

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR 'Spooktacular' Fun Returns for Halloween

I am thrilled to announce that we will once again open our doors for the annual Spooktacular Halloween celebration, a family-friendly event filled with fun and community spirit!

You and your family are again invited to this special event for children 13 and younger, with their parents or guardians, to dress in their favorite costumes, participate in a variety of games and activities, and enjoy other surprises, from



Scan the Code to reserve your spot.

5-7 p.m. on Wednesday, October 22. Also, the MCH Café will offer additional seasonal treats for purchase.

Guests may park in Lot 1 and enter through the doors between the Auditorium and the Friendship Building. This night will provide a wonderful opportunity for staff, families, and community members to celebrate the season together in a safe and welcoming environment.

It is also a meaningful occasion to open our doors to the community and showcase the incredible work everyone at MCH does every day.

Your dedication and compassion make MCH a place of comfort and care, and events like this highlight the strong bond we share while deepening our connections with our neighbors.

I hope to see you and your families at this year's Spooktacular. Thank you for helping us make MCH a place of healing and a source of pride.

Alyssa Tallo



SHARING THE SPOTLIGHT

Do you know an outstanding MCH Team Member? Visit our website or click on the QR code to recognize their contributions!



"Precious Williams goes above and beyond every day. She is always smiling and pleasant!" — *Colleague Submission*

HIGHLIGHTS

SWEET SALUTE TO MCH STAFF

MCH honored nearly 125 employees nominated for a Spotlight, recognizing outstanding contributions that bring our mission and values to life.

A total of 180 nominations were submitted in the second quarter, highlighting employees across 13 departments. Each nominee was celebrated at a special event on National Milk Chocolate Day, where they received chocolate treats, a Spotlight lanyard, and more.

Coworkers, residents, family members, and others can submit a nomination by visiting monroehosp.org.

FOUR STAR OVERALL RATING

MCH is proud to announce that its overall quality rating from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has increased to four stars, reflecting our ongoing commitment to exceptional care.

A four-star rating places MCH above state and national averages, underscoring our team's dedication to continuous improvement and resident-centered care.

FR3W EARNs TOP UNIT AWARD

Friendship 3 West has been named the Top Unit in Environmental Rounds for the second quarter.

Environmental Rounds is an initiative that maintains high standards of care and compliance facility-wide. Every Friday, a team conducts assessments to ensure residents' safety and well-being. Evaluations include fire safety, cleanliness, infection control, nursing care, and nourishment room conditions.

Congratulations to FR3W for their dedication and exceptional work!

Caps Off to Our NATP Grads!



Families, friends, and staff celebrate the latest graduates of the Nurse Aide Training Program.

Greenhouse Back in Full Bloom

Excitement is growing that the Greenhouse on Friendship 3 Center has reopened, helping to ensure that residents have access to a warm and bright space that can be enjoyed in every season.

A perennial favorite gathering place for residents, the Greenhouse offers opportunities to plant new friendships, play checkers, soak up the sun and foster relaxation and connection.

With its accessible design, the greenhouse accommodates residents of all mobility levels, making it a truly inclusive space. The reopening of the greenhouse, held in conjunction with MCH administration and residents, reflects MCH's continued commitment to cultivating a high quality of life for residents and creating spaces that improve the quality of life for residents and foster a positive work environment for staff.

