

GRATITUDE

A Garnet Health Foundation Newsletter



Thanks to donors like you, the Garnet Health Foundation was able to provide a \$1 million gift toward the construction of a new, state-of-the-art hybrid cardiac operating room.

Read more about this and other Foundation-funded programs on page 5.



Chairman's Corner

Jay Anthony

It takes a lot of time, commitment, and energy to offer your service to others, but those who DO can tell you the reward is well worth it. The incredible feeling of knowing your dedication has paid off is hard to fit into words (certainly, no Google search has come close), and is simply addicting.

My service here at the Garnet Health Foundation began 12 years ago, when former Foundation chair Jonathan Rouis reached out to me. I rose through the ranks of the board, experiencing successful fundraising campaigns (from Magnet Nursing to medical research) and an expansion of buildings and services that still amaze me to this day. That includes the Middletown facility, which has doubled in size since my arrival. And yet, there is still more to come, including the much needed expansion of our Emergency Department.

They say that relationships blossom in philanthropic work and I cannot agree more. Once again, I must recognize that the commitment of our Foundation staff is unrivaled; they are genuine, sincere, and never shy from a visit to a patient room or an Emergency Room bay. My fellow board members are extraordinary individuals who understand the economic challenges of our hospital and truly work to support it; they understand that every single day hundreds of lives are impacted. They are fully cognizant that their work enhances and improves the work of the staff nurse, tech, environmental worker, and the front desk staff alike. They never lose focus of that.

My term as chair ends now as I proudly hand the reins of this great organization over to Jason Giordano, whose advanced business acumen will be a strategic asset for the Foundation. He, too, has come up the ranks and is prepared to lead. He is joined by Tonia Crown as vice chair, surely a winning team.

It has been my honor to serve. Thank you to my board colleagues, the Garnet Health executives, and to YOU, our many Foundation donors who make us better with every gift.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jay Anthony". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of "Jay" and "Anthony" being capitalized and prominent.

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

Congratulations to our 2024 Honorees

Leadership Philanthropy Award

Jay Anthony

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**Community Philanthropy
Award**

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In its 26th year, the Foundation's Annual Gratitude Reception celebrates the generosity of all Garnet Health donors. The power of giving has driven the growth of patient care by supporting programs, services, and equipment needs, and has helped us provide compassionate care to all the patients and families we serve.

**"When we give cheerfully and accept gratefully,
everyone is blessed."**

MAYA ANGELOU



CEO's Corner

Jonathan Schiller

These days, I am reminded of Charles Dickens' view of March: "It was one of those March days when the sun shines hot and the wind blows cold: when it is summer in the light, and winter in the shade." It makes me think of how we continue to distance ourselves from the COVID-19 pandemic and our financial struggles a little more each day. As this winter wanes, I am so pleased that the new strains of COVID-19 that partnered with RSV and the flu — which kept our Emergency Department and urgent care centers very busy this winter — are also subsiding.

The challenges in staffing, along with the rising cost of drugs and supplies, are shared with hospitals across our country. Our boards, staff, and of course you, our donors, have kept us moving forward. We are eternally grateful for your confidence and support.

Our plans to expand our Emergency Department remain a high priority, and we are grateful we have been able to complete all the pre-construction work to make the expansion possible. Financial challenges have kept the core work at bay, so we confidently seek government grants to help us expedite the work. We are grateful to all the donors of the \$7 million Every Minute Counts campaign — more than half complete now — who have helped us get this far.

We recently received approval by our national accreditor, DNV, resulting in a terrific survey of all our services. The dividends of your support are showing now as we surpass our one-year anniversary of offering cardiothoracic surgery with great outcomes to our community, and we confidently work with ColumbiaDoctors to explore new medical services for our patients. You will be the first to know as these exciting plans come together.

Thank you always for your kindness, support, and confidence in our staff and the services we provide.

Jonathan Schiller

Jonathan Schiller, MS, FACHE
CEO, Garnet Health

What We've Funded

STATE-OF-THE-ART HYBRID CARDIAC OPERATING ROOM

Orange County's first open heart surgery program continues to grow and expand at Garnet Health Medical Center in Middletown.

The hospital recently added a new, state-of-the-art hybrid surgical suite equipped with the most advanced medical imaging technology. Heart disease is a leading cause of death in both Orange and Sullivan counties.

Garnet Health Medical Center's open heart surgery program is led by Medical Director Michael Argenziano, MD, FACS, recognized as one of New York Magazine's Top Doctors. Dr. Argenziano also serves as associate chief of the Division of Cardiac, Thoracic, and Vascular Surgery at NewYork-Presbyterian/Columbia University Irving Medical Center.

The new hybrid surgical suite is equipped with imaging technology, including MRI and CT, allowing surgeons to perform open and minimally invasive procedures. Its infrastructure includes a control room and is designed for performance, flexibility, and reliability. The opening of a second operating room for cardiothoracic procedures offers more life-saving capacity to care for our patients experiencing cardiac-related issues.

