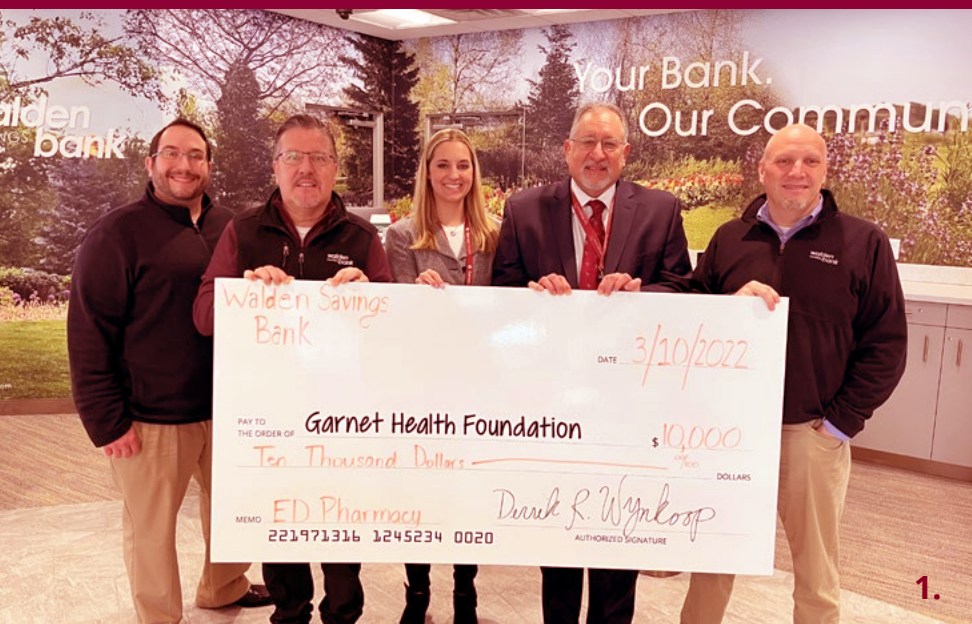




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A Garnet Health Foundation Newsletter



Every Minute Counts
Transforming Emergency Care



Construction to begin inside the Emergency Department as *Every Minute Counts* campaign tops \$4 million

The Every Minute Counts campaign has reached its next phase, with the expansion and renovation of the Internal Imaging Center now underway.

Constructed with one CT scan 11 years ago, the Emergency Department's patient volume has grown significantly since the hospital opened. This growth has placed a lot of pressure on the existing CT scan. The plan calls for the facility to eventually have two new CT scans, and the construction will create the facility for them.

The ED expansion project's first phase included the construction of a 600-space parking garage, providing parking for employees and physicians and access to charging stations for the growing population of electric vehicles. The garage has an additional function on its second level that provides utilities and space for the Mass Casualty Pandemic Treatment Area, taking the place of the tents the hospital used during the early COVID-19 surges and periodic training exercises. Relocation of the helipad and installation of ground utilities were also important details of the first phase.

The internal construction of the Imaging Center and installation of the new CT scan is estimated to take approximately six months (weather depending), followed by construction of the exterior walls of the expanded facility

and any additional internal work. At the end of last year, the project was redesigned and expanded to include a behavioral health treatment area for adults and children.

Meanwhile, the Every Minute Counts campaign has raised \$4.2 million toward its \$7 million goal. Foundation staff members continue to ask for support as the construction ramps up. Naming opportunities are still available.

For more information, call the Foundation Office at 845-333-2333.



Thank you.

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1. Thank you to Walden Savings Bank for its gift naming the Pharmacy that will be built within the Emergency Department. *Pictured left to right: Keith Porsch, Talent Manager at Walden Savings Bank; Derrik Wynkoop, President & CEO at Walden Savings Bank; Darrigan DeMattos, Foundation Donor Relations Manager; William Dauster, Foundation President; John Carole, Vice President, Retail Delivery and Marketing at Walden Savings Bank*
2. Thanks to Hudson Valley Investment Advisors for its gift naming an Emergency Department treatment bay. *Pictured left to right: Gus Scacco, Hudson Valley Investment Advisors CEO; Alfred E. Pilog, Jr., President & CEO of Garnet Health*
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5. Thank you to First Federal Savings of Middletown for its gift to name the Patient Lobby desk and the Mass Casualty Pandemic Treatment Area. *Pictured left to right: Peter Abt, President & Chief Lending Officer of First Federal Savings of Middletown; Maggie Smith, Chairman & CEO of First Federal Savings of Middletown*
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7. Thank you to M&T Bank for its gift naming the new Emergency Department Lobby. *Pictured left to right: Julie Krieger, Administrative VP at M&T Bank; William Dauster, Foundation President; Michael Flynn, Vice President at M&T Bank*



