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## Greenwich Hospital Receives WCSI Lotus Recognition™

**Deerfield Beach, FL:** Watson Caring Science Institute (WCSI) is pleased to announce that the latest Lotus Recognition™ has been awarded to the Healing Environment Council at [Greenwich Hospital](#), a 206-bed regional medical center serving Fairfield County, Connecticut and Westchester County, New York. The hospital is a major academic affiliate of Yale School of Medicine, a member of Yale New Haven Health and prestigious Magnet Hospital.

The Blessing of the Hands initiative of the Nursing Professional Governance Healing Environment Council, demonstrates how Watson's Human Caring is reflected in their daily work. It was first offered during Nurses Week 2016 as an interdisciplinary venture with Nursing and Spiritual Care. Essential oils are placed in the hands of those who choose to receive and a spoken blessing honors staff as a gesture of gratitude for all they do. In 2018, with permission, Dr. Jean Watson's Caritas Processes were incorporated into the ceremony. The ceremony is held in nature, beginning with a centering meditation with the Tibetan singing bowl inviting all into presence.

"It is a profound honor for us at Greenwich Hospital to receive the Lotus Recognition from Watson Caring Science Institute. It signifies not only our commitment to excellence but also the embodiment of Watson Caring Science principles in our nursing operations. We extend our heartfelt appreciation to all who guided and partnered with us on this journey," said Priscilla Bagatelle, DNP, RN, NEA-BC, Director Nursing Operations, Greenwich Hospital.

"Greenwich Hospital's Lotus Recognition is a testament to their unwavering dedication to compassionate self- and patient-centered care. It brings me great joy to see organizations like Greenwich Hospital embrace and embody the principles of Caring Science," said Dr. Jean Watson, Founder/Director of WCSI.

*Greenwich Hospital Blessing of the Hands Ceremony – May 2023*



*Photo courtesy of Greenwich Hospital*



*Greenwich Hospital Leadership and healing environment team  
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WCSI created [Lotus Recognition](#)™ to celebrate real-life examples of the values, philosophy, and human caring theory guided by Watson's Caring Science and reflects the organization's caring-healing culture for team members, patients, and communities. For further information, contact Dianne Reid, Program Enrichment Director, at [dianne@watsoncaringscience.org](mailto:dianne@watsoncaringscience.org).



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**About Watson Caring Science Institute (WCSI):** The Watson Caring Science Institute (WCSI) is an international non-profit organization that advances the philosophies, theories, and practices of Human Caring/Caring Science, founded by Jean Watson, Ph.D., RN, AHN-BC, FAAN, LL (AAN), WCSI's Founder & Director. Focusing on research, education, praxis, leadership, and legacy, the institute aims to widen the development and understanding of Watson's Caring Science to inform our notion of quality care and healing environments through various educational programs, nurse scientific research, partnerships, events and affiliations. For more information, please visit [www.watsoncaringscience.org](http://www.watsoncaringscience.org).

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