The partnership with NewYork-Presbyterian allows local residents to receive the same expert heart surgery procedures as those performed in New York City, while staying close to home.

On the cover: The Garnet Health Foundation provided a \$1 million gift toward the construction of a new, state-of-the-art hybrid cardiac operating room. GH Board of Directors Chair Dr. Phillip Massengill cut the ribbon to the applause of staff, leadership, board members, and donors. Attendees included the entire cardiac surgery team; Donald Frommer, who named the Heart Center for his father, Peter Frommer, MD, a pioneering cardiac researcher, Dr. Michael Argenziano, Chair of Cardiothoracic Surgery at Garnet Health; Calvin F. Barber Professor of Surgery & Associate Chief of the Division of Cardiac, Thoracic & Vascular Surgery at NewYork-Presbyterian/Columbia University Irving Medical Center; Jonathan Schiller, GH President & CEO; GHMC Board of Directors Chair & Secretary Susan Murray Tetz; GH Board of Directors Treasurer Bonnie Orr; GH Board of Directors member Dory Alport; GHF Board of Trustees member Stacey Blustein. Kathy Frommer and her mother, Madeline Spagnoli, who named the Garnet Health Spagnoli Family Cancer Center, were also in attendance.



Pictured L-R: Inderpal Singh, MD; Michael Argenziano, MD; Mahesh Madhavan, MD



Madeline Spagnoli & William Dauster

GARNET HEALTH MEDICAL CENTER – CATSKILLS UNVEILS A NEWLY RENOVATED MEDICAL STAFF OFFICE AND LOUNGE

The Garnet Health Foundation – Catskills partially funded the renovation of the Medical Staff Office and Lounge with a gift of \$47,543. The project was fully funded by the Garnet Health Medical Center – Catskills’ Medical Board and Garnet Health Foundation – Catskills.



Jerry Dunlavy, CEO of GHMC-Catskills & Robert Ernst, GHF-Catskills President

Dr. Leroy Cordero Floyd

Harriett Muir & Jennifer Trujillo



The official ribbon-cutting ceremony for the newly renovated GHMC-Catskills Medical Board Office Suite; with Jerry Dunlavy, CEO; Dr. Leroy Cordero Floyd, CMO; Dr. Trevor McGinley, Emergency Department Medical Director; Dr. Juan Goyzueta; Robert Ernst, GHF-Catskills President



Pictured L-R: The medical staff services team featured in the newly renovated physician workspace (Sharri Komatz, Amy Branham, Michelle Montalvo & Jennifer Trujillo)

NEW ULTRASOUND TECHNOLOGY TO BENEFIT PATIENTS

The Garnet Health Foundation funded a \$53,140 ultrasound machine, the Fujifilm Sonosite PX. Rose Anna Roantree, DO, FACOEP, and Garnet Health Medical Center’s associate program director for Emergency Medicine Residency advocated for this technology that brings advanced imaging to the bedside of our critically ill and injured patients. The new technology used to build the Sonosite PX will assist staff in gaining IV access in patients with difficult vasculature, detect internal bleeding in trauma patients, differentiate the cause of patients in shock, and much more.



Dr. Rose Anna Roantree, Dr. Dulaya Santikul & Emergency residents at the ribbon-cutting of this new ultrasound technology

NEONATAL ISOLATE IMPROVES TRANSPORTATION

The Garnet Health Foundation funded an \$182,286 neonatal transportation isolate used to transport infants to Garnet Health Medical Center’s neonatal ICU. Over 50 cases are transferred annually to the Middletown campus, while about 50 of our most critical infants are transferred from Middletown to Westchester Medical Center.



“We are so grateful to be able to transport our infants who need increased care.”

- GHMC Chief Medical Officer Pamela Murphy, MD, FACEP

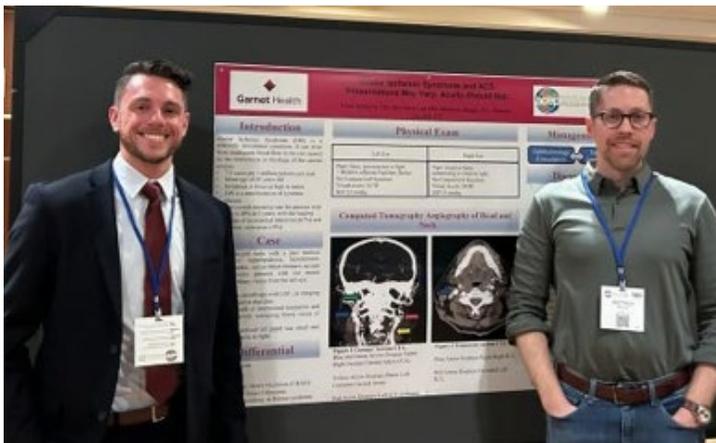
THOMAS V. GUARINO FAMILY ACADEMIC MEDICINE & RESEARCH FUND

The Thomas V. Guarino Family Academic Medicine & Research Fund provided necessary funding for Garnet Health doctors and residents to attend the annual American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP) Scientific Assembly. Dr. Williams had the opportunity to present, while our residents enjoyed state-of-the-art medical lectures and skills labs (particularly the Ear, Nose, Throat [ENT] Lab). Thank you for your generosity in helping fund this educational opportunity for these medical professionals!

