

Rochelle

Community

Hospital



Connection Through Care

No Place Like It

Annual Report - Fiscal Year 2025 (May 1, 2024 - April 30, 2025)



Karen Tracy,
CEO

A message from our CEO:

**Dear friends and supporters
of Rochelle Community Hospital,**

Each year we have the opportunity to share with you a glimpse into the past year's activity at the hospital. Whether you seek care for health maintenance or come to us for a medical emergency, the hospital functions as a hub to support the wellbeing of our friends and neighbors. Fiscal year 2025 was no exception, with our strategic initiatives focused on the patients we serve. We continued to evaluate, plan, improve and support health related services within our four walls and out in the community.

There is a sense of pride as I reflect on the past year's success. Our providers, leaders and staff remained dedicated to the ongoing improvement of our services. Whether it be an improved management contract for emergency services or hiring our own physical and occupational therapy staff, the goal for service has remained true to our mission: High quality care with competence, excellence and compassion.

The past year has added two more providers to our Family Healthcare Clinic. In August we welcomed Graham Isaacson, DO to the staff. With his focus on family medicine, Dr. Isaacson has a calm and welcoming demeanor that has been an excellent addition to FHC. We also had the pleasure of recruiting Kristi Gonzales, PA. Many of us knew Kristi from the community and it has been a smooth transition to bring her on board, adding depth to our family practice offerings. Currently our clinic has four physicians and two advanced practice

providers offering family medicine services. XCEL Orthopedics rounds out our clinic with Dr. Delisca and his full service orthopedic team.

Additional specialty services were started this fiscal year. Our team has added a Behavioral Health clinic to help with access to comprehensive mental health services. Patients seeking care can be seen for individual counseling by Donica Reints, LCSW right here in the Multi-Specialty Center. Their medication needs can be handled through a tele-health visit in the same location. We are encouraged by the steady increase in patients, confirming these services have been well-received by our community.

Reinvesting in our facility remains a constant priority. This fiscal year we started a large-scale remodeling project for our sterile processing department. Found in the center of our surgical department, this project focused on modernizing the space to improve functionality and accommodate new equipment requirements, while improving surgical throughput. We have also made investments in Radiology. The new x-ray room offers updated technology and enhanced orthopedic capabilities to improve turn-around times.

In addition, we made an investment in an updated PACS system (Picture Archiving and Communication System). The electronic storage system has greater storage capacity that decreases paper scanning and provides advanced dictation and reporting for the radiologists.

Staff satisfaction is an important marker of a thriving business. Our employees participated in an Employee Engagement survey last fall and provided us with valuable feedback. Our response rate for employees was 65% participation, or 223 out of 349 took the survey. The overall employee satisfaction score exceeded peer group comparisons, indicating that our job satisfaction is second to none. We are very proud of our hard-working employees and the excellent work that they do caring for the community!

In closing, I would like to highlight the social impact that the hospital creates. We prioritize health related services and support charitable organizations through monetary donations or offering our campus for blood drives or food bank events. Besides the tangible donations, we also give back by absorbing \$12.1 million in services not fully reimbursed by government programs. We are dedicated to serving the people of Rochelle and our surrounding communities with personalized, high-quality services.

Thank you for trusting Rochelle Community Hospital to care for you and/or your loved ones. The amount of support that we feel from our friends and neighbors can be measured by a smile, a handshake or a positive comment encountered in the hallway. Or it can be measured in return visits to obtain medical care. Through the many ways the community shows support, we feel it and will continue to put our best efforts forward to provide modern, high-quality services for many years to come.

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Chenin Congrave Rude, APRN
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Physician Assistants

