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A Garnet Health Foundation Newsletter



Volunteers Peggy Ensslin & Kathy Flessa worked at The Golf Club at Mansion Ridge.



Middletown Cigars was represented at all three courses.



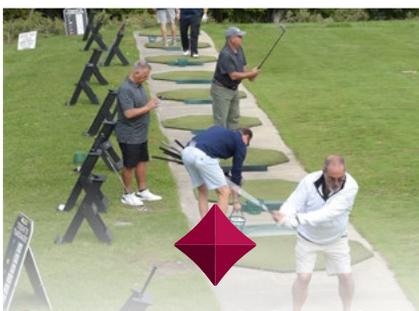
Garnet Health Doctors Andrew Myles, Matthew Miller, Pam Murphy & Matthew DePasquale



Wallkill East Rotary Club members Alan Turken & Bela Gesetes played at The Country Club at Otterkill.

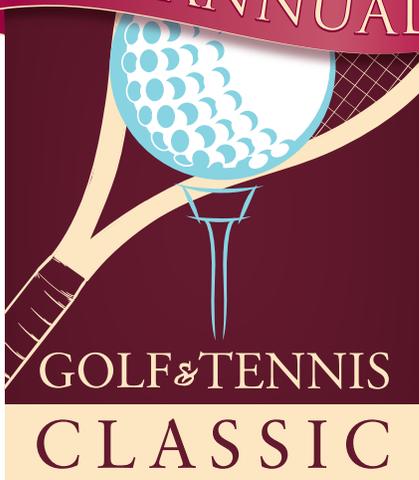


Employee volunteers Cari McGinnis, Carol Mills, Bob Vogt (retired), Miriam Bacigalupi & Jayne O'Malley at The Golf Club at Mansion Ridge



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30TH ANNUAL



GOLF & TENNIS
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Golfers Sean Morris & Dan Depew from Holt Construction at The Country Club at Otterkill



Garnet Health Medical Center Auxiliary foursome of Janet Formisano, Donna Giannocarro, Denise Freeman & Pam Welsh played at West Hills Country Club.



Rhinebeck Bank golfers Michael Quinn, Diane Passaro, Elizabeth Stradar & Mary Ellen Rogulski teed off at West Hills Country Club.

30th Healey Brothers Golf & Tennis Classic

On Monday, Sept. 27, Garnet Health Medical Center held its 30th Healey Brothers Golf & Tennis Classic.

This year's outing welcomed record numbers, with over 275 golfers playing across three golf courses: West Hills Country Club, The Golf Club at Mansion Ridge, and The Country Club at Otterkill. The event proceeds were over \$245,000, and will benefit the Every Minute Counts campaign.

Additionally, golfers enjoyed a day filled with course specialties from Spirits Lab, Middletown Cigars, and Dialed-In Golf. Golfers had the opportunity to beat Garnet Health President and CEO Scott Batulis and Chief Medical Staff Dr. James Oxley to win prizes. They also had the opportunity to try their hand at the hole-in-one car challenge, sponsored by Healey Brothers. Beer World generously donated a special IPA beer for players' to-go dinners.

Thank you to Healey Brothers, the Board of Trustees, Event Chair and Board member Jason Giordano, the golf and tennis committee, and all of the volunteers who helped make the event a success.



Fujifilm's Shane Grady and teammates Healey Brothers' Brad Warren, Bill Moen, John Koerner, and Rich Knudsen played at The Golf Club at Mansion Ridge.



Healey Brothers foursome of Bill Birmingham, Brian Healey, Austin Speirs & Jay Healey



Board of Trustees member Steven VanPoucke, RJ Martucci, Michael Blustein & Event Chair/Board member Jason Giordano played at The Golf Club at Mansion Ridge.



Garnet Health Medical Center - Catskills sponsored Marcolino Andalis, Juan Goyzueta, MD, Manuel DeCastro, MD & Patrick Fitzpatrick.



Healey Brothers team members (left to right) Rich Knudsen, Chris Bellantoni, Paul Latino, Steve Couture, Austin Speirs, Jason Healey (turned), Bill Birmingham & Dwight Healey



MLMIC team members Nancy May-Skinner & Mia Van-Auken arriving at The Golf Course at Mansion Ridge



HVIA employees Mark Irizarry, Gus Scacco (also a Foundation Board member) with Foundation President Bill Dauster, hospital Board member Jonathan Rouis & Foundation Chair Jay Anthony at West Hills Country Club



Each player was sent home with a to-go dinner with donated beer from Beer World.



Spirits Lab tasting at West Hills Country Club

Congratulations to our raffle winners!
 Thank you all for making this event a huge success this year.

Limited Raffle Winners:
 1st Place: Jose Fret, Garnet Health employee - Information Technology
 2nd Place: PJ Singh, MD - Garnet Health Doctors
 3rd Place: Jeannine Kostelnik, Garnet Health employee - Health Information Management

Basket Raffle Winners:

Smart TV: Corinne Manger	Peloton: Chika Nwulu
Apple Products: Rose Volaski	Family Weekend: Jacklyn Stimpson
Golf Foursomes: Genesis Ozuna	Coffee Lovers: Dajana Borova
Getaway Close to Home: Julia Galea	Pizza Oven: Carol Nivens
Best of Hudson Valley: Joanne Sreca	



Gene Bernieri, Garnet Health's VP of Ancillary Services & Joe Adonino, Garnet Health's Director of Environmental Services



Chairman's Corner

Jay Anthony

This is the Season of Gratitude.

Our gratitude for Garnet Health President and CEO Scott Batulis' 15 years of commitment and dedication is immeasurable. Really, how can you measure an individual's impact on a residential and business community?

When you lay out the advances in health care in Orange and Sullivan counties, Scott Batulis' community impact is crystal clear. Forever humble, Scott will tell you every advance was a team effort, from the merger of Arden Hill and Horton Hospital (and later Catskill Regional Medical Center), to the construction of a new Orange Regional Medical Center in 2011, through the evolution of a single health system called Garnet Health, including Garnet Health Doctors. Scott is right; it was all a team effort. Still, teams must have a leader, and Scott filled that role beautifully.