The Thomas V. Guarino Family Academic Medicine & Research Fund was constructed to reflect the new education needs of medical students, medical residents, and fellows of then Orange Regional Medical Center just after the opening of a local medical school and the hospital's graduate medical program. While there were many needs identified, fulfilling basic requests for funding for research and conference attendance were primary. This fund was designed to fund such requests.



Residents at the conference



Pictured L-R: Dr. Williams & Dr. Meigh

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Garnet Health Medical Center – Catskills accepted a generous holiday rose delivery for patients from the Liberty Elks Lodge No. 1545 during the holiday season. Committee Chair Mitchell Blank shared the Elks Lodge tradition to “spread some joy and light up someone’s holiday.” This gift brought together our Sullivan County locations in “paying it forward” to patients at the Callicoon and Harris campuses, as well as the Garnet Health Urgent Care – Monticello and Garnet Health Doctors – Livingston Manor locations.

We are so grateful to the Liberty Elks Lodge, the community supporters who purchased the roses, and to Mitchell and Barbara Blank for sharing a family tradition.



Pictured L-R: Barbara Blank of Liberty Elks Lodge & Jodi Goodman

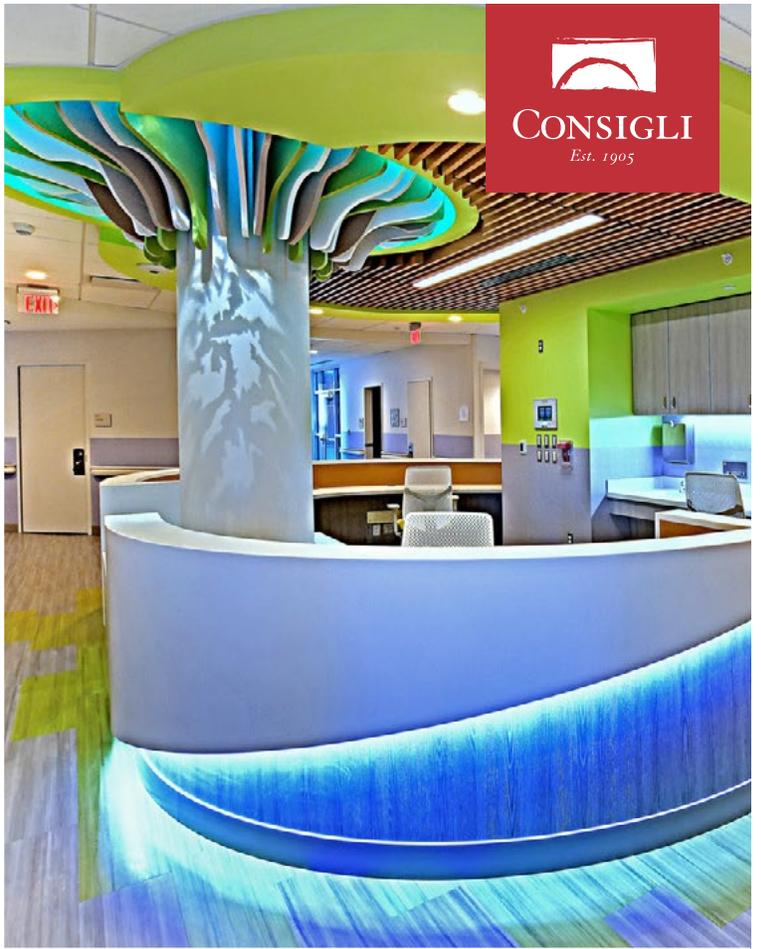


Pictured L-R: Kerry Gladstone, RN; Ethan Siedl, RN; Deb Benjamin, RN

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Garnet Health Foundation Catskills received a donation of handmade, stuffed comfort items from the Calico Geese Quilters of Sullivan County/Cornell Cooperative Extension in support of the Patient Experience program.



Pictured L-R: Catherine Dawkins, President of Calico Geese Quilters of Sullivan County & Jodi Goodman, Director of Patient Experience, GHMC-Catskills



Shawna & Lala donated gifts as part of their podcast: Shawna & Lala on the Radio.



Minisink Valley National Honor Society donated toys this Christmas (as they do every Christmas) in a show of its members' support and generosity.



The Middletown Kiwanis Annual Baby Shower provided a generous cornucopia of clothes and diapers. These items were given to the Rowley Family Birthing Center and handed out to families upon discharge.

