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**BRISTOL HOSPITAL RECEIVES GENEROUS BEQUEST FROM  
THE MR. AND MRS. JAY TYRRELL ESTATE**

**Bristol, Connecticut** – *April 12, 2011* - Bristol Hospital recently received a bequest of approximately \$105,000 from the Jay and Elizabeth (Winsor) Tyrrell Estate. Mr. and Mrs. Tyrrell were residents of Bristol, and also had a home in Owlshead, Maine. Last year, Mrs. Tyrrell passed away at the age of 90. Her husband Jay had predeceased her by many years.

A renowned watercolor artist whose work was exhibited at the New Britain Museum of American Art, Elizabeth chaired the Bristol School system's art department until her retirement in 1968.

Mrs. Tyrrell was a direct descendent of Roger Sherman, a cobbler, who was one of the five original drafters of the Declaration of Independence, and was a signer of the CT Constitution. Elizabeth's father, Frank Winsor was a charter member of the Audubon Society.

Carlyle "Hap" Barnes, Bristol Hospital Development Foundation board member visited with the Tyrrell's many years ago to invite them to join the hospital's Legacy Society. It is from that conversation that the Tyrrell's decided to put the hospital in their estate plans.

- "We are so grateful for the Tyrrell's gift," said Eva Wickwire, Chief Development Officer for the Bristol Hospital Development Foundation. "Their vision and generosity will help provide vital medical care to this community, leaving behind a legacy of caring for others."
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***About the Bristol Hospital Development Foundation, Inc.***

The Bristol Hospital Development Foundation, Inc. is dedicated to the financial support of Bristol Hospital and Health Care Group through implementation and enhancement of hospital affiliated based development and community relations. The Bristol Hospital Development Foundation is a non-profit, publicly supported organization which exists to solicit, receive, invest, manage, disburse and coordinate philanthropic funds on behalf of Bristol Hospital and Health Care Group and its affiliates, also non-profit.

***About Bristol Hospital and Healthcare Group***

Founded in 1921, Bristol Hospital and Health Care Group ('BHHCG') is committed to providing the best patient experience in the region and enhancing the well being of the greater Bristol, Connecticut community. BHHCG, is a fully integrated health care delivery system providing a full continuum of services including a 134-bed acute care hospital, a skilled nursing facility, a multi-specialty physician practice, a home health care and hospice program, physical therapy and wound care center, counseling and wellness centers, and an Ambulance Service.

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***A photo of Mr. and Mrs. Tyrell's or an interview with a family member will be made available upon request.***