As Scott retires at the end of this year, it is not a small statement to say that generations will benefit from his vision and commitment "to enhance the health of our community."

Garnet Health Medical Center is prepared to care for a broad swath of illnesses that, just a decade ago, families had to travel long distances to access such care. This includes patients requiring elevated levels of care for trauma, cancer, and soon, Scott's vision will bring open heart surgery to those in need.

Scott's leadership during the height of the pandemic was one of calm, focus, and resolve. Those of us who have worked closely with Scott will forever remember his finest moments of leadership during the worst of times.

Thank you, Scott, for all you have done for those we serve. We are forever grateful.

Jay Anthony
 Chair, Garnet Health Foundation
 Board of Trustees



Board member Steven Van Poucke with Franco Fidanza & Todd Lyons at the dinner pick-up at The Golf Course at Mansion Ridge



COVID-19 Update

Rose Baczewski, RN
Chief Clinical Officer

COVID-19 still remains on the minds of many, particularly here at Garnet Health where we must remain vigilant to protect our patients and their families, as well as the physicians, nurses, and staff that care for patients every day.

The number of hospitalizations have stabilized now, but some patients continue to experience severe disease and do not survive their COVID-19 infection. Patients who are hospitalized are predominately unvaccinated.

A significant concern is that positivity rates remain higher in Orange and Sullivan counties compared to the Mid-Hudson region as a whole and New York State overall.

The New York State vaccination mandate for hospital staff came and went here at Garnet Health with some challenges, but the staff vaccination rate now sits at a very healthy 97 percent.

Garnet Health Doctors is managing new vaccinations as well as booster shots for qualified individuals. See below for additional resources on the vaccines and how to qualify and schedule your shot. Please be sure to bring your vaccination card with you when receiving your booster shot.

CDC's COVID-19 vaccine general booster information
[cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/booster-shot.html](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/booster-shot.html)

CDC's recommendations for third dose of COVID-19 vaccine for immunocompromised people
[cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/recommendations/immuno.html](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/recommendations/immuno.html)

Alternate ways to get vaccinated:

1. Visit Garnet Health's website to schedule your free COVID-19 vaccination appointment at Garnet Health Doctors Primary Care at garnethealth.org/coronavirus.
2. Contact your local pharmacy.
3. Search all other vaccination sites at [vaccines.gov/search](https://www.vaccines.gov/search).

Real Life Stories Bring True Gratitude



Emergency medicine providers do miraculous work, and stories about their patience and their care bring forth empathy, gratitude, and charitable giving.

Garnet Health Foundation Board of Trustees members recently held a retreat at the Mobile Life Support Services Headquarters, where they learned about the hospital expansion, and learned more about both the impact and status of the Every Minute Counts campaign.

More importantly, board members heard from Terry Wolfisch Cole, an award-winning storyteller who spoke about how to construct and relay truthful stories that are both engaging and passionate. This storytelling exercise will help board members ask others to participate in the Every Minute Counts campaign.

Board members also toured the Mobile Life dispatch center (pictured above) and witnessed the movement of emergency vehicles through the greater Orange County region, which demonstrated the strategic importance of Garnet Health Medical Center's critical services and its geographic location.

"I really admire your mission to keep patients and their families close to home," said long-time paramedic Rich Miller, who presented at the meeting. "The expense and tension of traveling for many families is often much more than they can bear at a time when they need to be totally devoted to the care of their loved one."



Garnet Health Opens Goshen Urgent Care

On May 10, 2021, Garnet Health Doctors, formerly Orange Regional Medical Group and Catskill Regional Medical Group, opened its newest facility in Goshen. This new practice is Garnet Health Doctors' ninth location in Orange and Sullivan counties.

"With the opening of our new Goshen practice, Garnet Health Doctors is proud to offer additional access to quality medical care close to home," said Garnet Health Doctors President Dr. Gerard Galarneau.

The location at 102 Clowes Ave. in the new Goshen Plaza is right off exit 124 from Route 17. The newly constructed, state-of-the-art facility offers primary care, urgent care, endocrinology, and rheumatology care, as well as laboratory and X-ray services.

Several well-respected Garnet Health physicians are now seeing patients at the new Goshen location. They include primary care physicians Dr. Joseph Chavez Carey, who was previously located in Monroe and will now be seeing patients full-time in Goshen, and Dr. Alicia Olowu, who will rotate her service between the Goshen and Middletown offices.

Dr. Mohamed Ali will offer endocrinology care, and rheumatology care will be provided by Dr. Jenny Cabas Vargas and Dr. Bella Fradlis. These providers were previously seeing patients in Garnet Health Doctors' Middletown office and will now see patients full-time at the Goshen location.

Garnet Health Doctors' Urgent Care team includes Dr. Osmaan Minhas and Dr. Reena Patel, as well as family nurse practitioners Nicholas Acierno, Dahlia Khanns, Justin Ramcharitar, and Lucy Palomino; and physician assistants Carley Neinas, Anisha Vadehra, and Kelly Markisello. These providers will be rotating their service between Garnet Health Doctors three urgent care locations in Goshen, Middletown, and Monticello.

The new facility was specially designed to provide a welcoming, healing environment for patients. With more than 16,000 square feet, it offers plenty of space to ensure social distancing as a continued precaution against COVID-19. As Garnet Health does at all its locations, it aggressively cleans, disinfects, and sanitizes, and employs other safeguards to keep patients and staff safe. Curbside check-in for urgent care is available; simply call 845-333-7200, option 3, when you arrive. COVID-19 testing is also available at this new location.

The Goshen practice is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. for doctor's appointments. Urgent care is available every day of the week from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

To make an appointment at the Goshen location, call 845-333-7200 or schedule an appointment by visiting garnethealth.org/doctors or through the new Garnet Health app, which can be downloaded from the App Store or Google Play.



Plethora of Supplies Donated

At the height of COVID-19, Garnet Health Medical Center received an extraordinary number of donations. To help manage inventory, we identified community organizations and businesses who could benefit from this surplus of material, some of which included surgical masks, nitrile gloves, and face shields.

