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Bieler donation to transform Memorial Medical Center's auditorium into innovation & training center

Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center has announced a "significant" donation from Scott Bieler, president and CEO of West Herr Auto Group, for the renovation of its auditorium into the Scott Bieler Family Foundation Innovation & Training Center. Work is set to begin in January, with completion expected by June.

Hospital officials said, "This transformative project aims to modernize the current auditorium into a state-of-the-art center for education, orientation and professional development. The new center will have advanced audio-visual technology and interactive smart boards, serving both the medical center and the Western New York community."

NFMMC President and CEO Joseph Ruffolo said, "This generous donation from Mr. Bieler is a game-changer for us. The newly renovated center will usher in a new era of advanced training and educational excellence, profoundly impacting the standard of health care we deliver."

The press release said, "The current NFMMC auditorium, a multipurpose space for meetings, health clinics and various training



Scott Bieler Family Foundation Innovation & Training Center renderings courtesy of Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center.

sessions, has long been due for an upgrade. Bieler's donation marks a substantial contribution toward the project's total cost."

Bieler, renowned for his philanthropic endeavors throughout Western New York, serves as president of the Scott Bieler Family Foundation. His dedication

to supporting local health care causes has earned him numerous awards and recognitions for his many contributions to the region.

"Supporting NFMMC in its mission to educate and train health care professionals is an honor," Bieler said. "This project aligns perfectly with my foundation's

goals to improve health care and the well-being of the community."

The press release stated, "Memorial plays a vital role in training future health care professionals by partnering with various educational institutions to enhance programs in nursing, radiology, pharmacy, physical therapy and more. NFMMC has affiliations with several colleges and universities in Western New York, including the University at Buffalo, Niagara University, Purdue University, Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine (LECOM), St. John Fisher University, Niagara County Community College and D'Youville University, among others. Additionally, the center collaborates with local high schools such as Niagara Falls High School, Lewiston-Porter High School and Grand Island High School, to provide comprehensive programs in nursing, radiologic technology, pharmacy, physical therapy, surgical technology and more."

For additional information or to inquire about supporting this project, contact Sean Dwyer at 716-908-8019 or sean.dwyer@nfmmc.org.

Stella Niagara Education Park donates \$1,933 worth of books to Damar Hamlin's charity, Chasing M's Foundation

Submitted by Stella Niagara Education Park

Stella Niagara Education Park, a coeducational elementary school in Lewiston, donated over 200 books valued at \$1,933 to Damar Hamlin's Chasing M's Foundation. The school raised the money to purchase the books through a coin drive for Scholastic's "All for Books" program during the annual book fair.

The "All for Books" giving program turns small donations into a big difference in many lives, from the young shoppers discovering their love of giving to the underserved populations aided by their contributions. Stella Niagara homerooms competed throughout the book fair to raise the most money to purchase books for the program. The sixth grade class raised the most money, followed closely by fourth and second grades. All three classes



helped shop for the books that were donated.

Stella Niagara librarian Mrs. Trower learned about Damar Hamlin's charity, Chasing M's

Foundation, last year after fans began donating to it after Damar suffered a cardiac arrest on the field while facing the Cincinnati Bengals. At that time, Mrs. Trower

knew her theme for the 2023 book fair would be "Book make me want to SHOUT." She immediately thought Hamlin's charity would be the perfect place for our donation.

Mrs. Trower said, "We are excited to be able to donate over 200 books to Chasing M's annual toy drive. Encouraging children to read not only increases their literacy strength, and provides hours of entertainment, but reading lets us know we are not alone in the world."

In 2022, Stella Niagara donated \$1,000 worth of books to the Oishei Children's Hospital in Buffalo.

Stella Niagara Education Park students are thrilled to share the joy of reading again with others this Christmas season.

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