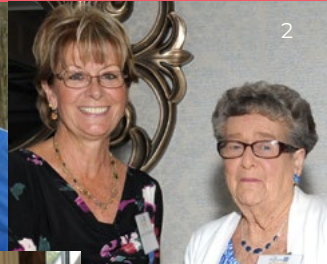




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# GRATITUDE

A Garnet Health Foundation Newsletter





## Chairman's Corner

# Jay Anthony

Leadership in the hospital industry has never been more important than it is today.

The overall costs and labor pressures caused by COVID-19 will be felt for years to come. The sheer number of medical students pursuing fields other than Emergency Medicine are staggering, and the number of graduate nurses are slim and dwindling. Hospitals across the nation are suffering together.

While it will take solid national leadership to overcome these adversities, we are fortunate to have new leaders ready to take the helm and battle these new challenges here in our own region.

We are excited to announce that we will be welcoming back Jonathan Schiller this June as President and CEO of Garnet Health. We all know Jonathan for his strong financial mind and supportive leadership style, which is exactly what we need during this time to bolster the Garnet Health workforce and affiliated physicians, and move our health system forward.

We cannot say enough about Jerry Dunlavey's service to Garnet. As Interim President and CEO, he guided our hospitals through treacherous waters. Now he will shift his focus to our Sullivan County strategy, which includes revisioning our Harris facility with the hope of building an entirely new hospital that strategically meets the needs of the region.

The Garnet Health Board of Directors is applauded for its decision to put these two sound executives in place to guide our future. The Foundation Board of Trustees is poised to support them both to help ensure their success.

As always, your charitable gifts are immensely appreciated and help us continue to foster growth. Garnet Health has never been better equipped to do so, thanks to your continued generosity.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jay Anthony". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping "J" and "A".

Jay Anthony  
Chair, Garnet Health Foundation  
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## ANNUAL GRATITUDE RECEPTION

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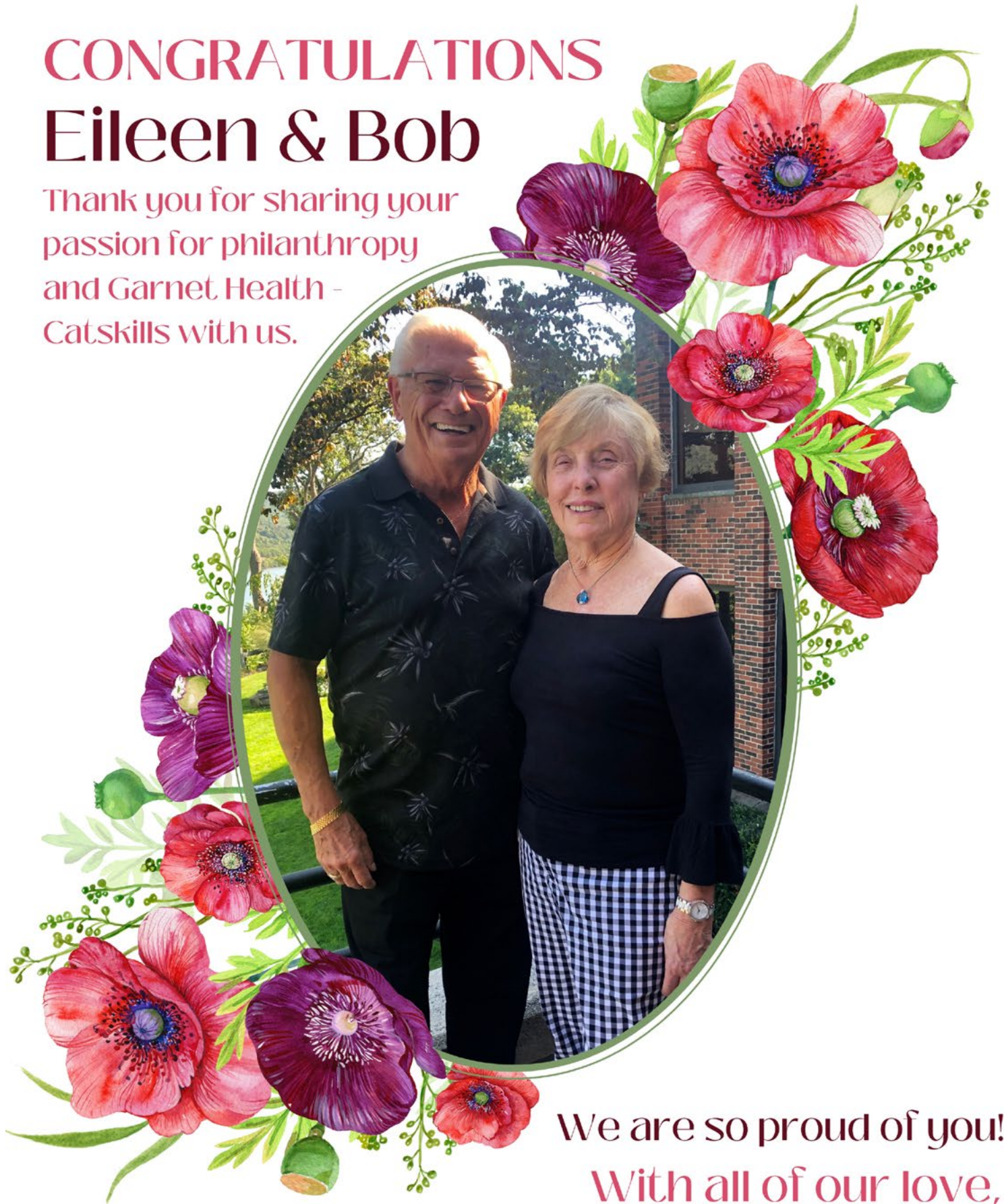
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Grand Master Eric Keyes and past Grand Master Kevin Fair delivered toys on behalf of the Most Worshipful Hiram Grand Lodge Fraternal Societies Incorporated and United Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star sisters Deborah Keyes and Heather Grant-Fair.



