



Hampton University Proton Cancer Institute Announces Partnership with Milk & Honey to Support Patients Through PATH Program

HAMPTON, Va. (February 2026) — The Hampton University Proton Cancer Institute (Hampton Proton) is proud to announce a new community partnership with Thompson Restaurants' beloved Southern brunch concept, Milk & Honey, to support cancer patients through Hampton Proton's PATH (Patient Access to Help) program. The collaboration reflects a shared commitment to easing the everyday burdens that often accompany cancer treatment and strengthening community care in Hampton Roads.

Through this three-year partnership, Milk & Honey will donate meals to patients enrolled in Hampton Proton's PATH program. Each PATH patient will receive dining vouchers for two guests as part of the "Milk & Honey Experience," which includes one appetizer, two entrées, one dessert, and two non-alcoholic beverages. Vouchers will be redeemable at Milk & Honey's Hampton and Virginia Beach locations, providing patients and their loved ones with an opportunity for comfort, connection, and a sense of normalcy outside of treatment.

PATH is designed to address non-clinical barriers that patients may face during their cancer journey, including food insecurity, transportation challenges, and housing needs. By connecting patients with trusted community partners, Hampton Proton ensures care extends beyond the treatment room. Hampton Proton is one of 47 proton therapy centers in the United States and remains the only proton therapy center owned and operated by a Historically Black College or University (HBCU), further highlighting the meaningful alignment between the two organizations.

"Programs like PATH allow us to connect patients with resources that ease the challenges they face beyond the clinical setting," said Tiffany Velez Rodgers, Marketing Director at Hampton Proton. "Community partners such as Milk & Honey play an essential role in helping patients feel supported, seen, and cared for throughout their journey."

The partnership holds special significance given the Hampton roots of Thompson Restaurants' Founder and Chairman, Warren Thompson, and Thompson Hospitality's continued engagement with Hampton University as its campus dining partner since 2023. Through its Luxe Life dining



program, Thompson Hospitality has demonstrated a strong commitment to local impact, care, and access — values that align closely with Hampton Proton’s mission.

“As a hospitality-driven brand, we believe in the power of a hearty, shared meal to uplift spirits,” said Thompson. “Our partnership with the Hampton University Proton Cancer Institute allows us to extend that philosophy beyond our dining rooms and into the community, supporting patients with an experience centered on care and dignity when they need it most.”

By integrating meaningful dining experiences into the PATH program, Hampton Proton continues to strengthen its network of community partnerships that support patients holistically. To learn more about Hampton Proton’s PATH program, visit hamptonproton.org/path.

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ABOUT HAMPTON UNIVERSITY PROTON CANCER INSTITUTE

Hampton University Proton Cancer Institute, Cancer and Research Center (Hampton Proton) is a leading cancer treatment and research facility dedicated to advancing the fight against cancer. As pioneers in proton therapy and cutting-edge research, Hampton Proton provides compassionate care and precise treatments to patients while driving scientific discovery in the field of oncology. Headquartered in Hampton, Va., Hampton Proton, the eighth such center established in the country, is the only proton center owned and operated by a historically Black college and university (HBCU) and is committed to excellence in patient care guided by innovative research, advocacy, access to care and better outcomes. The Institute treats several different types of cancer, including breast, prostate, pediatric, lung, head & neck, ocular, brain & spine and gastrointestinal. For more information, visit hamptonproton.org.

About Thompson Restaurants

Founded in 1992, Thompson Restaurants owns and operates restaurants in Maryland, Virginia, Washington DC, Ohio and South Florida. As part of Thompson Hospitality, a family-run organization, has catered to client, customer and community relationships for over three decades. Led by President and Founder Warren Thompson, Thompson Restaurants owns and operates 15 beloved brands across more than 70 locations including Makers Union, matchbox, Big Buns Damn Good Burgers, Hen Quarter, Milk & Honey, Wiseguy Pizza and is rapidly expanding to different markets across the U.S. For more information, visit thompsonrestaurants.com