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Foundation President Supports Regional Philanthropy at Panel Discussion & Book Launch



Garnet Health Foundation President William Dauster recently led a panel discussion on philanthropy at LEGOLAND in Goshen for Leadership Orange's new class of 50 students. The panel included Kathy Frommer, philanthropist;

Tanika McCullough, executive director of Dandelions Are Flowers Too; and Jeannette Drake, founder of Tabby's Tails.

Dauster set the stage for the discussion by highlighting the shifting levels of giving on a national scale. He quoted from both the Fundraising Effectiveness Project and Giving USA 2023 to illustrate that large donors were driving marginal growth in charitable giving dollars in 2021 and 2022, but those levels are starting to erode.

He said a decrease in donors and dollars given was evident across all donor types in the first quarter of 2023, with major donors causing an outsized decline in dollars and donor retention. Paired with a sharp drop in dollars given by new donors, not-for-profit leaders have significant challenges ahead in the coming year.

Dauster also interviewed well-known philanthropy author and consultant Laura Fredricks, JD at a signing of her new book, "Hard Asks Made Easy," at the Tuxedo Park Library. Fredericks is known for her speaking and coaching skills related to philanthropic "asks," and has spoken before to the Garnet Health Foundation Board. Her new book is designed to help people make every day difficult "asks" such as promotions, money, love, and general help.

In honor of those
who are suffering
during the present
wars

Joseph Caputo
Past Missionary to Haiti
&
Angela Giunta Caputo

IMMENSE
APPRECIATION
TO THE GARNET
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AND ALL THOSE
INVOLVED!

Blessings,
Diane Missailidis

 **Garnet Health**
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Our Oncology and Infusion Center at Garnet Health Medical Center – Catskills recently received the gift of self-care packages from Bernadette Hofsommer that were filled with Mary Kay® lotions and products. We are so grateful to Bernadette for her compassion in assisting individuals through their cancer journey. This gift of support will help bring comfort and reduce stress during treatment sessions for the many amazing patients we care for at Garnet Health Medical Center – Catskills.



Pictured L-R: Mary O'Shea-Siegel, RN, OCN; Tammy LaGattuta, RN; Bernadette Hofsommer, community member; Katherine Menges, RN, OCN



Clarice Needham from Children With Dreams Foundation delivered the proceeds from its annual toy donation to the Pediatric Center.



The Central Orange County Italian American Association delivered its annual toy donation to the Pediatric Center.



Mulberry House Senior Center crafters created baby blankets, baby hats, and baby sets for the Rowley Family Birthing Center. Director Julisa Sierra delivered the items with the following crafters: Jenneth Crawford, Barbara DiMunno, Marty Dragone, Stephanie Mack, Barbara Verrelli, Aurora Weinstein & Baby Ramachandran.



CONVERSATIONS OF GRATITUDE

“As an organization committed to the well-being of our community, we recognize that a thriving healthcare system is fundamental to the health and vitality of our residents. Garnet Health serves as a cornerstone of our community’s health infrastructure. By extending our philanthropic support, we directly contribute to the hospital’s ability to ensure that our community has access to the highest quality care and remains at the forefront of medical advancements. We are proud supporters of Garnet Health and the shared goal of building a healthier, more prosperous community for all.”



Michael Gilfeather
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Ginny Rizzo



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McGimpsey & Lesler Join Garnet Health Foundation Board

The Garnet Health Foundation recently welcomed two new members to its Board of Trustees. Foundation Board members promote philanthropy regarding Garnet Health, and work to help fund research, advances, and amenities for patients and families. They meet regularly and serve as stewards of donor funds.



Thomas J. McGimpsey, Jr.
Merrill Lynch Financial Advisor

With 15 years in the financial services industry, Thomas McGimpsey, Jr. has been a financial advisor at Merrill Lynch since May of 2021 and has earned the CIMA® and RMA® designations. Prior to this position, he worked as a portfolio manager at Hudson Valley Investment Advisors, Inc. and is intimately familiar with the Foundation investment accounts and IPS from his work there. Previous to that, he was in a similar role at Wilmington Trust (M&T Investment Group), and even earlier in his career, was a professional golf instructor.

McGimpsey Jr.'s education includes an associate degree in business administration, a bachelor of science in finance, and a master's degree with a concentration in finance. He has completed several Cannon Trust School courses, earning related certificates.

His community service has included East Fishkill Rotary Club, committee member and board member of the Orange County Land Trust for six years, member of the Dutchess County Chamber of Commerce, and as a coach for various children's athletic teams.



Michael Lesler
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Michael Lesler has been appointed as senior vice president, controller, and chief accounting officer of Orange Bank & Trust Company as of December 2021. He has over 20 years of experience in the banking industry, including extensive senior leadership experience in financial and operational management. Most recently, he served as executive vice president and chief operating officer for BCB Bancorp, Inc. in Bayonne, New Jersey from 2018 to 2021; prior to that, he served in the same position at Clifton Bancorp, Inc. in Clifton, New Jersey from 2016 to 2018. He also held the positions of chief financial officer, chief operating officer, president, and chief executive officer at New Jersey, Inc. and Bank of New Jersey in Fort Lee, New Jersey, where he served for 11 years. Lesler holds a bachelor of science in accounting from Rutgers University and is a member of the New York State Society of CPAs.