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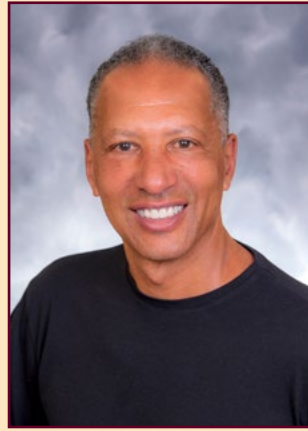
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Chairman's Corner

Jay Anthony

We're pleased to share that our Every Minute Counts campaign has reached a milestone: our new 600-space parking garage is complete, which means we're now clear to move forward with work on the Emergency Department expansion project.

In these financially challenging times, administrators have chosen to work from the inside out, starting with a new Internal Imaging Center. This is a much-needed upgrade to overworked technology inside the ED. The suite will be expanded to fit two CT scans, and a new one will be installed. This technology is needed now, and physicians and nurses are pleased and looking forward to this new suite.

In other outstanding news, we recently heard that Garnet's first new open heart surgery is expected to be scheduled on, or around, Nov. 1. In preparation, workers are already reconfiguring hybrid operating rooms and support systems, including the widening of an elevator inside the hospital.

All in all, these improvements and program expansions will help us provide the very best care, and keep patients and their families close to home.

Still, we know that only through true philanthropy can these ambitious plans be successfully realized. Every contribution - no matter the size - makes a positive impact on your community. We need your support now more than ever, so please join our campaign efforts today - as Every Minute Counts.

Jay Anthony
Chair, Garnet Health Foundation
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Donor walls updated

The 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**.

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Ms. New York Tourism and Sullivan County native Kira Bivens has designated Garnet Health Cancer Center as the recipient of proceeds from her biannual beauty pageants. For several years, Ms. Bivens has collected items for cancer patients—such as socks, ChapStick, and hand cream—that may help ease side effects of infusion and radiation. *Pictured left to right: Ms. New York Tourism Kira Bivens; Foundation Development Director Pamela Yosh*



This in-kind donation is courtesy of the Children with Dreams Foundation in Middletown, N.Y. Its donation of toys put smiles on the faces of many pediatric patients. *Pictured left to right: Davian Torres; Clarice Needham*



The Central Orange County Italian American Association donated several carts of toys to be distributed to Same-Day Surgery, Outpatient Blood Lab, and the Emergency Department. This fraternal organization has supported Garnet Health for several years. The annual toy delivery is always fun-filled, as several members make an effort to come to the hospital.



Students of the Minisink Valley Key Club enjoyed collecting in-kind donations for the hospital. Pictured left to right: Key Club Advisor Jodi VanDervoort; Emily Kipp; Kelly Morrison; Olivia Lombardo; Andrew Hines; Antonella Lombardo; Amanda Losauro

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President's Corner

Alfred E. Pilon, Jr.

In my travels around our system, I am continuously impressed with the amount of commitment and dedication to the patients and families we serve. From Monroe to Callicoon, I see Garnet Health professionals striving to make a better day for those who are in need of our services. I am very proud and grateful to be part of this incredible team.

As statistics show that COVID-19 cases have subsided, I have been able to visit those who donated to our Every Minute Counts campaign and personally thank them for their extraordinary support of our hospital. These donors really understand our community impact, as well as our constant push and need to expand services so that families can stay close to home when their loved ones need our help.

The Every Minute Counts campaign focuses on the expansion of our Emergency Department to address the vast needs of our new and growing regional Trauma Center. We are also working to bring a full cardiothoracic (open heart) surgery program to our region. Both of these programs require a great many resources and funding, and every contribution provided is truly cherished.

I hope to thank you in person at our Donor Recognition Reception in June. Meanwhile, thank you for your kindness and generosity, and for entrusting us with your family's health.

Alfred E. Pilon, Jr.
President & CEO
Garnet Health



Garnet Health staff members were ecstatic to receive the Magnet redesignation in person. Representing Garnet Health at the conference were: Christopher Costello, Belinda Ong, Adriana Kuzicki, Viralben Patel, Danielle Zaleski, Robin Brennan-Seibel, Debra Beakes, Melissa Villamil, Debora Snyder, Nicole Dugan, Cynthia Bidad, Nicole Sewell, Tammy Jollie, Erica Vollano, Enid Berg, Gregg Geisler, Maureen Neidnig, Regina Bueno, Justine Geisler, Peggy Laggner, Nancy Folino, Maureen Donnelly, Dionne Johnson, Robin Sells, and Azucena Sionnie LeBlanc.

