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47th Annual Golf Classic

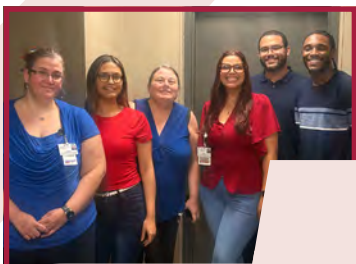
A Hole-In-One Event



On the cover:
Garnet Health Medical
Center – Catskills' 47th
Annual Golf Classic
volunteers gathered for a
group photo in celebration
of a swinging success.

Stars, Stripes and Smiles!

Garnet Health Medical Center and Garnet Health Medical Center – Catskills celebrated the 250th birthday of the United States with staff and providers. The day was filled with music, games, great food and plenty of patriotic spirit as we came together to mark this historic milestone.



BEE AWARDS

Celebrates June Employees of the Month

The Employee of the Month program is also known as the Being Exceptional Every Day (BEE) Award, and Being Exceptional Every day takes dedication, loyalty and commitment. To nominate an employee, physician, volunteer or team/department, visit the intranet page, scroll down and click on the BEE Award icon.



Christina Kirschke

Phlebotomist, Outpatient Express Lab, Garnet Health Medical Center

Christina is being recognized for her compassion and for consistently being a team player. When the lab had already closed, Christina stayed late so a patient could have their labs drawn that same day instead of having to return on another day. Her willingness to go above and beyond reflects her commitment to providing exceptional patient care and supporting both her patients and colleagues.

Congratulations, Christina, and thank you for always demonstrating kindness!

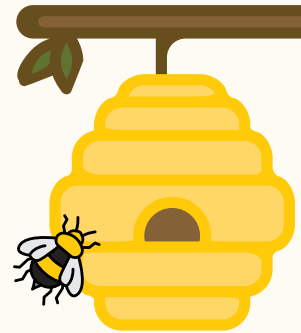


Same Day Surgery, 2nd Quarter Team Award

Garnet Health Medical Center

Garnet Health Medical Center's Same Day Surgery is being honored for the exceptional care and compassion demonstrated by Coralie Mendoza, NA, and Cathy Lacovara, RN. On one occasion, upon a patient completing their stay, they surprised them with flowers and cake, bringing joy during a difficult time. Your empathy and dedication will never go unnoticed!

Thank you to Coralie and Cathy for going the extra mile for our patients!



Good Catch and Great Save Awards



We're proud to recognize **Hannah Binney**, RN, who was recently honored with a Good Catch Award for identifying a potential patient-safety concern and promptly escalating the issue for review. Because of Hannah, the patient received the care and support they needed.

Thank you, Hannah, for your attentiveness and commitment to providing high-quality care!



Shout out to **Denise Cardona**, RN, who was recently honored with a Good Catch Award for outstanding clinical judgment and patient advocacy. Through her attentiveness and professionalism, Denise recognized a potential concern and promptly escalated it for further evaluation.

Thank you, Denise, for helping ensure the highest standard of patient care!

Good Catch occurs when someone's corrective action and/or timely intervention prevents an incident or medical error.

Great Save happens when someone's immediate action keeps a patient safe during an event.

The Patient Safety Subcommittee judges the nominees. For more information about the Good Catch Award, email Vice President, Quality/Patient Safety Officer Mary Ellen Crittenden at mcrittenden@garnethealth.org.

LiveOnNY Recognizes Two Garnet Health Honorees

Garnet Health Medical Center's **Lashay Houston, BSN, RN, CMSRN, CCRN**, and **Aamir Gilani, MD, MPH**, were honored by LiveOnNY at the organization's inaugural Luminaries & Legacies Celebration. The event honored hospitals across the New York metropolitan region, recognized exceptional donor champions, and celebrated visionary leadership in organ donation and transplantation.

Lashay received a Donor Champion Award, while Dr. Gilani was presented with a Donor Champion Coin, recognizing individuals who exemplify the highest level of dedication and make extraordinary efforts to facilitate donations that go above and beyond their roles. A dedicated advocate for organ donation, Lashay brings a collaborative approach to each case, strengthening donation practices through meaningful feedback, ongoing engagement and proactive involvement. Dr. Gilani is a consistent champion for organ donation, working collaboratively to support the donation process, ensure critical steps are completed and help facilitate successful donation outcomes.



