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Christiana Care Health System Comforts Patients Through Launch of WXPN Musicians On Call

Program brings Live Music to Patient Bedsides in Delaware for First Time

(WILMINGTON, Del. – Oct. 20) [Christiana Care Health System](#)'s Wilmington Hospital and WXPN are teaming up with area musicians to bring WXPN Musicians On Call to hospital patients in Delaware for the first time.

Wilmington-based singer-songwriters John Flynn and Angela Sheik will perform for patients at Wilmington Hospital's Center for Rehabilitation and Acute Care for the Elderly (ACE) Unit following a launch event from 3 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 22nd at the new Atrium at Wilmington Hospital.

The local WXPN Musicians On Call program is coordinated through Christiana Care's Volunteer Services and funded by Light Up the Queen Foundation and The Kenny Family Foundation, the charitable foundation run by the operators of the Kenny Family ShopRites of Delaware.

WXPN, the member-supported public radio station from the University of Pennsylvania, recruits and brings local musicians to perform for patients through the WXPN Musicians On Call program. These musicians will continue with weekly bedside performances for patients at Center for Rehabilitation and ACE Unit at Wilmington Hospital each Wednesday from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

"In our transformation of the Wilmington Hospital campus, we are continually looking for ways to improve the experience of our patients and their families," said Sharon Kurfuerst, Ed.D, OTR/L, FAOTA, senior vice president of administration at Christiana Care. "The WXPN Musicians On Call program provides comfort and joy to our neighbors by enabling them to hear live music right at their bedsides while we partner with them in their care."

Now entering its 10th year of service, the WXPN Musicians On Call program is a nonprofit initiative that has touched the lives of more than 70,000 patients and their families in six healthcare facilities throughout the Philadelphia region. Over the past decade, more than 200

volunteer musicians and guides have regularly participated in the program by giving weekly performances for patients.

“Music’s ability to heal is real and powerful, and the Musicians On Call program makes a positive impact on so many people’s lives,” said Helen Leicht, WXPN Midday host and spokesperson for the WXPN Musicians On Call program. “We are thrilled to work with our Wilmington-based music partners like World Cafe Live and Gable Music to bring this unique and powerful program to the patients at Christiana Care.”

"Musicians On Call fits perfectly with the Light Up the Queen Foundation's mission of building community through high-quality programs in music," added Mike Hare, president of Light Up the Queen Foundation's Board of Directors. "LUQ is pleased to partner with WXPN, Christiana Care Health System, The Kenny Family Foundation, World Cafe Live, and Gable Music Ventures to bring this beneficial program to Wilmington."

Wilmington Hospital’s Center for Rehabilitation provides comprehensive inpatient rehabilitation services to adult patients and is fully accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities. Wilmington Hospital’s ACE Unit improves clinical outcomes in older patients by preventing complications and preserving the patients' functional ability.

About WXPN

WXPN, the nationally recognized leader in Triple A radio and the premier guide for discovering new and significant artists in rock, blues, roots and folk, is the non-commercial, member-supported radio service of the University of Pennsylvania. WXPN produces [*World Cafe*](#)[®], public radio’s most popular program of popular music hosted by David Dye and syndicated by NPR, and the Peabody Award winning [*Kids Corner*](#) hosted by Kathy O’Connell. WXPN also produces the [*XPoNential Radio on XPN2*](#) as its secondary radio channel in HD that is also available online. WXPN serves the greater Philadelphia area at 88.5 FM, the Lehigh Valley at 104.9, Worton/Baltimore at 90.5 FM, Lancaster/York at 88.7 FM, Harrisburg at 99.7 FM and the world via online streaming at XPN.org. Information and videos about WXPN Musicians On Call are available at www.xpn.org/moc.

About Christiana Care Health System

Christiana Care Health System is one of the country’s largest health care providers, ranking as the 22nd leading hospital in the nation and 12th on the East Coast in terms of admissions. A not-for-profit teaching hospital affiliated with Sidney Kimmel Medical College at Thomas Jefferson University, Christiana Care is recognized as a regional center for excellence in cardiology, cancer and women's health services. Christiana Care is home to Delaware's only Level I trauma center, the highest capability center and the only one of its kind between Philadelphia and Baltimore. Christiana Care also features a Level III neonatal intensive care unit, the only delivering hospital in Delaware that offers the highest level of non-surgical care to the most critically ill newborns. Christiana Care includes two hospitals with 1,100 patient beds, a home health care service, preventive medicine, rehabilitation services, a network of primary care physicians and an extensive range of outpatient services.

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