Nursing Magnet Designation celebrated in Atlanta

For a second time, Garnet Health Medical Center has achieved Magnet recognition, the highest national honor for professional nursing practice. In the fall of 2021, the Foundation funded seven of the 20 staff attending the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) Pathway to Excellence Conference in Atlanta, Ga.

Garnet Health Medical Center is the only hospital in Orange County to achieve redesignation, and joins only 10 percent of healthcare systems nationwide to have achieved this recognition. This recognition exemplifies Garnet Health's commitment to advancing healthcare for all.

NICU donations



HAILEY'S HOPE FOUNDATION

Since 2012, Hailey's Hope Foundation, a Goshen-based organization with statewide impact, has donated over \$45,000 to Garnet Health's Neonatal ICU (NICU). Hailey's Hope Foundation has donated everything from breast pumps and CPR kits to baby swings, including the creation of a Resource Room. Most recently, Hailey's Hope Foundation funded a specialized weighing scale for the NICU.

"We are so incredibly grateful for this very generous gift," explained Lisa Konopko, RN, Nursing Director, Mother/Baby Unit. "The nurses are beyond excited to have this equipment to help weigh our smallest and sickest patients."

"When it comes to caring for the special needs of babies hospitalized in the NICU, there is nothing more powerful than the love and support of family," shared Debra Randazzo, Treasurer, Hailey's Hope Foundation. "This drives our passion to help parents be there for their babies in ways they need most."

Hailey's Hope Foundation is dedicated to supporting NICU families by providing programs and resources to empower parents and help their babies thrive during their NICU stay and transition home. Through in-hospital programs and projects, Hailey's Hope Foundation works closely with families and NICU staff to understand the greatest needs. Its hospital grants focus on helping NICUs improve the health outcomes of these tiny patients by creating a more comfortable and nurturing environment where parents are more engaged in their baby's care. For more information about this organization, visit www.haileyshopefoundation.org.

4MOMS

The 4moms baby product company donated a MamaRoo4 infant seat to Garnet Health's Neonatal ICU (NICU).

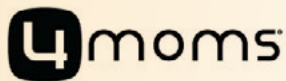
Garnet Health Medical Center was among 15 hospitals to receive a donation this year as part of the Nominate a NICU program in partnership with Project Sweetpea and The Superhero Project.

NICU Night Nurse Laura Hedberg, RN led grateful patient nominations and submitted the application to 4moms. "These swings are particularly soothing to babies with NAS, or addiction syndrome," said Laura.

4moms is a company dedicated to making innovative products that make life easier for parents. Since its inception, the 4moms Cares program has donated over \$1.6 million in products to 624 hospitals around the country.

"We are so honored to be among 15 hospitals to receive this generous donation," said Chief Nursing Officer Debora Snyder, RN. "I am so proud of our NICU nurses who work incredibly hard to provide the best care with heart and soul to some of our most vulnerable."

The community nominations were plentiful and show the extraordinary resource the NICU provides to our community.



For more information about 4moms, visit www.4moms.com.

"I am retired now but there were many occasions when there was more than one infant who was withdrawing due to maternal drug addiction. It is difficult enough to watch them withdraw, but lacking the equipment to assist them, the staff needed to swaddle and hold them. This is not always possible if there is an increased census or an increase in NAS infants. The staff gives 100 percent effort and deserves this special equipment."

Retired Registered Nurse

"When my twins were born at only 34 weeks back in 2019, I was scared out of my mind that they weren't going to make it and who would take care of them. Boy, was I lucky that my babies were born and taken care of by the wonderful doctors and nurses at the Garnet Health NICU. They treated my babies like their own. When my husband or I had any questions, no matter the time, they always made sure we fully understood what was going on. When it was time to go home at night we knew the babies were in great hands."

Mother to twins treated in the NICU

"This NICU is a godsend to this community. Before it was opened, we had to travel to Westchester County, N.Y. Though Westchester appears to not be that far from our area, in reality, the traffic made it a long trip. This donation would add to the comfort of our littlest members of the community. In return, it would bring comfort to our parents. Thank you for the opportunity and please truly consider our littlest patients."

Employed Registered Nurse



Garnet Health named among the “Most Wired” hospitals

The College of Healthcare Information Management Executives (CHIME) has recognized 107 hospitals as achieving Level 9 status in its 2021 Healthcare’s “Most Wired” program, including Garnet Health Medical Center and Garnet Health Medical Center – Catskills.