Mulberry House Senior Center crafters in Middletown, N.Y. made baby blankets and knit hats for the Rowley Family Birthing Center. Volunteer Baby Ramachandran and Mulberry House Director Julisa Sierra delivered the blankets to the hospital.



The Sullivan West KC Club recently distributed comfort gift bags to patients at the Spagnoli Family Cancer Center. Children are shown in this photo assembling the gift bags.



## *In Memoriam:* Richard Wiggins

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Richard Wiggins, a Pine Bush, N.Y. resident and Garnet Health piano player, passed away on Jan. 16, 2023 at the age of 90. Mr. Wiggins was a beloved member of the Garnet Health family, where he played piano in the hospital outpatient lobby.

“He was a friend to many and a sage to some,” said Foundation President William Dauster. Mr. Wiggins, who admittedly could not read a musical note, was a gifted jazz piano player. He was known across Orange County for his musical residencies in many popular restaurants.

Mr. Wiggins traveled the globe for over 20 years as a soundman for CBS and “60 Minutes,” winning three Emmy awards along the way. In 2019, Mr. Wiggins hosted a Fireside Chat for the Garnet Health family, walking guests through his CBS international adventures with the help of a piano and his own photos.

Survivors include his loving wife, Selma Wiggins, and his two children, Kimberly and Janice, to whom he was a devoted father. He was also a grandfather to 13 and a stepfather to four: Haydn, Shellyann, Sharon, and Sheldon.

Ellesmere Island: Mr. Wiggins' expedition to the North Pole with Charles Kuralt was memorialized in a book about the extraordinary trip.

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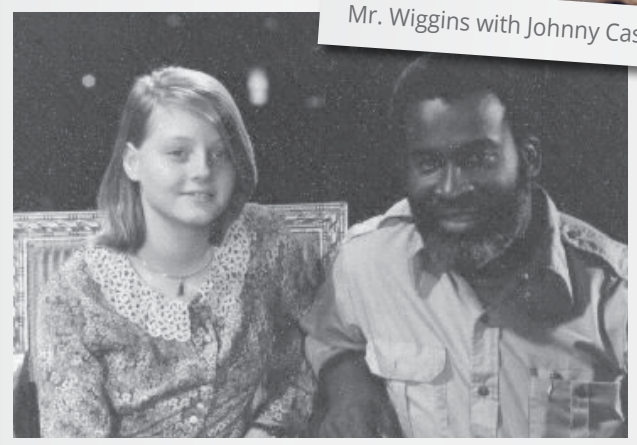
Mr. Wiggins with Fidel Castro, "60 Minutes" staff & journalist Bill Moyers



Mr. Wiggins & Diane Sawyer



Mr. Wiggins with Johnny Cash & June Carter



In 1977, Mr. Wiggins was part of the team to interview Jodie Foster.