The following organizations and local businesses were gifted an estimated \$171,000 in product:

- Middletown Fire & Police Departments
- Walkkill Office of Emergency Management (OEM)
- Goshen Volunteer Ambulance Corps
- Touro College of Osteopathic Medicine
- Walkkill Fire, Police & Public Works Departments
- K&P Facilities Maintenance
- TAM Enterprises, Inc.
- Advanced Disaster Recovery Inc.



Rotary Gift of \$2,500

Walkkill East Rotary Club presented corporate members of Garnet Health Foundation with a check to support the Every Minute Counts campaign to expand and renovate the Emergency Department. (L-R) Club President Nikki Regina, Foundation President Bill Dauster, Foundation Donor Relations Manager Darrigan DeMattos, Mike Swensen, Jen Traverse, and Kelly Buono



Project NICU

Kathryn Freeman, a mom of a bubbly four-year-old, Kyle, knows firsthand how difficult it is to have a newborn in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU).

"We live in Goshen but Kyle was in the NICU in Westchester and it was so hard," Kathryn said.

Kathryn is a representative for Project NICU, an organization that supports parents during their NICU journey and beyond. Among the organization's many projects are care packages for families of NICU babies. Kathryn donated 25 care packages to be distributed at the Garnet Health NICU. Thank you, Kathryn, and Happy Birthday, Kyle!

Generous Gifts to Staff and the People We Serve



Centers Health Care Ice Cream Truck

Centers Health Care sponsored an ice cream truck for the employees of the Garnet Health Pavilion office building on July 27. Centers Health Care manages acute care facilities throughout the Northeast. Its team wanted to show their appreciation to Garnet Health for its work during the COVID-19 pandemic.



Mulberry House Senior Center Donated Baby Needs

The Mulberry House Senior Center's Crafting Group, based in Middletown, donated handmade baby blankets, bonnets, hats, and boo-boo bunnies for the patients in the outpatient blood lab, Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU), Emergency Department, and the Mother-Baby unit.



Socks

Over 3,500 compression socks were donated to frontline staff. They were personally delivered by Chief Nursing Officer Deb Snyder to all work shifts. Staff were so grateful, as many of them wear them during their work day because they have been shown to reduce swelling.



Transformation Church Middletown & Town of Walkkill PD

Thank you to our friends and neighbors at Transformation Church Middletown and the Town of Walkkill Police Department for their extremely generous donation of delicious food, snacks, and drinks for our staff on 5 West and in our Children's Emergency Department. In addition to the robust spread of food, they also provided gifts for our pediatric patients including teddy bears, toy cars, and more.





Dr. Galarneau Joins Foundation Board

Dr. Gerard Galarneau joined Garnet Health in 2013 as the chief executive officer and chief medical officer for Garnet Health Medical Center - Catskills, and was appointed president of Garnet Health Doctors in 2017.

Under his leadership, successes at Garnet Health Medical Center - Catskills have included:

- The transformation of 50-percent triple-bedded rooms into private and semi-private;
- Increases in employee engagement and patient satisfaction;
- Stroke Center designation; and
- Five-Star Healthgrades Award for Stroke and treatment of Myocardial Infarction, Bariatric Surgery, and Oncology Accreditation.

Dr. Galarneau, Board-certified in urology, practices with Garnet Health Doctors in Harris, N.Y. He has been an active Garnet Health Medical Center medical staff member since March 2000. Dr. Galarneau has served in leadership positions at Garnet Health Medical Center since 2002. He was the vice-chair of the Department of Urology from 2002 to 2004 and chairman from 2005 to 2006. He was the chairman of staff from 2007 to 2008 and has held the position of chief of staff since January of 2009.

Dr. Galarneau graduated with a bachelor's of science in biology from SUNY Binghamton, received his medical degree from New York Medical College, and held residencies in general surgery and urology at Mount Sinai Beth Israel in New York City. He graduated from Carnegie Mellon University with a master's degree in medical management.

Dr. Galarneau is an active member of the American Urological Association, the Medical Society of the County of Orange, Inc., and serves on the board of directors for the Hudson Valley Economic Development Corporation and the Community Foundation of Orange and Sullivan.

He was the recipient of the 2015 Walter A. Rhulen Award, the 2015 Triple Crown Garnet Health Quality and Patient Safety Award, and the 2016 Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce Distinguished Achievement Award. He was also featured in The Sullivan County Democrat's Men At Work special section. During his career, Dr. Galarneau has been included on Becker's Hospital Review's list of 110 Physician Leaders of Hospitals and Health Systems.

AUXILIARY CORNER

Maureen DeStefano Elected Garnet Health Auxiliary President



Maureen DeStefano (pictured left) is the newly elected president of the Garnet Health Auxiliary, succeeding Janet Formisano (pictured right), who is celebrating her 30th year of auxiliary service. Janet will remain a member of the Auxiliary and a member of the Foundation Board of Trustees.

Maureen has served as president of the Lenten Sewing Club and is a former RN and nurse manager of the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) at Nyack Hospital (now Montefiore Nyack Hospital). While building the new hospital, Maureen served as a member of the NICU task force for Orange Regional Medical Center (ORMC). Her late husband, Irvin P. DeStefano, MD, was a dedicated pediatrician with ORMC for 30 years. They have two daughters, Sarah and her husband Joe, and Deirdre and her fiancé Evan.

The Lenten Sewing Club raised funds and donations for pediatrics, and the new Pediatric Unit was given a gift of \$450,000 from an endowment fund from 100 years of service. The remaining pledge was given from Goshen Twigs, Chester Twigs, and the auxiliaries of Horton and Arden Hill Hospitals. Although the new Auxiliary has expanded its fundraising to all in-need areas of the hospital, they still provide and continue our tradition of baby bonnets and boo-boo bunnies for pediatrics. They have been very successful with their Tricky Tray and vendor sales, though COVID-19 stalled the sales for the past two years.

"It is an honor to be president and a privilege to be working with wonderful and dedicated women now, and all of those through the years," Maureen said. "I am so proud of all we have accomplished to improve health care in our community."

Maureen is focused on identifying new fundraising efforts and expanding the membership. If you are interested in becoming a member of the Garnet Health Auxiliary, please call 845-333-2333.



Emergency Staff Simulation Practice

Despite having facilities under construction, Emergency Services staff continue to train and prepare for inevitable disasters.