HONORARY TITLE FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE

At Garnet Health Foundation – Catskills' annual meeting, Joan Rhulen Farrow was bestowed the honorary title of Chair Emeritus for her distinguished service, exemplary stewardship, and over 30 years of dedication to the Foundation and Sullivan County. Rhulen Farrow, a successful businesswoman, community advocate, and benefactor, embodies philanthropic leadership with a long legacy and deep love of Garnet Health Medical Center – Catskills. Rhulen Farrow remains committed to the hospital's history, values, and to ensuring its continued success.

Joan Rhulen Farrow
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“Philanthropy is critical to the continued growth for Garnet Health, and I am grateful for everyone who is involved in our philanthropy program, especially our Foundation and our donors. When members of our community share gifts with us, it means so much more than a financial benefit. It shows me that the community trusts us with the care of their families and loved ones, that we have demonstrated to be good stewards of our gifts and resources, and that we provide exceptional care. Philanthropy is a gateway to new technology, funding critical equipment and projects that otherwise would not come to fruition and would not be available for our patients. To have world-class care in our community, we count on world-class philanthropy as part of our culture.”

**Jonathan Schiller,
MS, FACHE**
Garnet Health
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Garnet Health Medical Center – Catskills accepted a gift of healing in the form of flower arrangements designed in the ancient Japanese art of Ikebana, made by Kaya Abe Magee of momoglobal flowers, a biodynamic flower farm in Jeffersonville, New York. The art of Ikebana engages the mind, body, spirit, and soul with a close connection to nature. Magee’s generosity brought our staff, patients, and visitors a sense of healing, comfort, and renewed spirit.



Pictured L-R: Cassie Yanacek, RN; Beverly Reid-Ruggiero, OR Coordinator; Michelle Mootz, RN; Amie Smith, RN; Sara Diehl, RN



Lindsey Gaudreau donated toys this past holiday season. She has been donating for nearly 10 years, since she initially asked her parents to give her money for Christmas so she can purchase toys for “the sick kids.”



Johnstons Subaru delivered plush blankets and pillows to the Spagnoli Family Cancer Center as part of the Subaru Loves to Care program with the local chapter of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. The items were well received by our infusion and radiology patients.



The Garnet Health Medical Center – Catskills received a very special and meaningful gift from an area Girl Scout Troop. This gift, given to the first born baby “Girl Scout” on Oct. 31 at Garnet Health Medical Center – Catskills, is in honor of the founder of Girl Scouts, Juliette Gordon Low, who was born on Oct. 31, 1860.



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2023 EVENTS

ANNUAL DONOR RECEPTION

The Garnet Health Foundation held its Annual Donor Reception on May 4, 2023 to express gratitude to all its donors and recognize its award honorees.



Pictured L-R: Event honorees Robert & Eileen Ernst with Garnet Health Auxiliary, represented by President Maureen DeStefano & honoree Miriam Bacigalupi



Pictured L-R: Margaret, George & Sarah Lyons



Pictured L-R: GH Board member Virginia Rizzo, Hilary Ryan Goldman, GHMC Board Chair & Secretary Susan Murray-Tetz & past GH Board Chair Alanna Smith



Pictured L-R: Rolland & Suzanne Peacock with Mike Rundle from Hudson Valley Investment Advisors, Inc.



Foundation Board member Tonia Crown with Jack Dauster & Anthony Esposito



Pictured L-R: Winning Team Baczewski: Tom Fiumerello, Mark Baczewski, Rolland Peacock, Garnet Health's Adam Wiesenthal, PA Cardiothoracic Surgery & Richard Wiesenthal

SPORTING CLAYS

The Garnet Health Foundation hosted 80 participants at its Sporting Clays Tournament at Mid-Hudson Sporting Clays in New Paltz on Aug. 4, 2023. Garnet Health business partners and employees raised \$10,000 to benefit the Every Minute Counts campaign to expand and renovate the Emergency Department.

Garnet Health Foundation events can be viewed at garnethealth.org/foundation.



Pictured L-R: Tournament Champions: Mark Fellenzer, Ray VanVoorhis, Matt Fellenzer & Jack Nicholson

**GARNET HEALTH MEDICAL CENTER
– CATSKILLS 44TH ANNUAL GOLF
CLASSIC TO BENEFIT PATIENT
EXPERIENCE FUND**

The 44th Annual Garnet Health Foundation – Catskills Golf Classic was held July 2023 at Tarry Brae Golf Course in South Fallsburg. Proceeds, over \$83,000, benefited the Garnet Health Medical Center – Catskills Patient Experience Fund.