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# Garnet's Deanna Schultz named to Callicoon Depot, Inc. Advisory Committee

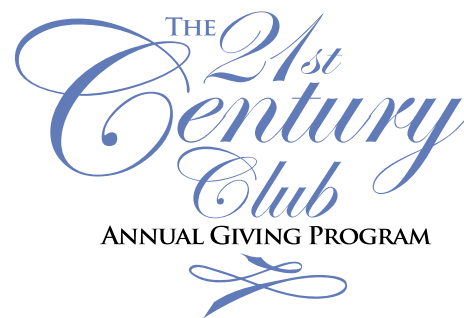
Garnet is pleased to announce that Garnet Health Foundation - Catskills Development Manager Deanna Schultz has been named to the Callicoon Depot, Inc. (CDI) Advisory Committee representing Garnet Health.

CDI is a freestanding nonprofit created to facilitate the revitalization of the 127-year-old Callicoon Depot and to map out future programming, working in conjunction with Callicoon Business Association and Upper Delaware Scenic Byway Committee.

The Depot – one of the last passenger stations left on the 76-mile run from Port Jervis to Hancock – will become both the Upper Delaware Scenic Byway Visitor Center and a flexible space for the public's use.

Ms. Schultz, who lives just four miles from the Depot, is excited not only to help advance this important community project, but also to further strengthen Garnet Health's community representation in western Sullivan County.

Thank you, Ms. Schultz, for your dedication to our community and passion for the project.



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Predictably, these poor birdhouses have seen better days after being subjected to the outdoor elements for the last several years. However, the Garnet Health Foundation has selected Birdhouse Brokerage, a family-owned birdhouse maker based in Wallkill, N.Y., to take on the important task of creating brand new birdhouses to replace those that are currently in the garden.

"Our birdhouses are lovingly hand-crafted using freshly-milled and reclaimed barn wood, rescued from aging barns found in the scenic Hudson Valley of New York," explained artist Craig Andrews. "Some of our old timbers date back 100 years or more, and are skillfully transformed into unique birdhouses with the charm of yesteryear. Each piece is hand-nailed and screwed together for long-lasting strength. No glues are used in our construction. Because no two pieces of aged wood are alike, each birdhouse has its very own personality. As a result, every birdhouse we build is truly one of a kind."

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# Garnet Health announces new leadership

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**Jonathan Schiller**  
Garnet Health President & CEO



**Jerry Dunlavey**  
Garnet Health Medical Center - Catskills COO

Garnet Health is pleased to announce the appointment of Jonathan Schiller as President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) for the health system. Schiller will officially step into this role on June 1, 2023. Jerry Dunlavey will remain Garnet Health's Interim President and CEO, as well as Garnet Health Medical Center - Catskills' Chief Operating Officer (COO) through May 31, 2023. On June 1, 2023, Mr. Dunlavey will become CEO of Garnet Health Medical Center - Catskills.

"Jonathan is returning to Garnet Health after a year away. On behalf of the Board of Directors and all employees, we warmly welcome him back to the Garnet Health family," said Phillip Massengill, MD, FACS, Board chair of Garnet Health. "We look forward to his outstanding leadership abilities in advancing Garnet Health's growth and impact on the communities we serve."

Mr. Schiller comes back to Garnet Health after serving as President and CEO of Oneida Health. Prior to joining Oneida Health, Mr. Schiller was CEO of Garnet Health Medical Center - Catskills. He joined Garnet Health in 2004 and held various leadership positions within the system, including Administrator of Revenue Cycle Management, Vice President and Site Administrator, and Vice President of Hospital Operations, providing organizational leadership to multiple ancillary departments. Mr. Schiller's leadership was instrumental in the construction and opening of Garnet Health Medical Center's hospital in 2011, which included the relocation of Horton and Arden Hill hospitals to the new facility.

In 2013, Mr. Schiller was promoted to COO for Garnet Health Medical Center, where he was responsible for daily operations of the hospital. He was appointed CEO of Garnet Health Medical Center - Catskills in 2017, providing executive leadership for the Harris and Callicoon hospital campuses, as well as system-wide executive support for the Hospitalist, Intensivist, Psychiatry, and Emergency Management services.

"After working a year in central New York, this change reunites my family at home and provides a refreshed opportunity to advance healthcare in the Catskills and the Greater Hudson Valley. To say this feels like a homecoming is nothing short of an understatement," said Mr. Schiller. "I am excited to return to Garnet Health and be part of an organization that works hard to meet the needs of the community and cares so deeply for the patients. I stand committed to serving the residents of Orange and Sullivan counties, ensuring that access to quality healthcare remains a top priority."