Pictured left to right: Thomas Hourican from LiveOnNY, Dr. Aamir Gilani, Lashay Houston, Nicole Sewell, Nancy Folino, Maria Manoo

It Takes a Village

Recently, Garnet Health joined other organizations at the *It Takes a Village* Community Building Health Fair at the Mulberry House Senior Center. The event brought together valuable resources, education and support for our community, including information on health services, food assistance, transportation, caregiver support, insurance, screenings and more. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive, and it was wonderful to see many meaningful connections being made.



Pictured left to right: Jeanette Maysonet-Myles, Community Health RN Clinician, Delilah Socci, Community Health Manager



Get Emergency Notifications Directly from Garnet Health on Your Phone

Stay Informed. Stay Safe.

When unexpected situations arise, getting the right information quickly matters. Our Emergency Notification System provides updates and clear instructions during significant events to help you respond safely and protect our patients.

Why Sign Up?

To receive timely notifications about incidents, safety guidance and operational updates directly on your mobile device.



How to Subscribe:

- Scan the QR code.
- Enter your information and click subscribe.
- On the second page, select Emergency Preparedness and click update.
- Save **58339** in your contacts (e.g., "Garnet Health Alert") so that you recognize alerts instantly.

Staying informed is key to keeping yourself, your colleagues, our patients and our environment safe.

Take a minute today and sign up.

QUALITY CORNER

Health Equity: Strengthening the Health of Our Community

At Garnet Health, we believe everyone deserves the opportunity to achieve their best possible health. Health equity means ensuring that every patient, regardless of race, ethnicity, preferred language, socioeconomic status or other barriers, has access to high-quality, compassionate care and the resources needed to achieve the best possible outcomes.

Our commitment extends to our hospitals through partnerships with community organizations, local agencies and regional partners to better understand and address the unique needs of the communities we serve. By connecting individuals with food and housing resources, expanding access to preventive services, and supporting community education and wellness initiatives, we help improve health where it begins.

Within our organization, we are strengthening our ability to identify and address disparities by analyzing quality outcomes through the lens of race, ethnicity and preferred language. Our initial focus on maternal health helps identify opportunities to improve outcomes while creating a framework that can be expanded across additional service lines.

Health equity is an ongoing commitment to listening, learning and partnering with our community. By combining meaningful community engagement with data-driven improvement efforts, we are working to ensure exceptional care that is accessible, equitable and centered on the needs of every individual we serve, creating healthier communities today and for the future.

WSUL Heart-A-Thon Donates \$50k



Garnet Health Medical Center – Catskills recently received a \$50,000 donation from the 48th Annual WSUL Heart-A-Thon. Proceeds from the event will support the treatment, education and prevention of heart disease in Sullivan County, including the purchase of telemonitor transmitters, a central monitoring system and bedside monitors.



Food Farmacy

We Need Your Help!

Across the system, our Food Farmacy has provided food to inpatients and outpatients who have been screened as food insecure.

Garnet Health's Food Farmacy Program is an official member of the Hudson Valley Regional Food Bank and has received over 5,000+ pounds of food to support the growing demand.

However, the Food Bank cannot always provide personal care items, bottled water, toiletries, etc.



Please consider the donation of:

- Cases of 16oz bottled water
- Feminine hygiene products
- Deodorant
- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Soap
- Toilet paper

Donation Contacts:

Garnet Health Medical Center
Maureen Roche | 845-333-0213
mroche1@garnethealth.org

Garnet Health Medical Center – Catskills
Jodi Goodman | 845-333-8785
jgoodman@garnethealth.org

For more information, please contact: Delilah Socci at dsocci@garnethealth.org

Golf Classic Marks 47 Years of Supporting Patient Experience Initiatives

Garnet Health Foundation – Catskills thanks all who supported the Garnet Health Medical Center – Catskills' 47th Annual Golf Classic on July 15, 2026, held at Tarry Brae Golf Course, South Fallsburg, NY. A special shout-out to our premier sponsors, Garnet Health Medical Center – Catskills Medical Office Staff, SCP Health, Achieve Rehab and Nursing Facility, CCI Construction, Ramapo Anesthesia, Arthur J. Gallagher & Co., Westage, and Restorix Health. The event welcomed 114 golfers.