Carter Gallick, PA-C, ATC
Kristi Gonzales, MSPAS, PA-C
Harrison Swalla, PA-C

Licensed Clinical Social Worker

Donica Reints, MSW, LCSW

Hospitalists

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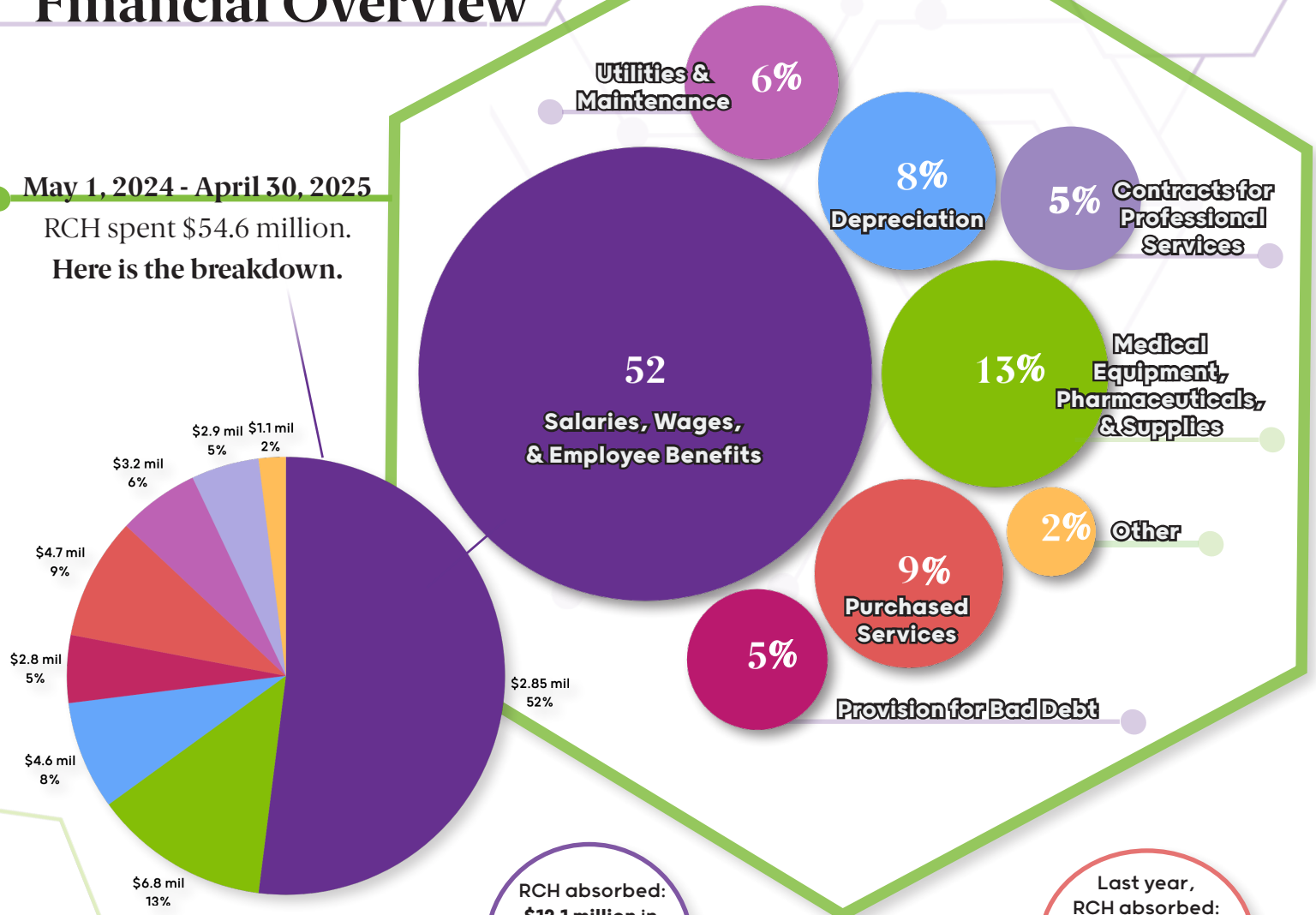
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All served May 1, 2024 - April 30, 2025



Financial Overview

May 1, 2024 - April 30, 2025
RCH spent \$54.6 million.
Here is the breakdown.