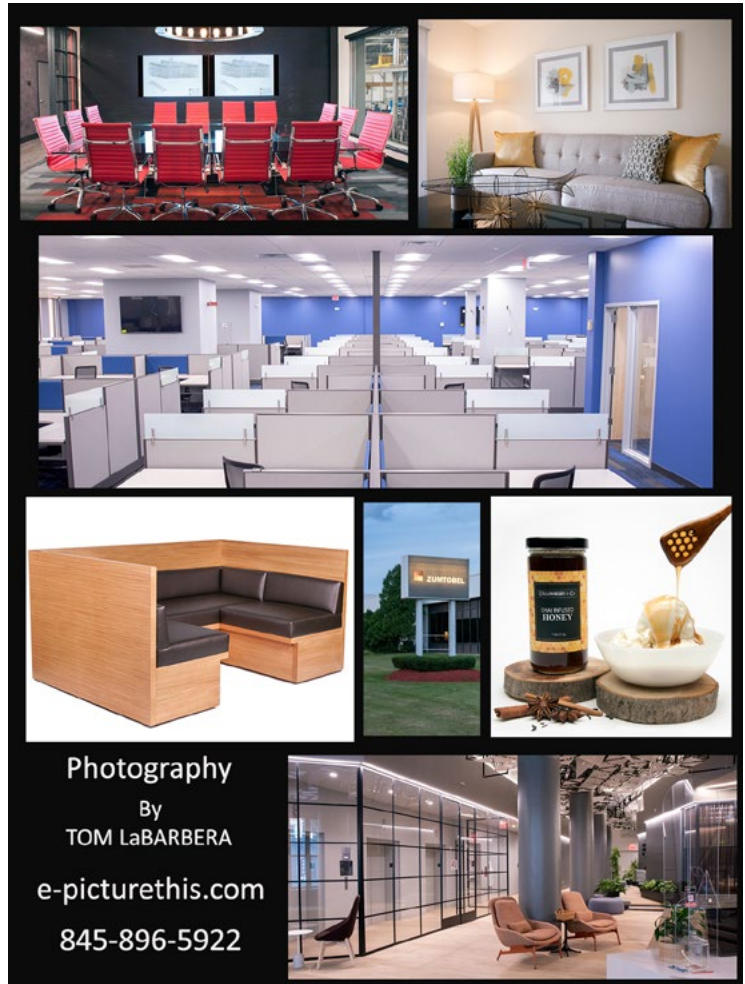
He continued: "I am also honored to be working with my friend and colleague, Jerry Dunlavey, once again. Jerry has made Garnet Health proud as Interim President and CEO, and will make an excellent CEO for Garnet Health Medical Center – Catskills."

Mr. Schiller received a bachelor's degree in human services at LeMoyne College and a master's in health systems administration from Rochester Institute of Technology.

Mr. Dunlavey, who has held the position of Interim President and CEO for Garnet Health since Dec. 30, 2022, has nearly 25 years of healthcare leadership experience. He joined Garnet Health in 2001, serving as the system's Vice President of Clinical Program Development and Operations. He was the senior executive responsible for the development of seven ACGME-accredited residency programs, as well as the founding executive for Garnet Health Doctors, the health system's employed medical group. In June 2022, Mr. Dunlavey was appointed Vice President of Operations for Garnet Health and COO for Garnet Health Medical Center – Catskills.

"Jerry is a seasoned healthcare executive and a thoughtful and strategic leader. On behalf of the Board of Directors, we are grateful to Jerry for moving Garnet Health forward during our search and selection process," said Dr. Massengill. "As COO of Garnet Health Medical Center – Catskills, Jerry has begun to build strong relationships, and with his knowledge of the health issues affecting Sullivan County, I am confident he will be a strong advocate for the community and a great CEO for the hospital."

Mr. Dunlavey earned a bachelor's degree in finance and a master's in business administration from Iona University in New Rochelle, N.Y. He also holds a doctor of chiropractic medicine degree from Palmer College of Chiropractic in Davenport, Iowa.