Jonathan & Theresa Schiller, Dr. Roman Fulman, Dr. Kenneth Newman & Alexa Seastrand reminisced on highlights from the day's event



Pictured L-R: Jacob Billig & Tom Wasserman



George Dunkel, Sr. & GHF-Catskills President Robert Ernst celebrated a sunny golf day!



Ronald Geysen & GHF-Catskills Trustee Anthony Kane

2023 EVENTS



Winning foursome from Media Solstice Marketing & PR lead by Patrick Mullen with Jonathan Schiller, Kate Brannan & the Mansion Ridge golf pro Ryan Fischer



CCI Construction foursome of Marc & Eric Savacool, Frank Segura & Jake Lindsey

32ND ANNUAL GARNET HEALTH GOLF CLASSIC

The 32nd Annual Garnet Health Foundation Golf Classic raised over \$280,000 in support of the Every Minute Counts campaign to expand and renovate the Emergency Department. 274 golfers played simultaneously across two courses: The Tuxedo Club in Tuxedo Park, New York and The Golf Club at Mansion Ridge in Monroe, New York. All golfers were invited to The Tuxedo Club for a lakeside dinner, cocktails, and freshly rolled cigars.



Joe Adonnino of Crothall with Evelyn Gennodie, Garnet's Healing Environment Manager



Orange Bank & Trust Company foursome: Michael Lesler, Jonathan Rouis, Michael Gilfeather & Tom Clark



Kate Brannan of Wall Radio, the event media sponsor, with her guest for the evening Clark



Casting instruction in action

FLY FISHING

The Garnet Health Foundation – Catskills Fly Fishing Clinic was held on June 15, 2023 at the Catskill Fly Fishing Center & Museum in Livingston Manor. The clinic, which hosted over 60 participants, included instruction for fly rod casting, fly tying, and fly fishing fundamentals, along with a bamboo fly rod handcrafting studio and museum tour.



GHMC-Catskills employees Vinny Corsello & Fran Justus



Foundation volunteer Paulette Rudy & her husband, Jimmy



Bonnie Orr, CPA of PKF O'Connor Davies in the middle of presenting

PLANNED GIVING EVENT

The Garnet Health Foundation recently hosted an estate planning seminar entitled “Modern Retirement and Estate Planning Strategies” at Garnet Health Medical Center in Middletown. Bonnie Orr, CPA; PKF O'Connor Davies; Michael Wagner, Esq.; J&G Law, LLP; and Senta Curran, CFP, MBA, ChFC, CLU, CLTC were the presenters.

The Foundation schedules one or more such seminars annually for the benefit of its donors, so watch for upcoming save the dates for new seminars! Meanwhile, donors can review materials on the Foundation’s planned giving website (garnethealthlegacy.org) and download documents in preparation for meetings with their personal financial consultants. Information about wills, financial calculators, a free estate planning guide, and newsletter is also available on the website.



*Supporting our Foundation is not only generous,
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uphold our mission.*

*Our award recipients have gone above and beyond
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make our community a much better place to live.*

**Joan Rhulen Farrow
and Family**





Nursing Scholarship Fund Established for Beloved Nurse Caroline Bark

Longtime nurse Caroline Bark, 72, of Pine Bush, New York passed away on Oct. 11, 2023 at Garnet Health Medical Center in Middletown after courageously battling a long illness.

Caroline was born Nov. 29, 1950 in Geneva, New York and was the daughter of the late Joseph and Caroline (Licht) St. John. She graduated from De Sales High School in 1968, the Marion S. Whelan School of Practical Nursing in 1969, the Helene Fuld College of Nursing in 1972, and Marist College in 2002, becoming a paralegal. Bark began her 50-year nursing career as an LPN at Geneva General Hospital in Geneva, New York and an RN at Joint Disease Hospital and St. Vincent's Medical Center in Manhattan, New York. Later in her career, she worked at Arden Hill Hospital in Goshen, New York, and Orange Regional Medical Center/Garnet Health Medical Center in Middletown, New York.

Her many colleagues talk about her passion and skill as a nurse, and numerous saw her as their mentor: an amazing hands-on leader who taught them and grew them professionally. Her passion to help patients was fully realized as an organ donor giving the gift of sight.

She is survived by daughter Laura (Salvato) Tropp and husband Matthew of Campbell Hall, son James Salvato of Warwick, grandchildren James House of Warwick, Rachel and Ethan Tropp, sister Audrey St. John of Pine Bush,

sister-in-law Lisa (Carandas) St. John of Buffalo, aunts "Chickie" Holt of Williamsville and Eleanor Licht of Fayetteville, soul sister Roberta Beany of Warwick, several nieces and nephews, many cousins, and Isabella, her cat. She is predeceased by husband Peter, parents Joseph and Caroline (Licht) St. John, and brothers Felix and Mark.