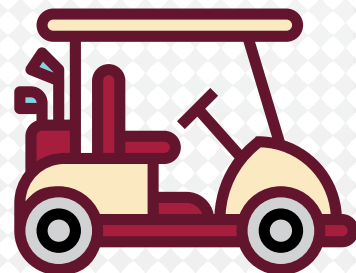
This year, we raised over \$120,000! All proceeds raised benefit the Patient Experience fund at Garnet Health Medical Center - Catskills. Through fundraising, the Patient Experience program is creating a sustainable fund to help patients and their families if and when needed. This fund intends to reduce the stress related to basic needs, contributing to overall healing and wellness.

We are grateful to the many event volunteers, participants, sponsors, and the Sullivan County community for helping to make the event a success!

For more information or to donate, please contact the Foundation Office at foundation@garnethealth.org or visit www.garnethealth.org/pefund.

On behalf of the entire Garnet Health family, thank you all for your support of this year's Catskills Golf Classic!

Because of you, we can continue investing in programs, equipment, and thoughtful touches that enhance the experience of patients and their families every day at Garnet Health Medical Center – Catskills.





Winners

First Place:
Villa Roma Group

Longest Drive (M):
Erick Eichner

Longest Drive (F):
Stacey Morris

Closest to the Pin (M) - 7:
Joe Meyer

Closest to the Pin (W) - 7:
Cheryl Taylor

Closest to the Pin (M) - 17:
Nate Steingart

Closest to the Pin (W) - 17:
Nancy Holbrook

Most Honest:
Achieve Rehab Group



Raffle Winners

iPad Air 11 & AirPods Pro 3:
Amalia D.

Apple Watch: **Pam H.**

Kindle Colorsoft & Amazon
Gift Card: **Mike E.**

Best of Sullivan County
Restaurants: **Krystle V.**

Sips & Spirits: **Jeanne Z.**

Local Golf Bundle: **Kristie M.**

Peace, Love & Music at Bethel
Woods: **Cheryl T.**

A Night in the Catskills: **Ryan W.**

Wine & Unwind: **Lynn F.**

Achieve Basket (1): **Michael L.**

Achieve Basket (2): **Robert W.**

Achieve Basket (3): **Mary V.**

Achieve Basket (4): **Alex Z.**

50/50: **Krystle V.**

SAVE THE DATE

Wellness Wednesday August 12

Wellness Fair – Estate Planning & Financial Wellness

Garnet Health Medical Center
Conference Center Lobby

11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Stop by the Conference Center Lobby
to connect with this month's featured
participants:

- Employee Assistance Program (EAP)
- Garnet Health Foundation Information
(Planned Giving)
- Hospice of Orange and Sullivan County
- Walden Savings Bank

Thoughtful Thursday August 13

Meditation and Mindfulness with Danielle Moser, Orange County Department of Health, Community Health Outreach

Garnet Health Medical Center
Conference Room #7

Each session will have six to eight spots.

Available times:

- 10:15 a.m.
- 11:00 a.m.
- 11:45 a.m.
- 12:30 p.m.
- 1:15 p.m.

To sign up, please email

volunteerresourcedept@garnethealth.org.

John's Jewelry Box August 13

Garnet Health Medical Center – Catskills,
Harris Campus, Main Lobby

11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

New York Life Representative August 19

Garnet Health Medical Center
Conference Center Lobby

11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Welcome New Residents

On July 1, we welcomed a total of 44 new resident physicians to our seven Graduate Medical Education Residency Programs. These include Emergency Medicine, Family Medicine, General Surgery, Internal Medicine, Neurology, Psychiatry and Transitional Year.

Residencies are comprehensive training programs within a chosen medical specialty. The hands-on experience and technical training provide new doctors with the clinical skills and knowledge required to practice independently. Our residents become part of the team, providing care to our patients while they learn from our experienced medical staff. Meet the 2026-2027 residents by visiting garnethealth.org/medical-education.