On Oct. 20, ambulances, including paramedics and EMTs from Mobile Life Support Services, Wallkill, Kiryas Joel, Greenville, Woodbury, and Lenape "responded" to a regional mass casualty trauma incident caused by a massive building collapse. Orange County 911 staff helped coordinate participation.

The practice drill was coordinated by the Emergency Medicine Management Team, which includes Trauma/EMS Coordinator John Nowinski, Dr. Christopher Spano, and Dr. Amir Gendy. Twelve Touro College of Osteopathic Medicine students served as patients, fully made up as realistically injured victims of the collapse with differing emergent treatment needs.



"We learn from each one of these practice scenarios, whether it is logistics or resources required to care for the arrival of a large number of patients," said Emergency Services Vice President Pamela Murphy, MD. "Scenarios like these are more real than they may appear, as they mimic what could be possible and how we must prepare. I'm so proud of the hospital and community staff that participated in this event."

Dr. Murphy continued: "Days like this remind me of why we so desperately need our emergency room expansion."

Staff used a portion of the mass casualty space that is being constructed and integrated into the new emergency room design. The new facility will allow staff to care for large numbers of patients without the need to erect external tents.

Garnet Health Medical Center To Develop Orange County's First Cardiac Surgery Program

Garnet Health Medical Center has recently been granted New York State Department of Health conditional approval to expand cardiology services and develop Orange County's first cardiac surgery program.

The cardiac surgery program at Garnet Health's Peter Frommer, MD Heart Center is estimated to begin in the fourth quarter of 2022 and will be in affiliation with Columbia Heart Source and New York Presbyterian Hospital/Columbia University Medical Center (Columbia/NYP).

Surgical leadership of our cardiac surgery program will be provided by Site Director Michael Argenziano, MD, chief of Adult Cardiac Surgery at New York Presbyterian Hospital under the direction of Craig Smith, MD, chairman of the NYP Department of Surgery and in collaboration with Alan Schwartz, MD, chief of the NYP Division of Cardiology, Emile Bacha, MD, chief of the Division of Cardiac, Thoracic & Vascular Surgery, Paul Kurlansky, MD, director of Research, Recruitment, and CQI, and Isaac George, MD, surgical director, Structural Heart Disease. New York Presbyterian Hospital's cardiac surgery program is ranked first in the northeast and fourth in the U.S. for cardiology and cardiac surgery by U.S. News & World Report.



"The development of cardiac surgery at Garnet Health is a huge advancement in heart care for the region," said Garnet Health President and CEO Scott Batulis. "In 2019 alone, 625 people had to travel out of Orange, Sullivan, and southern Ulster counties for their cardiac surgery. Garnet Health's cardiac surgery program will enable our community to receive top-notch cardiac care and still remain close to home, family, and friends."

Mr. Batulis said that over the next year, Garnet Health will develop the cardiac surgery program, which includes the renovation of almost 3,000 square feet of space on the first floor of the hospital to construct two cardiac surgery operating rooms and a hybrid operating room in space that was pre-planned during the original design of the hospital.

Garnet Health Medical Center has a strong history of providing advanced heart care. The hospital was the first in the county to offer a diagnostic cardiac catheterization lab and was the first to offer diagnostic, emergency, and elective angioplasty to the community and surrounding area. Additionally, Garnet Health Medical Center has been named by Healthgrades as one of America's 100 best hospitals for coronary and cardiac intervention (2017-2021), recognized as a Five-Star Recipient for Treatment of Heart Attack (2018-2022), and recognized as a Five-Star Recipient for Treatment of Heart Failure in 2022. U.S. News & World Report has recognized Garnet Health Medical Center as well, ranking the medical center as high performing in treatment of congestive heart failure and heart attack.

Foundation Funded Sigma Conference in Singapore

Thanks to funding from the Garnet Health Foundation, Garnet Health Medical Center's interdisciplinary team of four Shared Governance Committees has created a life-changing project to reduce food insecurity in our community. The team's research project, "It Takes a Village to Put Food in the Bank: Changing Food Insecurity in our Community One Patient at a Time," received recognition for its efforts with the opportunity to present virtually at Sigma Theta Tau's 32nd International Nursing Research Congress in Singapore, which was held July 21-23, 2021.

"After our local counties completed a needs assessment, it became evident that there is a clear problem with food insecurity in our community," explained Nursing Director Nicole Sewell, RN. "This problem is a growing global public health problem and 1 in 4 homes suffer from limited food availability. Food insecurity is deeply rooted with stimulating negative health effects such as malnutrition, mental disorders like depression and anxiety, and worsening chronic diseases, which are only a few examples of the magnitude of deteriorating impacts."



Food Insecurity Interprofessional Team Christopher Costello, MSN, RN, COHN-S, Tanya Camacho, BSN, RN, OCN, Nicole Sewell, MSN, RN, CMSRN, NE-BC, Sharon Geidel, DNP, RN-BC, Sadhana Subramanian BSN RN CRRN, Magon T. Moncrieffe, MHA, BSc (Econ)



About Peter Frommer, MD

In memory of Dr. Peter Frommer, the Frommer family named the Heart Center with a gift in September 2004, dedicating the hospital's Cardiology Center of Excellence as the Peter Frommer, MD Heart Center.

Dr. Frommer began a distinguished career in medical science and medical science administration in 1959 with the Public Health Service National Institutes of Health. He served that institution in a series of appointments that progressed in responsibility and importance to the Institutes and to the science of cardiology.

Dr. Frommer graduated from the University of Cincinnati, earning a degree in electrical engineering in 1954 and, four years later, a medical degree from Harvard University Medical School. In 1959, he moved to the Washington, D.C. area and joined the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI). One of the first topics he worked on at NHLBI was cardiac catheterization techniques. Dr. Frommer returned to the University of Cincinnati in 1961, where he completed his residency in internal medicine at the University's medical center. A few years later, Dr. Frommer returned to the Institute as senior investigator and attending physician in the cardiology branch. A leader in biomedical engineering, he was one of the first scientists to work in the field that led to the modern pacemaker.