The family would like to thank her many clinicians: home care staff Kiara, Courtney, Jackie, Liz, Robin, Heather, and Laura Lee, who showed unwavering commitment to provide a happy, enriched, caring, comfort-focused, and protective home environment; the multitude of staff at Garnet Medical Center over numerous hospitalizations who embraced and took care of her as she had done for many; her physicians: Drs. Adrienne Salomon, Sandeep Singh, Christopher Lau, Douglas Scherr, Alan Plumer, Anousheh Ghezal-Ayagh, Emmanuel Schenkman, Alexey Amchentsev, and Wael Fakhoury; and numerous hospitalists and consultants who provided exceptional care with many reflecting with her their years of working together, which gave her joy.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Caroline Bark, RN Nursing Scholarship Fund and sent to the Garnet Health Foundation, 707 East Main Street, Middletown, N.Y. 10940. For more information, call the Foundation Office at 845-333-2333.

*Kudos to Lisa
Missailidis,
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designs that raise
the morale of
patients, guests, and
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environment.*



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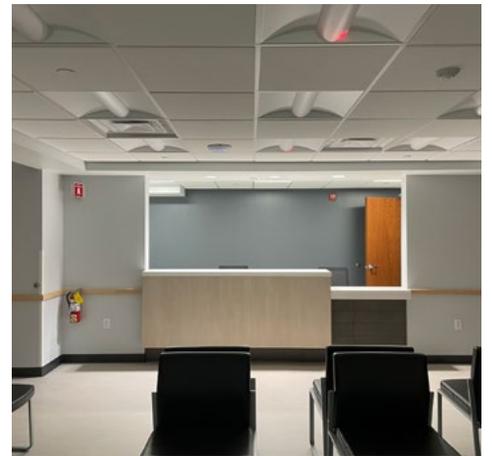
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Aleta M. Lymon, PhD



CCI is honored to celebrate Jane Dever and thankful to get the opportunity to work alongside her and the entire Garnet staff.

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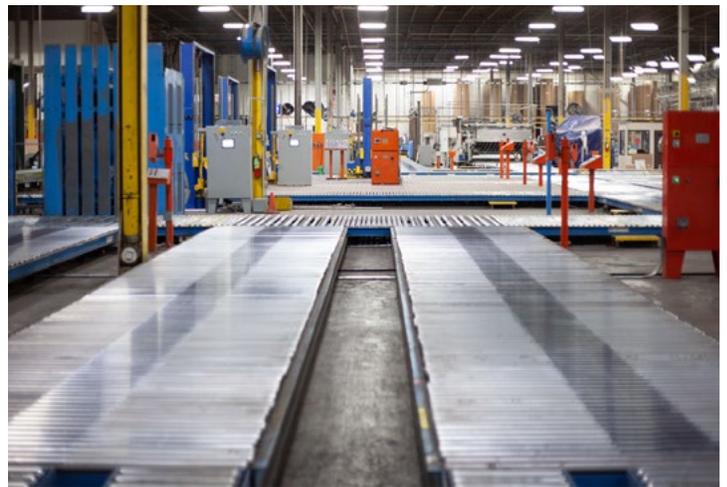
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AMOUNT	Garnet Health Foundation
\$182,286.00	Purchased Neonatal Transportation Isolate
\$52,640.00	Sonogram (Ultrasound) machine for bedside diagnosis of serious illness
\$23,289.56	Purchased infant panda scales to be used in the neonatal ICU
\$23,208.00	Sponsored clothing for Trauma, Behavioral Health & any other patient in need
\$10,800.00	Donor-designated donation for monthly meals on six nursing units
\$3,850.00	NICHE Membership fees to provide nurse education to best care for senior patients
\$3,300.13	Thomas V. Guarino Family Academic Medicine & Research Fund Emergency Medicine Resident Conference
\$2,901.29	Purchased a freezer to hold pasteurized human donor milk from NYS milk bank for any baby at Garnet
\$2,500.00	Look Good Feel Better to help female cancer patients mitigate the effects of treatments
\$2,500.00	Sponsored decorations for the 2024 holiday season for the healing garden
\$2,047.80	Purchased car seats for trauma education
\$2,000.00	Awarded two Dr. Ronald Sherman Memorial Fund Scholarships
\$1,715.00	Donor-designated meals for 3 North Unit
\$1,289.98	Sponsored a research program using virtual reality technology (sponsorship courtesy of the Thomas V. Guarino Family Academic Medicine & Research Fund)
\$987.52	Sponsored activities for the 2023 Hospital Week
\$792.00	Sponsored backpacks filled with school supplies for community children in need
\$779.00	Sponsored a number of nursing education opportunities throughout the year
\$763.00	Purchased Be A Survivor books for newly diagnosed breast cancer patients in the Spagnoli Family Cancer Center
\$595.00	Sponsored weekly travel for a volunteer to travel to their assignment throughout the year
\$500.00	Awarded 1 Matthew O'Brien Memorial Scholarship
\$364.96	Sponsored the transportation of patients upon hospital discharge (courtesy of the Patient Experience Fund)
\$358.92	Sponsored Cancer Survivor Day for the Spagnoli Family Cancer Center
\$320.17	Sponsored Thanksgiving Day meals for medical residents (courtesy of the Thomas V. Guarino Family Academic Medicine & Research Fund)
\$278.65	Sponsored gifts for annual nursing event
\$268.39	Sponsored supplies for a Behavioral Health Art Show (courtesy of the Patient Experience Fund)
\$189.96	Uber ride for discharged patient to return to NYC
Amount	Garnet Health Foundation – Catskills
\$47,543.00	Medical Board Office Suite renovation, Harris Campus
\$13,599.37	5 East Nurses Breakroom Renovation, Harris Campus
\$3,933.00	"Comfort Closet" clothing for patients in need, Callicoon & Harris campuses
\$3,641.76	Funded a year's worth of monthly lunches for the 5 East staff from a grateful patient, Harris Campus
\$2,469.50	Purchased diaper totes for Obstetric patients, Harris Campus
\$1,775.39	Aromatherapy program, Harris Campus
\$600.00	Purchased holiday grocery gift cards for indigent oncology/infusion patients, Harris Campus
\$458.00	Patient footwear for the "Comfort Closet," Callicoon & Harris campuses
Amount	Grover M. Hermann Auxiliary
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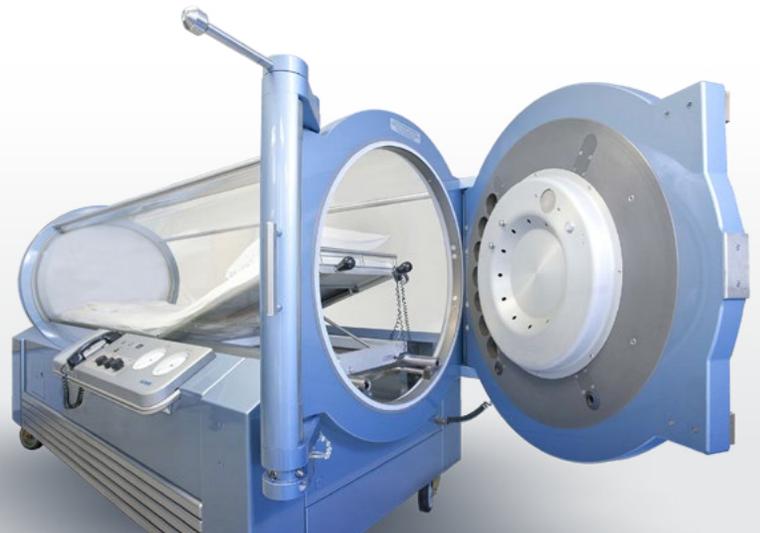
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“Garnet Health Truly Changed My Attitude Toward Hospitals”