Garnet Health Medical Center – Catskills Anniversary Luncheon

On July 17, Garnet Health Medical Center – Catskills honored our team members who celebrated service anniversaries from one year to an impressive 48 years! A special congratulations to **Latricia Martins**, who celebrated an incredible 48 years of dedicated service! They celebrated with a delicious buffet of foods prepared by our outstanding Nutrition & Food Service Team.



A special thanks to Suzanne Lange-Ahmed, Garnet Health Medical Center – Catskills Chief Nursing Officer and VP of Patient Care Services, and Jerry Dunlavey, Garnet Health Medical Center – Catskills CEO, for their thoughtful planning and support.

Recognizing Our August Care Champions

August is National
Emergency Management
Awareness Month.

August 21

is GME
Professionals Day.

August 23

kicks off Health
Unit Coordinator
Recognition Week.



SHARPS Disposal

Garnet Health Medical Center - Catskills, Harris Campus is accepting **used sharps** for disposal, free of charge.

Used sharps must be properly placed in **puncture proof containers** such as sharps containers, laundry detergent bottles or bleach bottles. Screw-on caps are to be tightly secured and bottles are to be marked with "**Contains Sharps**".

Drop-offs will be accepted from **8:00 am - 8:00 pm, 7 days a week.**

No appointment required.



Drop-off Location

68 Harris-Bushville Road
Harris, NY 12742
845-333-8870

Enter main lobby and report to security.

2026 NYS Food Summit

On June 16, members of the Nursing Congress's Interdisciplinary Community & Patient Experience Committee attended the 2026 New York State Food Summit in Albany. Garnet Health's Chris Costello participated in a Food as Medicine panel, highlighting the impact of the Food Pharmacy program and opportunities to expand access to nutrition services. Staff gained valuable insights and connections to support Garnet Health's ongoing efforts to address food insecurity. Special thanks to the Garnet Health Foundation for making attendance possible!



Pictured left to right: Maureen Roche, Magalie Jean-Francois, Renata Kopacz, Olivia Spadaro, Cindy Brennan, Belinda Ong, Chris Costello, Jennifer Malinchak.



Pictured second from right: Chris Costello, RN, MSN, COHN-S, Nursing Service Administrator for Medical-Surgical & Dialysis Services for Garnet Health.

Celebrating Every Baby Born

Please join us in recognizing Katrina Heinle, BSN, RN, of Garnet Health Medical Center – Catskills, for her thoughtfulness, creativity, and compassion. On her own initiative, Katrina created a beautiful tree to honor every baby born in the Obstetrics unit. A different color represents each month's birth, multiples are symbolized by birdnests with eggs, and angel babies are lovingly remembered with delicate butterflies. This heartfelt display celebrates the joy of new life while honoring those who will always hold a special place in our hearts. Thank you, Katrina, for creating such a meaningful legacy and for the compassion you bring to every patient and family you serve.



Pictured left to right: Marlene Josephs, BSN, RN, CLC; Dr. Poonthota, Medical Director of Women and Children's Services; Katrina Heinle, BSN, RN; Lacielyn Halloran, BSN, RN, CLC; Toni Duncan, Clinical Director, Obstetrics, Infusion & Nursing Process Management.

Garnet Health Medical Center Celebrates CNOR-Certified Nurses

Garnet Health Medical Center recently celebrated **Alexis Aloï**, RN, BSN, CNOR; **Lauren O'Connell**, RN, CNOR; and **Princess Cirilo**, RN, BSN, CNOR; who received the Certified Perioperative Nurse (CNOR) credential, the nationally accredited certification for perioperative registered nurses. The CNOR certification assesses the knowledge and skills of a perioperative nurse, and earning the CNOR is a mark of distinction and demonstrates a commitment to upholding the highest standards in patient safety. Garnet Health applauds these nurses for their commitment to professional growth.



Pictured left to right: Trista Carter, Alexis Aloï, Joseph King, Lauren O'Connell, Donna Waaland, Princess Cirilo, Sue Galaraga, Nicole Sewell

May Perfect Attendance Winner!



