

Thunder Times

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You are bringing dental care to *thousands* of Rhode Islanders

The new West Warwick dental practice, slated to open this fall, will expand access to an additional 5,500 Rhode Islanders. Your generosity to the “Building a Community of Smiles” campaign makes this all possible! Thank you.

In October, Thundermist patients helped break ground on the new West Warwick dental location. With a waiting list of more than 1,600 people and an additional 3,000 people who need to reengage in dental care post-pandemic, this project could not come at a more crucial time.

Edward Dalton, a dental patient, shared his moving story during the groundbreaking ceremony. When he was unable to get dental care elsewhere, he turned to Thundermist for care, and has ever since.

He loves the care he receives

so much he takes several buses from Pawtucket to West Warwick just to see his dentist! Now that is a happy patient. He, along with 12,500 additional Rhode Islanders will receive care at the new dental clinic thanks to you!

The addition of a second floor will increase the number of operatories from 12 to 21 and there will be expanded parking too. Each operatory will be spacious with two door egresses to help lower anxiety around dental care.

We look forward to welcoming you to the new space later this year. Your generosity has helped make this possible. For more information or to make a special gift to the “Building a Community of Smiles” campaign, please visit our website at: ThundermistHealth.org/donate/west-warwick-dental-capital-campaign/.



Edward Dalton, a West Warwick dental patient, speaks about his Thundermist dental experience during the groundbreaking Ceremony last October.



The groundbreaking ceremony was held in October 2021.



Rendering of the new dental health center at 5 Washington Street, West Warwick.

FACTBOX:

How you are helping:

- You ensured care never stopped during the pandemic!
- You brought life-saving vaccines for Rhode Island's most underserved communities!
- You helped make strides in health equity – making sure everyone who needed care got it!
- You are helping expand access to critical dental care!

Your Gifts at Work – Meet the People Who Bring Your Vision to Life



I love working at Thundermist because I am part of a bigger team of people who are dedicated to providing the best care to our patients and meeting their diverse needs. Nobody can do this alone but it can be done when we work together. It has been such a privilege to get to know my patients, to work with them, and to learn what is important to them.

Susan Burgoyne
FAMILY NURSE PRACTITIONER
SOUTH COUNTY



I try to spend time getting to know my patients. The staff and providers take time to listen to our patients and help out in all aspects of their lives in whatever way we can... and spend a lot of energy doing so.

Theresa Harten, RN
WEST WARWICK



We help our patients navigate the health care system. We're the in-between person, the behind-the-scenes person who is running around making sure it all happens for them.

Kathy Brown
MEDICAL ASSISTANT
WEST WARWICK

Your gifts to provide care for patients at Thundermist no matter what are changing the lives and health of your community. Here, you will meet some of the people who are helping make the impact of your gifts a reality. With your support, they proudly serve the needs of the community. They meet each patient's unique needs to deliver exceptional care. This care is only possible with the generosity of people like you. Thank you for bringing these stories to life.



Being a case manager, we have to assess the patient's needs, but they can't always tell us what that is. It could help with housing, SNAP/EBT, so we work closely with Social Services to help them find what they need.

Teneisha Scott
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CASE MANAGER
WOONSOCKET



I enjoy being able to serve an underserved population and being able to provide care that is unique to each patient's needs. I feel so honored to work alongside so many progressive people who care for patients regardless of their identity or background.

Jonny Dreyer, MD
KENT RESIDENCY
WEST WARWICK



"We work to make the community a better place. Everyday we are here, we show our patients that we care about them."

Will Morales
MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN
WOONSOCKET



"I love making a difference in the life of our patients. At Thundermist we are known for helping others and that includes our fellow co-workers, even on their bad days."

Jonalyn Mandell
COVID-19 RIDOH TESTING SITE SUPERVISOR
WOONSOCKET

We are back! In-person events return for 2022

Thundermist's Annual Fundraising Gala Selects a new Location: Roger Williams Botanical Center

Join us, **Thursday, September 22** at 6 p.m. for our annual fundraising gala, Moonlight at the Garden. As we gather for the first time in two years, you will be delighted with the beautiful scenery the botanical center has to offer for the cocktail style event.

The event will feature catering from Russel Morin, a cash bar, online silent auction, and a fund-a-need hosted by auctioneer extraordinaire, Cathy MacPherson.

If you would like to make an auction donation, purchase tickets, or learn more about sponsorship opportunities, call or e-mail Washawn Jones at **401-767-4100 x3033** or WashawnJ@ThundermistHealth.org.



Amazon Smile: Now available on the Amazon app

Doing a lot of shopping on the Amazon app but still want a free and easy way to support Thundermist? Add Thundermist as your charity of choice on the Amazon app. For the first time ever, the app is allowing Amazon Smile donations.

HERE'S HOW:

1. Open the Amazon Shopping app on your device
2. Go into the main menu of the Amazon Shopping app and tap into 'Settings'
3. Tap 'AmazonSmile' and follow the on-screen instructions to complete the process



Leaving Your Legacy

Leaving a gift to Thundermist in your will is a once in a lifetime chance to give access to care for future generations, even after you're gone.

You'll leave a legacy and reminder of your compassion for years to come. To learn how easy it is to leave a gift to Thundermist in your will, get in touch with Washawn Jones at **401-767-4100 x3033** or WashawnJ@ThundermistHealth.org.



Sustainers Society – Continuing to make Health Care Happen

Thank you to our sustainers! You give generously each month making health care possible not just for today, but for years to come. If you are interested in becoming a health care sustainer, please contact Washawn Jones at **401-767-4100 x3033** or WashawnJ@ThundermistHealth.org.

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