



**Kent Hospital**  
Warwick, RI

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Kent County Memorial Hospital (Kent), established in 1951, is a 359-bed nonprofit community hospital serving people from all areas of Rhode Island, with a primary service area of approximately 300,000+ residents. Located in the state's central corridor, it is the state's second largest hospital. Kent provides a full range of acute care and inpatient and outpatient services. Their Emergency Department, the second busiest in Rhode Island, treats approximately 60,000 patients annually (approximately 10,000 of which are pediatric patients). With approximately 1,200 births each year and a Level II Special Care Nursery, Kent's maternal/child services is uniquely qualified to respond to the specific needs of infants. Kent is a member of the Care New England (CNE) system. CNE was formed in February 1996 by founding members Butler Hospital, Kent Hospital and Women & Infants Hospital of Rhode Island.

CRI was retained by the hospital in 2007 to provide interim services when their long time director of the Kent Hospital Foundation accepted another position. During the interim period, Kent began a \$2 million major gifts campaign to support the expansion of its Heart Center. Shortly thereafter, CNE entered merger discussions with Lifespan, Rhode Island's largest healthcare system. This prompted Kent to streamline its development office and share services with Women & Infants Hospital. The CRI consultant worked closely with senior leadership at both Kent and Women & Infants to create a new staffing structure, hire a new director and create a plan for the Heart Center campaign.

The Kent Hospital Foundation successfully completed their Heart Center campaign and continues to prosper in anticipation of a successful merger with Lifespan.