CHIME’s “Most Wired” list aims to recognize healthcare organizations that have adopted and leveraged information technology to improve patient safety and health outcomes across the industry. Hospitals included in the “Most Wired” program are certified as Levels 1 through 10, with Levels 9 and 10 designating the health IT leaders that have displayed the highest and most innovative uses of technology at their respective organizations.



“It is a significant honor for Garnet Health to be recognized as a ‘Most Wired’ hospital. We strive daily to use technology applications to ensure we are providing exceptional care.”

Craig Filippini
Garnet Health Chief Information Officer

How we raise money

Garnet Health Foundation has raised more than \$31 million, and invested in state-of-the-art equipment, new technology, and healthcare programs for the community. Through philanthropy such as yours, we have been able to build a new hospital, create a pediatric center, expand our outpatient services and cancer care. Now, we are in the midst of expanding our Emergency Department and bringing cardiothoracic surgery to Orange County.

Donations can be made online at www.garnethealth.org/giving or mailed to Garnet Health Foundation via check or cash. Donations can also be pledged and paid over time.

Fundraising Events:

This year, the Foundation's 31st Annual Golf & Tennis Classic, Orange County's best golf outing, will be held on Monday, Sept. 26. We have added new events this year, including a Fall Gala on Thursday, Oct. 20, and a Sporting Clays Tournament on Friday, Aug. 5.

21st Century Club:

Gifts of all sizes have a direct impact to fund specific hospital programs and services that are directed each year by the Foundation's Board of Trustees. Donors can choose a specific fund to which to donate, or they can make a memorial gift in memory of a loved one. Donors who give \$100 or more receive benefits from local businesses and nationwide services. To view a directory of businesses that are participating, please visit MemberCard.com/garnethealth.

Each year, the Foundation hosts a Donor Recognition Reception to honor our donors. This year's event, the first in two years, will be held on Thursday, June 23, at The Barn at Villa Venezia in Middletown, N.Y. We have much to celebrate at this event to make up for the past two years, and invitations will be sent soon.

Peer-to-Peer Fundraising:

Donors can create unique personal pages to celebrate a special occasion, memorial tribute, specific campaign, or hospital service. To learn more about creating a personal online campaign to support Garnet Health, please call the Foundation Office at 845-333-2333.

Hospital Naming Opportunities:

Our Every Minute Counts campaign, the purpose of which is to expand and renovate the Emergency Department, has several naming opportunities still available. As part of the campaign, the Foundation Office presents to community organizations to raise awareness about Garnet Health's Emergency Department expansion. There are also naming opportunities available throughout the campus, including birdhouses, benches, brick pavers, patient rooms, and more.

Planned Gifts:

Some of the most meaningful gifts are gifts that a grateful patient leaves in his/her estate plan. Please consider naming us in your will.

The newly created Resident Wellness Fund

The NEW Resident Wellness Fund was created to ensure that our residents have all the tools they need to succeed, while also encouraging a healthy work-life balance. Health care is often an intensive work environment, and it's important to balance that with a high-quality personal life.

"If we believe that we are at our best when well-rested and fulfilled in our work, then we want our residents to meet the day with a fresh view and positive step toward healing," said Garnet Health Family Medicine Residency Program Director Shantie D. Harkisoon, MD, FAAFP, who developed the fund.

Dr. Harkisoon is so passionate about this opportunity that she has pledged a personal gift of \$2,500 toward the 2022 goal of \$5,000. All gifts will be held by the Garnet Health Foundation, which means that all gifts will be acknowledged and accounted, and are tax-deductible!

Please visit www.garnethealth.org/giving to make a gift to the Resident Wellness Fund.

Foundation-Funded Programs

The following list represents the programs and services funded by the Garnet Health Foundation since Jan. 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 surgical fluids, smoke & airborne pathogens
\$ 11,101.00	Purchase of software to help identify & support those patients who may be food-insecure
\$ 11,000.00	Registration, airfare & hotel for seven attendees to the 2021 ANCC National Magnet Conference
\$ 6,810.50	Purchase of three NICU recliners for skin-to-skin contact for parent & infant
\$ 5,200.00	Patient Experience-sponsored grant for clothing for patient who may not have access to clean clothing
\$ 4,848.93	Patient recliners for rehabilitating stroke patients & other physically challenged patients
\$ 4,588.00	Vein finder for cancer patient comfort care in the Infusion 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
\$ 1,995.00	Portable ventilator for pulmonology patients
\$ 1,850.00	Thomas Guarino Family Academic Medical Fund-sponsored International Research paper publishing
\$ 1,250.00	Patient education for newly diagnosed head, neck & oral cancer patients
\$ 1,249.50	Trauma education textbook for caregivers
\$ 1,173.90	Pay It Forward Emergency Department campaign to sponsor a meal at a Los Angeles hospital hard hit with COVID-19
\$ 1,005.95	Patient Experience-sponsored grant for family devastated by tragic fire
\$ 975.00	Memorial plaque to honor medical librarian from medical staff
\$ 962.00	Weighing scales for a research project measuring the importance of daily weights for patients with congestive heart failure
\$ 781.75	Bereavement kits for families after the loss of an infant or child
\$ 766.00	"Be A Lung Survivor" patient education
\$ 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-sponsored grant for medications for an undocumented child
\$ 439.98	Electric swing to soothe NICU infants recovering from addiction