At Garnet Health, we deeply appreciate our team members who show up every day to keep our organization running smoothly and to support one another. That's why we're proud to offer our Perfect Attendance Incentive Program!

Congratulations to our **May 2026 Perfect Attendance winner**, Princess Cirilo, RN, Operating Room, Garnet Health Medical Center. Princess was awarded \$1,606 for achieving perfect attendance in May's monthly incentive program!

Garnet Health's Attendance Incentive Program provides all full and part-time employees the opportunity to earn extra cash for perfect attendance.

Each month, \$1 per employee who had perfect attendance the month prior will be added to an incentive pot. By random drawing, 50% of the monthly pot will be awarded to one of the employees who had perfect attendance. The remaining 50% will be contributed to the annual prize for those with perfect attendance throughout 2026.



Maintain perfect attendance throughout 2026 for a chance to win a growing **POT OF GOLD!** Through May 2026, the annual pot of gold is up to



Symplr Workforce Mobile App: Self-Scheduling Now Available!

The Symplr Workforce mobile app makes it easy to manage your schedule anytime, anywhere. Eligible staff can now **self-schedule shifts**, as well as request shift trades, review timecards, check benefit time balances, and receive real-time notifications.

Download the app by scanning the QR code below.

Sign in using your ghvhs\username, your Garnet Health password, and Hospital Affiliation Code: **AP003599**.



Shift Trade
Can Help You
Achieve Perfect
Attendance!

Garnet Health Earns National Stroke Care Recognition

Congratulations to our stroke care teams! Garnet Health Medical Center and Garnet Health Medical Center – Catskills have been recognized by the American Heart Association with the Get With The Guidelines® Stroke Honor Roll Elite and Target: Type 2 Diabetes Honor Roll awards for delivering exceptional, evidence-based stroke care. Garnet Health Medical Center – Catskills also earned the Rural Stroke Gold award.

These prestigious recognitions reflect our team's dedication to providing the highest-quality care and improving outcomes for our patients. Congratulations to everyone whose hard work and commitment made this achievement possible!

August 2026 Recognition Days

Garnet Health is committed to being an inclusive organization that supports growth and innovation by providing an environment where employees, patients and visitors feel they belong.

We also recognize that having diverse backgrounds among our staff and providers contributes to better patient care.

Please join us in acknowledging the following national and/or worldwide recognitions.

August 7

Purple Heart Day is dedicated to thanking those who have survived wars of the past and present and commemorates those who have died fighting those wars.

August 9

International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples celebrates the cultures of indigenous peoples around the world.

August 19

United Nations World Humanitarian Day honors humanitarian workers and those affected by crises.

August 21

Ninoy Aquino Day was created in 2004 and commemorates the life, legacy and sacrifice of Senator Benigno "Ninoy" Aquino Jr., a man who fought for the independence and democracy of the Philippines and became a martyr.

August 26

Women's Equality Day commemorates women in America gaining the right to vote in 1920.

Garnet Health Medical Center August Auxiliary Vendor Sales

Want to shop and do some good at the same time? Throughout August, we're welcoming vendors to showcase their merchandise. A percentage of vendor sales will support the Garnet Health Medical Center Auxiliary, a group of community volunteers dedicated to enhancing patient programs and services at the hospital. All vendors will be located in the lobby of the ground-floor level unless otherwise noted.

August Vendor Dates

8/3 Ott'rageous Cookie Co

8/4 Your Nutz

8/6 A Stylish Bling

8/7 Med Shoes

8/8 Personally Yours

8/10 Ott'rageous Cookie Co

8/11 Northern Med

8/14 John's Jewelry Box

8/17 Ott'rageous Cookie Co

8/18 Sew EZ

8/20 Eleanor Jewelers

8/24 Northern Med

8/25 Your Nutz

8/27 Scrubs Nyack

8/28 Scrubs Nyack

8/31 Northern Medical

**2026 Annual Education
Is NOW OPEN**

**Deadline to complete is
September 30, 2026, at 4:00 p.m.**



Any employee hired AFTER January 1, 2025, is exempt. Please refer to policy #SM-002-0060 regarding failure to complete.

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