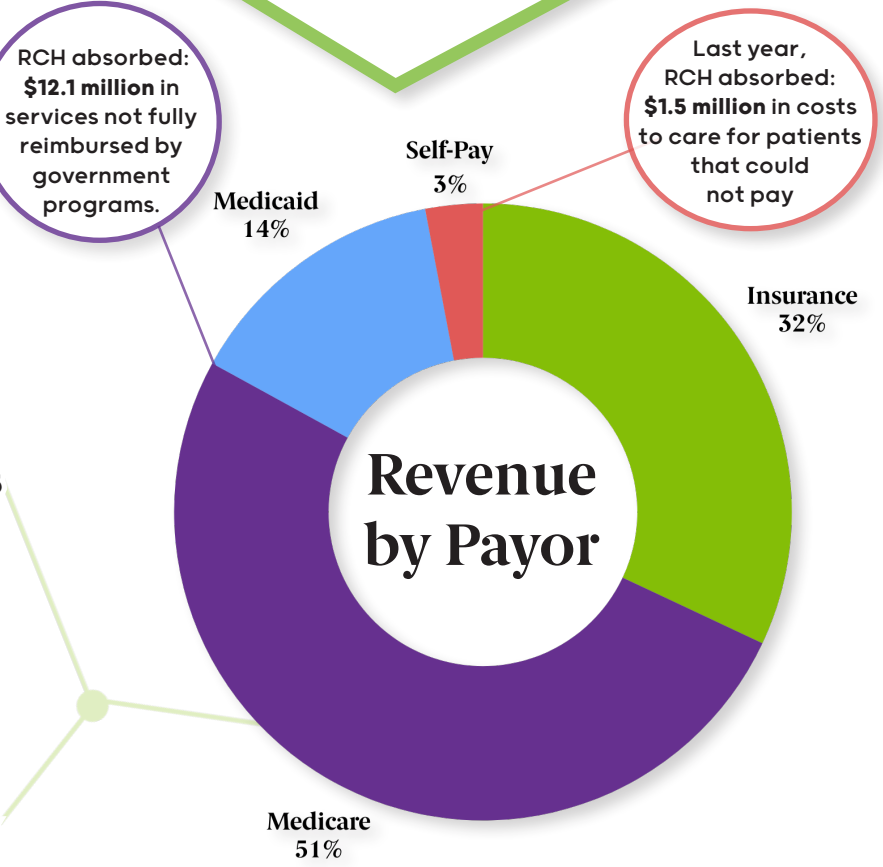


Inpatient Statistics

Admissions	350
Observation	510
Patient Days	767
Average Length of Stay	2.9

Department Visits/Statistics

Emergency Room	8,737
Radiology Procedures	16,823
Surgeries Performed	742
Physical/Occupational Therapy	26,255
Cardiac Rehabilitation	1,205
Multi-Specialty Clinic	5,586
Family Healthcare Visits	10,218
XCEL Orthopedics: Rochelle	3,316
XCEL Orthopedics: Sycamore	625
Convenient Care	5,609
Occupational Health Services	4,695
Laboratory Tests	87,224
Respiratory Therapy	2,713
Outpatient Registrations	36,976



Auxiliary Support

Abby Metzger
Michigan Technological University

Anastasia Harvey
Northern Illinois University

Ward A. & Mabel T Miller
Award Recipient

Mallory Coffman
Dartmouth College

Audree Dorn
Illinois Valley Community College

Taelynn Rodeghero
Grand Valley State University

The Auxiliary was very honored to award \$1,500 medical career scholarships to five very bright and worthy students.

2025 Auxiliary Scholarship Recipients

Volunteers

46 Members and 57 Lifetime Members

19 volunteers donated 972 hours of time to staff the Auxiliary Gift Shoppe.

The Gift Shoppe's hours remained at 9:30 am to 1:00 pm, Monday through Friday.

The Gift Shoppe profited \$10,501.00 for FY 2025.

Dues money collected was \$460.00, and contributions received were \$163.00.

This brings the total Auxiliary profit for FY 2025 to \$11,124.00.





Connected to Our Community

The vital role of RCH in community health and well-being is only part of the story.



Source: IHA Economic Impact Report, 2024



Providing economic development

Neighborhood revitalization

Driving critical health equity initiatives to ensure access for all

Investing in our Community

In a happy, vibrant community, there are strong social connections that create a sense of belonging. With this sense of belonging, comes a sense of responsibility to support your fellow members. Listed are some of the local organizations Rochelle Community Hospital was pleased to support this past year with donations, sponsorships, or participation.

- Lincoln Highway Heritage Festival
- Village of Progress
- OSF Foundation
- Rochelle Area Chamber of Commerce
- Rochelle Community Action Network
- Rochelle Township High School Education Foundation
- Rochelle Rescue Mission
- Rochelle Fire Department

- Focus House
- Creston Dement Library
- Special Olympics
- From the Heart
- Small Business Bingo
- HOPE of Ogle County
- Serenity Hospice



RCH hosted its Annual drive-thru dinner event with complimentary holiday dinners for those in need. Our Food & Nutrition Department prepared over 200 meals for those that needed a holiday meal.



RCH F&N Department also hosted its first Farmer's Market, a day providing fresh and unique produce to the community. The Market was open to the public and employees to enjoy all the goods.

RCH hosted 2 Mobile Food Pantries with the Northern Illinois Food Bank, distributing food for those in need from our Health & Wellness parking lot.



RCH stocked the Rochelle Christian Food Pantry with two van loads of diapers. This helps provide aide in the gap of supplies not covered by Federal Assistance programs like SNAP & WIC



RCH Dieticians revived & revamped its Prediabetes Program; a free 12 week class series focused on improving participants' lifestyles & delaying the onset of type 2 diabetes.

RCH Celebrated National Rural Health Day to share in the power & importance of rural healthcare, honoring those that make care accessible to our community.



RCH had a presence at the Illinois State Capitol with a couple of staff joining the Illinois Chapter of the American Association of Healthcare Administrative Management's (AAHAM) Legislative "Leg" Day. Members met with their respective State Representatives and Senators advocating the rural healthcare perspective.