He was selected as assistant chief of the Myocardial Infarction Research Branch in 1966. This was followed in 1969 by his appointment as chief of the Myocardial Infarction Research Branch of the NHLBI. In 1967, Dr. Frommer had designed, initiated, and managed the Myocardial Infarction Research Unit Program for the diagnosis and management of patients with acute myocardial infarction.

He was named associate director for cardiology in the new Division of Heart and Vascular Diseases, and in 1978 he became NHLBI deputy director, a position he served in for nearly 20 years.

Dr. Frommer was an assistant surgeon general and rear admiral in the Public Health Services and served as acting chief of staff for the Office of the Surgeon General shortly before his retirement in 1997.

Dr. Frommer participated in a great many of other major programs on the NHLBI. He was a long-standing Fellow of the American College of Cardiology. Through his dedication to his fellow man, Dr. Frommer has made distinguished contributions that have helped shape the study and treatment of heart disease over the past 50 years.



Every Minute Counts: Campaign Update

As COVID-19 raged on in our community over the last year and a half, donors began to find solace in supporting a new Trauma Center and Emergency Department at Garnet Health Medical Center.

As the pandemic sputters and wanes, we can now report that the Every Minute Counts campaign, which will help fund the expansion, has reached \$4 million toward its three-year \$7 million goal.

“Much has been learned from the pandemic and that new knowledge has been worked into the facility’s design,” said Garnet Health Real Estate Development & Facilities Management Vice President Sam Paglianite. “We now have a behavioral medicine access area for adults and children, and a large internal area for handling mass casualties and disasters without the need or delay of erecting a tent.”

The project includes a 600-car parking garage (a requirement of the expansion), which will be completed by the end of the year, with the Emergency Department expansion work starting afterward.

If you would like to know how you can help make our new Trauma Center and Emergency Department a reality, please call the Foundation Office at 845-333-2333 for project material, a tour, or to meet and discuss the various naming opportunities.



We thank the following donors who have helped us pass the halfway mark of this critical campaign, and who have taken advantage of the many naming opportunities:

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Foundation-Funded Programs

The following list represents the programs and services funded by the Garnet Health Foundation since January 1, 2021. We are grateful to the donors who support the 21st Century Club and our donor-designated programs:

AMOUNT	PROJECT FUNDED
72,587.00	Advance purchase of bricks for the Emergency Department parking structure
68,000.00	SmartClip™ breast system to improve patient care & outcomes during a breast biopsy
25,900.00	Purchase of a waste management system to control fluids, smoke & airborne pathogens in the Rowley Family Birthing Center
11,101.00	Purchase of software to help identify & support those patients who may be food insecure
11,000.00	Conference registration, airfare & hotel for seven attendees to the 2021 Magnet/Pathway Conference
6,810.50	Purchase of three NICU recliners for skin-to-skin contact for parents & infants
5,200.00	Patient Experience Fund grant for clothing for patients who may not have access to clean clothing
4,848.93	Recliners for rehabilitating stroke patients & other physically challenged patients
4,588.00	Vein finder for patient comfort care in the Infusion Therapy Center
3,500.00	One-day Interactive Trauma Course
3,370.30	Medical staff & resident diabetes education books
2,709.00	Training for rehabilitation staff
2,500.00	Spagnoli Family Cancer Center patient program to provide wigs & appearance enhancing counseling
2,100.00	Registration for six staff to virtually present at the 32nd International Nursing Research Congress Sigma Conference in Singapore
1,995.00	Portable ventilator for pulmonology patients
1,850.00	The Thomas Guarino Family Academic Medical Fund sponsorship of an international research paper publishing for a case study exploring virtual reality techniques to control pain response
1,250.00	Patient education for newly diagnosed head, neck & oral cancer
1,249.50	Trauma education textbooks for caregivers
1,173.90	Pay it Forward Emergency Department campaign to sponsor a meal at a Los Angeles hospital hit hard with COVID-19
1,005.95	Patient Experience Fund grant for family devastated by tragic fire
975.00	Memorial plaque to honor medical librarian from medical staff
962.00	Weighing scales to measure daily weights of patients with congestive heart failure
781.75	Bereavement kits for families after the loss of an infant or child
766.00	Educational books for newly diagnosed lung cancer patients at the Spagnoli Family Cancer Center
763.00	Newly diagnosed breast cancer patient education
500.00	Patient Experience Fund grant for medications for an undocumented child
439.98	Electric swing to soothe NICU infants recovering from addiction
350.00	Patient Experience Fund specialized patient transport from the hospital to their home
340.00	Education for newly diagnosed Type 1 diabetic patients

AMOUNT	PROJECT FUNDED
330.80	Memorial plaques for the two employees who died from COVID-19
316.28	Sip 'n' puff (SNP) assistive device for quadriplegic patients
300.00	Textbooks for one-day interactive trauma course
234.98	Purchase of donor-sponsored birdhouses
234.00	Diabetes education for teens & young adults
225.00	Patient Experience Fund storage system for patient experience
217.35	Patient Experience Fund sponsorship of in-home oxygen for a discharged patient not covered by insurance
180.71	Patient Experience Fund sponsorship of supplies to replenish the comfort cart for families of ICU patients
107.00	Scheduling tool to manage volunteers for the No One Dies Alone program
105.00	Memorial signs for donor memorial birdhouses
84.47	Diabetes staff education
60.00	Food vouchers for one-day interactive trauma course
52.00	Patient Experience Fund sponsorship of transportation home for a discharging patient
44.82	Patient Experience Fund sponsorship of transportation home for a discharging patient (another patient)
42.35	Patient Experience Fund sponsorship of transportation home for a discharging patient (another patient)

Donor Spotlight:

Kathy Flessa



“Why would we not invest in where we work?”

Kathy Flessa RN, MSN ED, CNOR began working at Horton Hospital 38 years ago. She started her career on Tower 4, where she was the 3 p.m.-11 p.m. charge nurse. Three years later, she moved to Obstetrics. She then spent 12 years as a nurse in the Operating Room, where she served as a clinical coordinator. In 2016, Kathy was approached by leadership to consider an educator role, where she has been ever since.