AMOUNT	PROJECT FUNDED
\$ 350.00	Patient Experience-sponsored specialized patient transport from the hospital to their home
\$ 340.00	Education for newly diagnosed Type 1 diabetic patients
\$ 330.80	Memorial plaque for the employees who died from COVID-19
\$ 316.28	Sip & puff 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-sponsored storage system for patient experience
\$ 217.35	Patient Experience-sponsored in-home oxygen for a discharged patient not covered by insurance
\$ 180.71	Patient Experience-sponsored 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-sponsored transportation home for a discharging patient
\$ 44.82	Patient Experience-sponsored transportation home for a discharging patient (another patient)
\$ 42.35	Patient Experience-sponsored transportation home for a discharging patient (another patient)
\$ 241,917.57	TOTAL



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Virginia Rizzo, Garnet Health Interim Board Chair



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With gratitude from the Garnet Health Board of Directors

At its February meeting, the Garnet Health Board of Directors acknowledged the extraordinary commitment of all Garnet Health physicians and staff throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. For over two years, and through four surges of the pandemic, our three hospitals treated approximately 11,000 COVID-19 patients, performed thousands of COVID-19 tests, and vaccinated nearly 50,000 people from this terrible virus.

We mourn the staff members whom we lost in the pandemic battle and are thankful to everyone who contributed to fundraising efforts to help support those families affected.

Over the course of the pandemic, we were able to accomplish many amazing things for the welfare of our patients, staff, and visitors. Teams were able to quickly set up pop-up day care for our staff, establish new virus screening systems at hospital entrances, implement innovative high-tech cleaning practices, manage stringent visitor policies, and fully comply with challenging and ever-changing federal, state, and local mandates. The impact of operational changes, such as temporarily postponing elective surgeries, provided serious financial challenges that Garnet Health continues to experience.

"This was a full team effort, shared among our physicians, nurses, staff, and volunteers," said interim Board Chair Virginia Rizzo. "We are very grateful for everyone's dedication during these trying two years."

Incidences of COVID-19 significantly declined in Orange and Sullivan counties in February and March 2022, mirroring statistics around the country. While Garnet Health has begun to loosen visiting restrictions and some masking in nonclinical areas, all hospital staff are still required to mask in public and clinical areas.

"As we track the shrinking incidents of the virus in our community, we are looking at every way to get back to normal operations for our staff and patients," said Garnet Health President and CEO Alfred E. Pilon, Jr.

"Thank you again for all that you do every day for our patients, our community, and for each other."

He continued: "Together, we will move forward and continue to make Garnet Health the strongest pillar of health and wellness for our neighbors, family, friends, and loved ones."

Foundation Board nominations

New Board of Trustees members, slate of officers approved at Annual Meeting

The Foundation Board of Trustees hosted its Annual Meeting on March 24, during which members nominated new Board members and approved the 2022 slate of officers. Board Member Tonia Crown presented.

The Foundation Board has recommended three community leaders to serve on the Foundation Board of Trustees: Stacey Blustein, Albert Fini, and Rosemary Otero. Their individual interests and experiences will add a new dimension to the philanthropic work of the Foundation. Terms of service also expired for three Board members: Janet Formisano, Elizabeth Rowley, and Steven Van Poucke.

"As their terms expire, the Foundation Board of Trustees would like to thank Janet, Elizabeth, and Steven for their years of service," said Board Chairman Jay Anthony. "We are truly grateful for their leadership and their continued support and confidence."

The following Slate of Officers was approved:

- Jay Anthony, Chair
- Scott Kendrick, Vice Chair
- Jason Giordano, Treasurer
- Tonia Crown, Secretary
- Patricia Sassi, Member at Large
- Seamus Weir, Member at Large
- Maggie Smith, Immediate Past Chair

Please join us in welcoming Stacey, Albert, and Rosemary to an already dynamic group of community leaders.

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