Plans for Growth

Rochelle Community Hospital is embarking on an exciting, multi-year facilities improvement initiative. Leading the way, started this September of 2025, is a significant expansion of our Health & Wellness Building located on the south side of our campus.



This phase brings together services that were previously separated, creating a consolidated hub for:

- Cardiac Rehabilitation
- Pulmonary Therapy
- Physical Therapy
- Occupational Therapy



This renovation reflects RCH's commitment to reinvesting in services for our community. By integrating these therapies into a centralized location, we're enhancing access, streamlining care pathways, and reinforcing the high-quality, compassionate care we're known for.



Stay Informed & Involved

We're deeply committed to keeping our community in the loop. For all construction and wayfinding updates, visit our facebook page or click on the construction icon on our website rochellehospital.com.





Our Foundation

Mission

Cultivate resources and a community of donors by acting as good stewards of all contributions to support Rochelle Community Hospital.

Vision

To be the charity of choice to financially support the Rochelle Community Hospital.

Fundraising Events

- 24th Annual Golf Outing - \$25,421
- RCH Employee Campaign – \$11,063
- Year-End Appeal Letter – \$15,545

Supporting Healthcare in Ogle County

The Rochelle Community Foundation plays a vital role in sustaining Rochelle Community Hospital's dedication to excellence through its generous charitable gifts and strong community ties.

Philanthropic support allows the RCH Foundation to provide direct, impactful, and meaningful support for patient care, medical technology innovations and medical campus improvements. Whether through annual gifts to the Building for the Future Fund, designated gifts in support the All About Me Cancer Resource fund to supporting the Employee Careers Scholarships, each gift allows Rochelle Community Hospital to make Rochelle and the surrounding areas healthier places to live.

YOU make the Difference. -- Your support makes a difference:

Building For Our Future - Donations to this fund support areas in the hospital in greatest need. Monies are given to support Manager's Wish List Items and Equipment Technology Upgrades.

All About Me Cancer Resources:

Gifts to this fund provide grants and resources to qualified cancer patients at Rochelle Community Hospital so they can better manage their road to recovery.

Our Foundation is proud of those that give of their money, and even their time, to make our hospital a thriving community hospital during a time when small local hospitals are struggling to stay afloat. Pictured are the members of the Foundation Donor Committee. Will McLachlan, Doris Dickey and Debbie Kersten, they were all instrumental in the development and completion of the new Donor Wall. Since being installed to the north of the elevators, we have received very positive feedback from RCH employees, patients, donors themselves, and others. We are very excited to have an updated, all-inclusive list of donors and their cumulative contributions that highlight the generous community that supports our local hospital.



2025 Employee Scholarship Recipients

Jayme Egland,
Phlebotomist
Enrolled at
Kishwaukee College
to become a Nurse



Kennedy Underwood,
Food Service Aide
Enrolled at NIU
to become a Nurse



Jessica Baietto,
Laboratory Assistant
Enrolled at
Kishwaukee College
to become a Medical
Lab Technician



Mariah Wyrobek,
Medical Assistant
Enrolled at
Kishwaukee College
to become a Nurse



Memorials

In Memory of Robert J. Aubry
Janice Aubry

In Memory of Audrey Brink
Cathy & John Pearson

In Memory of Brenda Clark
Beverly & Richard Hermann

In Memory of James & Shirley Combs
Jerry Medine

In Memory of James P. Connolly
Judith Connolly

In Memory of Barbara D. Guest
David Guest

In Memory of Keith & Donna Hagemeyer
Roland Hagemeyer

In Memory of Lawrence Hagemeyer
Roland Hagemeyer

In Memory of Leslie & Gertrude Hagemeyer
Roland Hagemeyer

In Memory of Laurie Meling Harris
Reed Harris

In Memory of Ann Kerestes
Dan Kerestes

In Memory of John & Gen Keough
David & Jeanne Molinelli

In Memory of Jeff Kissack
Wendy Kissack

In Memory of Warren H. Moe
Caroline Moe

In Memory of Lois Rewerts
Jimmy Combs

In Memory of Joseph Ryan
Shirley Ryan

In Memory of Dan Sawicki
Sue Sawicki

In Memory of Scot A. Sparks
Cherryl Sparks

In Memory of Judith Stavrakas
Paul Stavrakas

In Memory of Walter & Audrey Yeager
Beverly & Richard Hermann

In Memory of Wayne E. Myroth
Carol Elliott, Janet & Dennis Stewart, Greg & Sara Macklin, Leon & Beverly Gittleson, and Janice Aubry

Rochelle Community Hospital Foundation acknowledges your gift by sending an appropriate note to the family or friends in whose name the gift was made.