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\$ 22,693.84	Funding to aid in construction of cardiology suite
\$ 13,477.75	Purchase of mobile technology that improves patient flow & satisfaction by increasing transportation within the hospital
\$ 10,664.95	Hardwiring ED patient rooms so patient vitals can be remotely monitored
\$ 6,675.00	Post-operative cardiothoracic educational mannequin for RNs & PAs
\$ 3,869.60	Clothes in Patient Experience closet
\$ 3,500.00	Education for Emergency Department nursing staff
\$ 3,088.01	Funding for 4 medical students travel to 2 research conferences
\$ 2,889.00	Purchase of a freezer to hold pasteurized human donor milk from NYS Milk Bank for any baby at Garnet
\$ 2,500.00	Look Good Feel Better program to help female cancer patients mitigate the effects of treatments
\$ 2,216.64	Purchase of car seats for trauma education
\$ 1,715.00	24 meals for 3 North, sponsored by a donor
\$ 1,451.84	Bereavement kits for families
\$ 1,000.00	Matthew O'Brien Memorial Scholarship awards
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\$ 879.96	Funding of volunteer travel
\$ 732.50	Purchase of a flight for a patient to return to her home in Hungary
\$ 683.68	Purchase of aromatherapy & CAM supplies
\$ 600.00	Education during Nurses Week
\$ 429.00	Education for a new member of Diabetes Education Center staff
\$ 358.92	Purchase of supplies for a family comfort cart in the Intensive Care Unit
\$ 320.17	Meals for medical residents team for building exercise
\$ 159.00	Purchase of a former patient's medication from NeighboRx Pharmacy as patient was unable to afford them
\$ 119.60	Travel for a palliative care caregiver
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\$ 109.19	Family Comfort carts in the ICU
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Betty Cherry, a Middletown, N.Y. resident and a transporter at Garnet Health Medical Center, passed away on Feb. 4, 2023 at Garnet Health Medical Center at the age of 73. A lifelong resident of the area, Mrs. Cherry's colleagues and friends had a paver installed in the cafeteria outdoor patio in her memory. "She was a beloved colleague and friend to many," said Lisa Jewis, Mrs. Cherry's lifelong friend and coworker. "Betty was one of the kindest, most generous people I ever met."

Mrs. Cherry was the widow of James Cherry and Joseph Oats.

Survivors include her children, Dawn Cherry (and wife, Amy Conklin) of Port Jervis, N.Y., and James Cherry of Middletown, N.Y., her grandchildren, Maude Cherry, Justin DeRosa, and Greyson Machado, her great-grandchildren, Alexis Knitter and Zayden Rosas, and her nieces and nephews, including Roxanne Bridges.

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## Welcome, Dr. Aleta M. Lymon

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Dr. Aleta M. Lymon of Monticello, N.Y. has joined the Garnet Health Foundation as its Grants Manager. In her new role, Dr. Lymon will manage federal, state, and private grants in support of programs and services across Garnet Health.

Dr. Lymon has over 20 years experience in leading projects, and program and policy implementation. She has her doctorate in philosophy in public policy, administration, leadership, and management from Walden University, her master's of public administration from Marist College, and her bachelor's of science in business management and economics from Empire State College.

Active in the greater Sullivan County community, she has served on boards and committees of the Rural Economic Partnership for Sullivan, NAACP, National Society of Leadership and Success, Sullivan County Professional Women, American Society for Public Administration, and Sullivan County BOCES.

*Welcome, Dr. Lymon!*

## Congratulations Eileen & Bob

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# Calico Geese Quilting Guild supports Patient Comfort Closet

Garnet Health Foundation – Catskills received a very generous financial contribution from the Calico Geese Quilting Guild of Sullivan County/Cornell Cooperative Extension in support of the Patient Experience Fund. The team of quilters donated the proceeds from the sale of their annual quilt project to help establish a comfort closet for our friends and neighbors in need while in our care at Garnet Health Medical Center – Catskills.

Catherine Dawkins, President of Calico Geese Quilting Guild of Sullivan County, stated: “We hope that in this season of both cold and giving, the spirit of this donation will be well used to give comfort – both physically and emotionally – to patients who find themselves in an uncomfortable position.”

For more information about the Calico Geese Quilting Guild, please visit <http://sullivanccce.org/home-family/calico-geese-quilting-guild>.



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Calico Geese Quilting Guild of Sullivan County President Catherine Dawkins (middle), presented Foundation - Catskills Development Manager Deanna Schultz (left), and Patient Experience Director Jodi Goodman (right) with a gift to support the Patient Experience Comfort Closet for patients in need.

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Congratulations, Eileen and Bob, on your well-deserved recognition from Garnet Health. We are so very proud of all your charitable work and of the example you've set for our entire family.

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# Donor walls updated

The Garnet Health Foundation has updated three hospital donor walls.

Gifts to the Spagnoli Family Cancer Center are listed on the donor wall located in the **Spagnoli Family Cancer Center Lobby**.

All gifts to the hospital are listed on the **donor wall in the hospital's Visitors Elevator Lobby**.

Gifts from hospital employees are listed on the **Employee Giving Corner** in the Cafeteria.



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