

Just the Facts

WYNN HOSPITAL

Each week, "Just the Facts" provides information about a key aspect of the Wynn Hospital being built by Mohawk Valley Health System (MVHS). It is designed to keep our medical staff, employees and volunteers updated and to share with family, friends and neighbors so we keep our community informed about how we're transforming healthcare in our region.



TOPIC FOR TUESDAY, MAY 23, 2023:

MVHS Receives Significant Gifts for the Wynn Hospital

This past week has been very exciting as we announced two major gifts to the Wynn Hospital *This is for You* Campaign.

Today, we announced that the Oneida Indian Nation made a \$1 million donation in support of the Wynn Hospital. I was pleased to be joined by Oneida Indian Nation Representative and Oneida Nation Enterprises CEO Ray Halbritter, Oneida County Executive Anthony J. Picente, Jr. and Larry Gilroy, Wynn Hospital *This is for You* Campaign Co-Chair, to announce the donation at the Wynn Hospital site.

It was important to MVHS that as part of the Oneida Indian Nation's donation there would be the commission of two pieces of art that will honor the shared history of the Oneida people and the region. A bronze sculpture created by artist Edward Hlavka called "Allies in War, Partners in Peace" will be located outside the hospital's entrance. The monument at Wynn Hospital will only be the second "Allies in War, Partners in Peace" ever created – [the original is located at the Smithsonian's National Museum](#) of the American Indian in Washington D.C. The original sculpture is a 20-foot bronze embodiment of the friendship that was forged between the Oneida Indian Nation and the United States during the Revolutionary War. It depicts George Washington, Oneida Indian Chief Shenendoah and Polly Cooper, an Oneida woman who traveled hundreds of miles to feed General Washington and his troops. All three individuals were critical in establishing the partnership between the Oneidas and the United States and defining a pivotal moment in history and Central New York's role in the founding of the country.

The second piece of art the Oneida Indian Nation will commission at the Wynn Hospital is a mural that will honor the shared history and longtime partnership between Upstate New York and the Oneida Indian Nation. The mural will be prominently featured on the Central Utility Plant located on Columbia Street adjacent to the hospital and will be visible to those looking out of the south side of the hospital, as well as passerby traffic on one of Utica's most historic streets.

The Oneida Indian Nation's legacy of collaboration dates back to the very founding of our country. We are grateful to the Oneida Indian Nation for their support and look forward to honoring their history of contributions to the region through the commission of cultural elements that tell the story of our shared history so it will never be forgotten.



This comes of heels of another major gift announced last week - the Maternal Child Services floor at the Wynn Hospital will be named the Sammon Family Birthing Center, after a generous gift of \$1.5 million was made to the MVHS Foundation's Campaign by John and Deanna Sammon and their daughter and son-in-law Karen Sammon and Will Cardamone. Our heartfelt thanks for this gift! Click [here](#) to see the video our staff made to thank the Sammon Family!