With a rich history in the hospital herself, it's no surprise that Kathy comes from a family that values the work of hospitals and healthcare professionals. After retiring, her father volunteered as a hospital patient transporter. He was even nominated as Volunteer of the Year!

“It was his job. He was so proud to volunteer at the hospital,” Kathy said, remembering her father. Her mother was also a volunteer, and was known as the “newspaper lady” before later becoming the volunteer who would communicate with families while their loved ones were recovering from surgery.

“My parents, aunts, and uncles all gave to The Century Club. It is our hospital,” said Kathy.

Not only did her family show Kathy their appreciation for hospitals and healthcare, they also taught her the value of giving. Kathy's family was also very involved in the community through Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church and Meals on Wheels.

Kathy is sponsoring two rooms in the Emergency Department in her family's honor: one for her parents and one for her brother, John, who passed away suddenly from COVID-19 in April 2020. John was only sick for two weeks before he passed away, and Kathy had just seen him a mere week before he started feeling sick. We are thankful to Kathy for her donation.

“I have been donating forever and ever,” said Kathy, who is in The Power of One Club, where members donate the value of at least one hour of pay per pay period. “Why would we not invest in where we work?”

To learn more about making a gift, please call the Foundation at 845-333-2333.

NOTES OF GRATITUDE

"I want to express my sincere gratitude to the Foundation Board for the funds you have provided for the Rowley Family Birthing Center. The first item [funded] was the recliners that will serve our new mothers and their babies that are being cared for in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. This will provide comfort to the mother, all while having skin-to-skin contact with their new bundle of joy. Skin-to-skin contact after birth improves survival of preterm babies. Mortality can be reduced by 25 percent in infants with a very low birth weight.

The second item [funded] was a Neptune 3 that will provide safer care in the labor & delivery operating rooms. Currently the OR has the old suction container system that can fill up quickly during a surgery. This system is not a closed system and leads to exposure to harmful contaminants and pathogens. This type of system has long been an accepted risk for the dedicated healthcare professionals until now. The Neptune 3 is a closed waste management system with constant containment of surgical fluid, smoke, and airborne pathogens. This system constantly works to protect our healthcare professionals from suctioned pathogens. This is best practice and a standard in an OR setting.

"Thank you for all that you provide to our healthcare professionals each and every day."

Debi Snyder
Chief Nursing Officer
Garnet Health Medical Center

Thank you for the generous financial support you have provided us in our effort to purchase the Neptune 3 Waste Management system for our operating room on Labor & Delivery/6 South-Rowley Family Birthing Center.

By awarding this funding, we will be able to adhere to the guidelines of the NYS OB Hemorrhage Project. This project is part of the Safe Motherhood Initiative, which focuses on the four leading causes of maternal mortality and morbidity, obstetric hemorrhages being one of them. Our nurses calculate the quantitative blood loss which will allow the physician to preemptively treat the patient before exhibiting clinical symptoms of blood loss. Acquiring the Neptune 3 will allow us to more readily and accurately calculate the blood loss and provide a higher level of care to this at-risk population. The Neptune 3 will also benefit our overall c-section patient population and OR staff by reducing containment of surgical fluid, smoke, and airborne pathogens.

Your financial generosity is greatly appreciated and we humbly thank you, again, for your support."

Sheila Moreau
Nursing Unit Director, Labor & Delivery/Resource
Garnet Health Medical Center



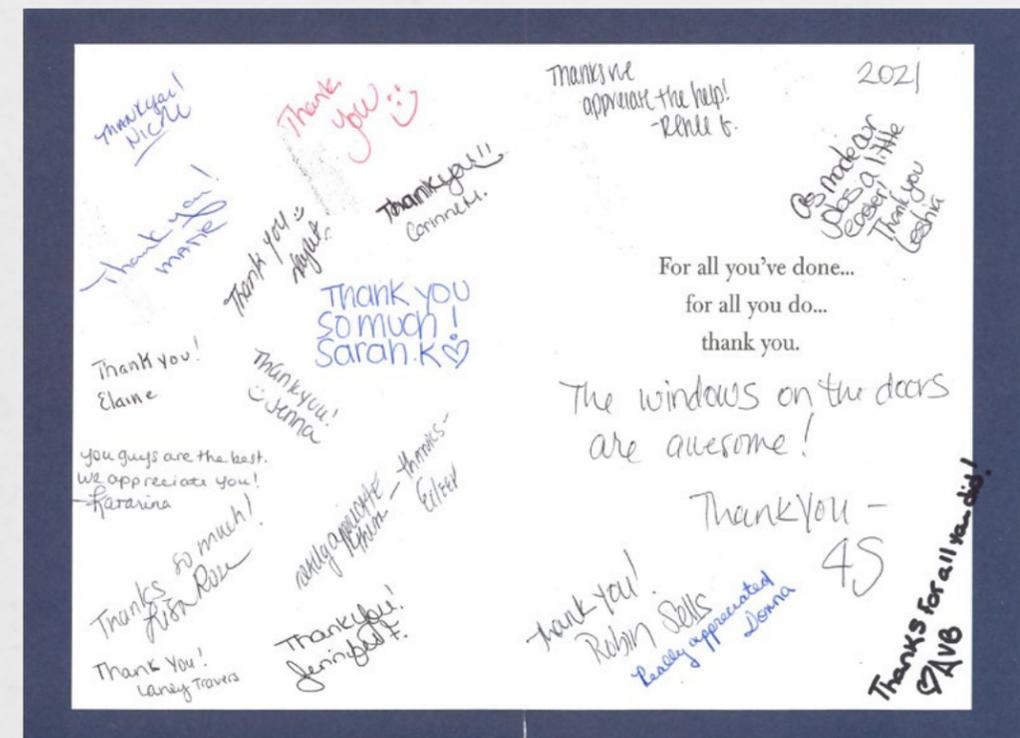
Alex, a patient (right) & Elyse Carroll, Pulmonary Rehab Manager (left)

"We can't thank the Foundation enough for supporting our efforts to improve the lives of those living with chronic lung disease in our community."

