The New, 90,000-square-foot clinical facility of Martha's Vineyard Hospital was unveiled in grand style on the weekend of April 10 and 11, and the public reaction was overwhelmingly positive. “I was genuinely thrilled,” says Hospital CEO Tim Walsh, “with the way the new building was received. Everyone I spoke with – everyone – was happy with the way it came out. And you know, that doesn’t happen a lot on the Vineyard. This can be a tough crowd.”

The opening capped a campaign, launched in 2004, that raised an unprecedented $48 million in donations both large and small, and now has given the Island community a new Hospital building without a penny of debt.

The numbers tell the story of how this community rallied around its Hospital: Every member of the board of trustees, every member of the active medical staff, every member of senior management and employees from housekeeping to the laboratory to Windemere supported the campaign. In all, more than 1,800 individuals, businesses and foundations contributed; the appeal to year-round Islanders raised $6.9 million.

Warren Spector, who with Frank Biondi co-chaired the capital campaign, said at its conclusion that the campaign drew its energy from a powerful sense of community: “This has been a labor of love for me.” Said Mr. Biondi: “The public phase of the campaign went much more quickly, and more enthusiastically, than I anticipated. It was tremendously gratifying.”

This spring has seen the fulfillment of a promise that was made when the Hospital campaign was launched six years ago with the declaration, “It is time to begin anew.” With our new building completed, Martha’s Vineyard Hospital and our community now have a facility whose excellence finally matches the compassionate care delivered within its walls.
ARTHA'S Vineyard Hospital trustees hosted a gala opening celebration on the evening of Saturday, April 10, to thank all the contributors, large and small, whose generosity made the new building possible. A suit of glass, etched with the names of supporters of the capital campaign, was unveiled. More than 800 attended and enjoyed cocktails, live music and toured the facility. The donor wall in the new lobby is inscribed with the names of more than 1,800 contributors in recognition of their generous support. The next generation enjoys the view of Vineyard Sound. The Tisbury Tigers thought the new hospital was a winner!

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