Casino mogul Steve Wynn, who grew up in CNY, donates $50M for new Utica hospital
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Utica, N.Y. – Casino mogul Steve Wynn has donated $50 million for a new hospital being built in downtown Syracuse that will be named after him.

Wynn grew up in Utica and is a 1959 graduate of The Manlius School, which later merged with Manlius Pebble Hill School.

The Mohawk Valley Health System, the parent company of Faxton-St. Luke and St. Elizabeth hospitals which combined forces in 2014, said the donation " … will transform healthcare in the Mohawk Valley." The money will come from the Wynn Family Foundation.

The new hospital, to be named The Wynn Hospital, is expected to open in the fall of 2023.

Mohawk Valley Health System said the donation will be used help pay for service development, equipment and training to enhance offerings at the newly hospital.

Wynn owns a summer home in Old Forge.

Wynn's father used to operate a bingo parlor across the street from the site where the new hospital is being built. Wynn took over the bingo operation upon his father's death and moved into Las Vegas casinos in 1967.

Forbes lists Wynn's net worth at $3.2 billion.

Wynn created some of Las Vegas' most notable casinos, including The Mirage, Treasure Island, Bellagio and Wynn Las Vegas.

He resigned as Wynn Resorts' chairman and CEO in February 2018 after dozens of women accused him of sexual misconduct. He denied the allegations.

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