- Alex & Elyse

Pulmonary rehabilitation physical therapy outcomes include:

- Decreased breathing rate at rest and exercise
- Elimination of rest breaks
- Improved cardiovascular response to exercise
- Identified needs, benefits of home oxygen setup and portable Life 2000 Ventilator; obtained equipment for home use
- Decreased impact of COPD on everyday life
- Positive behavioral changes in weight loss
- Continued smoking cessation
- Increased upper body endurance
- Large gains in overall quality of life
- Decreased anxiety and depression screening



Thank you from 4South & Infusion Center

Foundation Summer Interns



Kiara Josey



Lauren DeFrancis

One of the many ways Garnet Health partners with the community is through summer internship programs. These programs provide high school and college students a glimpse into hospital operations.

"It was a fantastic way for me to gain needed work experiences, such as time management and organizational skills," said Foundation Summer College intern Kiara Josey. Kiara and Foundation Summer High School intern Lauren DeFrancis served up to 10 weeks in their internships. Their projects included planning for the Healey Brothers Golf & Tennis Classic, making cold calls, and writing this issue of Gratitude.

Lauren will be returning to Pine Bush High School and continuing her marketing and graphic design education. One thing Lauren was concerned about when starting was her shyness.

"Sometimes it's hard to speak my true opinions for fear I might be wrong," Lauren said. "Having responsibilities and learning how to solve problems helped my confidence and communication skills. Also working with honest and creative people in the Foundation!"

Lauren continued: "What I've learned during my internship will truly stick with me and help me in multiple future circumstances."

Kiara will be continuing her communications education at Caldwell University in New Jersey. During her internship, Kiara contacted companies for donations in the Foundation, created flyers, kept track of sponsorships, and sold basket raffle tickets in the hospital. Before starting her internship, Kiara was unsure of what she wanted to do with the degree.

"While doing this internship, I learned a plethora of things regarding fundraising and marketing. This summer I learned that I have an interest in this field and that's all thanks to what I learned at the Foundation," said Kiara. "It was such an honor to intern in the Foundation this summer, and the kind, considerate people I worked alongside have inspired me to pursue my goals and be fearless when confronting new challenges."

Kiara continued: "This experience has been so amazing. I honestly wish that I wasn't graduating this year so I could do it all again. Pam, Bill, Darrigan, and Lauren have been so kind and accepting of me. It truly feels like a family, all while learning so many different aspects of fundraising and seeing the behind-the-scenes of it all. I am truly inspired and grateful."

During the summer months, there are multiple internship opportunities available at Garnet Health. For more information about summer internships, please visit our website at garnethealth.org and select the Careers tab.

Bennett-Williams Appointed Operations Manager



Fonso Bennett-Williams

Garnet Health Foundation Operations Manager

Fonso Bennett-Williams has joined the Garnet Health Foundation as operations manager. In this role, Fonso is responsible for the daily operations of the Foundation team. He supports the Foundation Board of Trustee meetings, handles incoming finance requests to the Foundation, and supports the fundraising efforts through the use of the Raiser's Edge database. This includes the identification, tracking, and acknowledging of prospects and donations.

Before moving to the U.S., Fonso previously worked at Parkinson's UK, Macmillan Cancer Support, King's College London, and Aviva PLC in London, where he was an executive assistant responsible for supporting the daily business operations and its executive directors.

He is an avid soccer fan and player, and has his bachelor's degree in business management from Manchester Metropolitan University in England and SUNY Buffalo State College. Fonso can be reached at awilliams11@garnethealth.org.

DeMattos Receives Community Honors



Darrigan DeMattos

Foundation Donor Relations Manager

Over the last several months, Foundation Donor Relations Manager Darrigan DeMattos was nominated as a 2021 Top Forty Under 40 Mover & Shaker Honoree, and named one of 2021's Orange County Rising Stars.

Ms. DeMattos' nomination was among scores of applications. She was chosen for her diversity as a fundraising and marketing professional, her efforts as a professional contemporary dancer and dance teacher at New York Dance Center, and for the additional work she does in the community. She is an active corporate member of the Wallkill East Rotary Club where she serves as the Diversity and Inclusion Committee chair. She is a recent graduate of Leadership Orange Class of 2021, where she served on the Leadership Orange Young Professionals Development Program.

She holds a bachelor of fine arts from University of Hartford and is currently enrolled at Marist College for her master's of public administration. Darrigan can be reached at ddemattos@garnethealth.org.

Memorial Tribute Gifts

This list represents memorial/honorary tribute gifts from January 1, 2021 to November 10, 2021. Thank you to these donors who have chosen to honor a family member or friend, mark a special occasion, or remember a loved one with a tribute gift. Their gifts will be used to meet the hospital's most pressing needs, or in some cases, have been directed to the specialty or program of the donor's choice.

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Alfred E. Pilon, Jr. Appointed as President & CEO of Garnet Health

Garnet Health is pleased to announce Alfred E. Pilon, Jr. as the new president and CEO of Garnet Health, which includes Garnet Health Medical Center, Garnet Health Medical Center – Catskills, Garnet Health Doctors, Garnet Health Urgent Care, Garnet Health Foundation, and Garnet Health Foundation – Catskills.

Mr. Pilon is replacing Scott Batulis, who will retire from Garnet Health on Dec. 31, 2021 after 15 years of service. Mr. Pilon will officially begin his new role with Garnet Health on Jan. 1, 2022.

Mr. Pilon, who started his healthcare career as a pharmacist, has an extensive history of executive healthcare leadership positions in complex health systems and brings an impressive array of experience to Garnet Health. Mr. Pilon most recently served as CEO of Novant Health UVA Health System in Warrenton, Va., now known as UVA Community Health. Under his leadership, the multi-hospital health system achieved accolades that include a Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade of "A" for all acute care facilities, as well as national recognition for clinical quality in stroke, hip, and knee replacement, heart failure, bariatrics, obstetrics, and cancer services.

"We are extremely happy to have Mr. Pilon join our tremendous Garnet Health family and welcome him to our beautiful area," Garnet Health Board of Directors Chair Virginia Rizzo said. "Mr. Batulis has done an amazing job leading our organization over the past several years and helping us to improve regional health care. As Mr. Batulis nears his retirement at Garnet Health, we look forward to the years ahead with Mr. Pilon, and are confident Garnet Health's tradition of excellence will continue."

