

Backus Nurses United

Statement of Purpose

We are nurses at William Backus Hospital and we work hard to make our hospital the best it can be. Nurses throughout the hospital have joined together to build a strong organization dedicated to providing quality patient care and ensuring that we have a voice in the decisions that affect our patients, our jobs, and our families. Our union will stand for all these things.

William Backus Hospital has always had a tradition of striving for excellence; however, this cannot exist without a real partnership between the RNs and the administration of our hospital. Only then will we be able to improve the quality and safety of patient care and achieve a level of care for which we are striving.

Partnership only exists when responsibility and respect are present in equal portions. At Backus Hospital those of us responsible for providing the care have seen respect steadily eroding away. We will not allow it to continue.

When patients come to our hospital they trust us to give them the best possible care. We know that by standing together and working with the administration in a true partnership we can live up to that responsibility.

Now we have an opportunity to form our own union, as a local of AFT Connecticut, the union representing the nurses at Lawrence & Memorial Hospital and Windham Hospital. We believe that by working together, as a part of AFT Connecticut, we can make Backus Hospital an even better place to work and receive care.

We stand together as health care providers to advocate for our patients, our families, our community, and ourselves. If you have questions or want to join the committee of dedicated nurses that are working to build this union, contact any one of us at any time.

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