



Caring for Rhode Island is an on-going initiative highlighting the contributions hospitals are making to your community. Each year Rhode Islanders turn to our hospitals on more than 800,000 occasions, at some of the most important times in their lives. Whether it is the birth of a child, a broken bone, or treatment for a chronic condition, we are there to serve our patients. Hospitals in Rhode Island provide their communities with much more than medical care, serving as a source for health information, civic leadership and strong community support through contributions of financial and human resources. This newsletter highlights activities of hospitals that have a significant benefit to the community.

South County Hospital Healthcare System Puts Patients First

“They put patients first.”

That is how Carol Leslie describes the staff at South County Hospital.

Carol was home from a Peace Corps mission in Africa in October, 2005 when she was struck by an automobile while riding a moped on Block Island. She sustained serious injuries for which she still seeks treatment.

Last year, doctors informed Carol that she would need extensive occupational and physi-

cal therapy. She resides on Block Island, a place of solitude that she turned to during her recuperation after summering there as a child.

Twice-weekly therapy sessions would mean traveling by boat back to the mainland, a daunting task for a woman still afflicted with injuries. She also wondered how she would afford this added medical expense.

Carol contacted South County Hospital after hearing how other residents of the island had

turned to the facility in their times of need. After meeting with a financial specialist, Carol was assured that the hospital could meet her needs and would cover any costs that were not paid by her limited disability policy.

She now takes the ferry twice a week to Point Judith, where South County Hospital’s van picks her up and takes her to an outpatient facility. Carol says the care she has received from South County Hospital has made all of the difference in her recovery.

“The Hospital made sure I received the care that I needed,” said Carol. “I don’t have to worry about how I will pay for it or how I will get there. It really serves the community well.”



Carol works with Linda, her occupational therapist.

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