"I couldn't be more excited and humbled to have been selected for this leadership opportunity," said Mr. Pilon. "I feel privileged to be joining an organization with such a strong reputation for clinical quality and care. I look forward to engaging with the Garnet Health team in the service of our communities."

Prior to his most recent role at UVA Community Health, Mr. Pilon served for six years as president of Munson Medical Center and chief operating officer of Munson Healthcare, a nine-hospital system in Michigan. While there, he led the system to recognition by U.S. News & World Report as a Best Regional Hospital, achieved a three-star ranking from the Society of Cardiac Surgery, and received Magnet redesignation for nursing. Prior to Munson, he served as president of Valley Health's Winchester Medical Center in Virginia, where he had administrative oversight of all operations and Centers of Excellence, including heart and vascular services, orthopedics, and neurosciences. He has held senior leadership roles at Bayhealth in Delaware, and clinical positions at Bayhealth Hospital, Kent Campus, in Delaware.

Mr. Pilon received his bachelor's of science from Rutgers University College of Pharmacy (now Ernest Mario School of Pharmacy | Rutgers University), his master's of divinity degree from Alliance Theological Seminary, and his master of business administration from Saint Joseph's University. He is Board-certified in healthcare management and is a Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives.

Mr. Pilon has been married to his high school sweetheart, Lori, for 37 years and they have three adult children. Please join us in welcoming Alfred Pilon as the new leader of Garnet Health.



Scott Batulis

President & CEO
Garnet Health
2005 - 2021



James E. Oxley, DO

Chief Medical Officer
Garnet Health Medical Center
2008 - 2021



Gene Bernieri

Vice President of Ancillary Systems
Garnet Health
2002 - 2021

Vision Awards Celebrate Leadership & Vision

Garnet Health board members and leadership recently held a ceremony to celebrate the dedication and commitment of three senior leaders responsible for the growth and success of Garnet Health. Vision Awards were presented to Scott Batulis, Dr. James Oxley, and Gene Bernieri, all of whom are retiring at the end of this year.

A reception was held for leaders and honorees' families (vaccination proof required) at The Barn at Villa Venezia in Middletown.

We wish them the very best of health and joy in their retirement. The following are script excerpts from the video shown that evening:

Generations of OC Residents To Benefit From Scott Batulis's Vision

Scott Batulis joined what was then-Greater Hudson Valley Health System in 2006 and, from day one, created the vision for a greater, high-performing health system. For his dedication and commitment to the families we serve, Garnet Health presented Scott with the Garnet Health Vision Award.

Scott ushered in the then-Catskill Regional Medical Center and its sister facility, Grover Herman, into a partnership with Arden Hill Hospital and Horton Medical Center. The organization realized Scott's vision for a new, state-of-the-art hospital in 2010 when Orange Regional Medical Center (ORMC) was built on East Main in Middletown, all while securing a future for Catskill Regional through a system of shared administrative services.

From there, ORMC grew, and it is still growing as a result of an expansion that doubled its footprint with the construction of the new Cancer Center and Outpatient Services Building, which became the home of our now-expanding Garnet Doctors. The hospital is now a teaching hospital with nine residencies and the Touro College of Osteopathic Medicine just down the block. The second expansion in a decade is now underway with a doubling of the size of the Emergency Room and the addition of a 600-car parking garage. Above all, Scott transformed our organization into Garnet Health, replete with the very best technology, compassionate staff, and a healing environment.

Scott, a leader with determined spirit and unwavering vision, is the top executive who knows everyone by their first name. He is also devoted to the arts. In fact, he is an artist and pianist, and also enjoyed a brief stint as an actor (as a walk-on in the movie "Jingle All the Way").

Scott leaves all of us at Garnet Health proud, confident, and ready for a bright future with a formal Trauma designation and newly-minted approval for cardiothoracic surgery.

He has led us to the highest levels of national recognition for quality and service, proving that a stand-alone health system can flourish even in a highly-competitive environment.

The Doctors' Doctor Takes a Humble Bow

Dr. James Oxley has dedicated his career to the needs of patients and physicians, from his early days as an Emergency Room physician, where he served as a role model for many young physicians, to his oversight of medical care at Garnet Health Medical Center. For his dedication and commitment to the families we serve, Garnet Health recently presented Dr. Oxley with the Garnet Health Vision Award for Medical Excellence.

If you would like to start a conversation with a stranger in Orange County, ask them if they know Dr. Oxley. No doubt they will tell you how they, or a loved one, were impacted by Dr. Oxley's care at Arden Hill Hospital or Horton Medical Center. They could very well know him from anywhere from West Point to West Hills Country Club (well, most likely the putting green at West Hills). Regardless, they will surely remember his gentle way, his eagerness to help others, and his patented quick laugh.

James is a legend. A graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point, he owns a spot in the official Hall of Fame for the Army West Point Black Knights for basketball and turned down an opportunity to play for the New York Knicks so he could attend medical school. After his service, Dr. Oxley settled in Orange County to practice medicine as an Emergency Room physician and, along with the love of his life, Ronnie, raised two girls, Dana and Tara.

Dr. Oxley's career spanned a sea of change in health care, specifically hospitals, and Garnet Health Medical Center in particular. In the past, the hospital operated with all voluntary staff; now a significant percentage of the hospital is full-time doctors in addition to a full complement of graduate medical education interns and residents. Dr. Oxley played a critical role in every aspect of our clinical advancements.

The Positive Behind Positive Change

Gene Bernieri has dedicated his career to the needs of patients with an intense focus on health outcomes, convenience, and patient satisfaction. For his dedication and commitment to the families we serve, Garnet Health recently presented Gene with the Garnet Health Vision Award for Patient Services.

Gene led the development of state-of-the-art diagnostic and treatment services that patients and physicians enjoy today at Garnet Health Medical Center. He was also pivotal in the development of outpatient services, including today's bustling Outpatient Services Building, which opened in 2017.

Managing large numbers of busy staff, Gene always knew how to relate to all levels of staff; he was always engaging them in the critical nature of the patient experience, and when things got tough (as they often do in health care), Gene always knew how to loosen things up.

Gene is a true leader with his eye always on the needs of patients.



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