Judith Schafman
Garnet Health Patient

“I have always been reluctant to go to doctors,” patient Judith Schafman shared. **“But I had the best experience that anyone could have while being in a hospital.”**

Judith had two recent hospital stays at Garnet Health Medical Center, both beginning with Emergency Department visits. Fortunately, the trips revealed no life-threatening conditions, but both instances required hospitalization.

“From the ED to the several days for each stay, I found an abundance of intelligent and warm-hearted attention from the doctors,” Judith reflected.

During her Garnet Health Medical Center — Catskills, Harris Campus ED visit, the ED physician determined that Judith required a level of care offered at the Middletown campus. When Judith heard the news, she expected an ambulance to transport her. Instead, two paramedics whisked in, bundled her up in warm blankets, rolled her on a gurney, and took her to the heliport.

“I am not a great airplane passenger,” Judith confessed, “but it was the most incredible flying experience I ever had. The paramedics comforted me as we made the short trip.” Within an hour of landing at the Middletown campus, she was hooked up to monitors and surrounded by the medical team who immediately administered care.

“Most especially I was...helped to heal by the most wonderful, caring, nurturing nurses. Whenever they had a few minutes, they would stay to have little talks with me. **Throughout the day and night this generosity and care came my way and truly changed my attitude toward hospitals and receiving medical help. I left the hospital with a new health plan and doctors I could count on,**” Judith said.

At Garnet Health, our mission is to improve the health of our community by providing exceptional healthcare.

And with your help, we can go above and beyond to provide an extraordinary patient care experience for people like Judith.



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Your generosity truly makes a difference. **Will you give to Garnet Health today to help provide life-changing health care to people across the Hudson Valley?** Your donation ensures that patients like Judith receive the best possible health care when they need it most.

It is a privilege to work alongside a talented, knowledgeable, and compassionate team of doctors, nurses, technologists, and others who strive every day to provide excellent care. Garnet Health is constantly developing specialty services, medical programs, and needed health care services that put patients first and improve the quality, stability, and efficiency of health care in our region. **But we can't do it without you.**

Thanks to your partnership, we can serve the 450,000 residents in Orange, Sullivan, and Ulster counties. Because of you, they can remain close to home while receiving the highest quality of care.

And thanks to you, Judith has a newfound confidence in medicine. **Thanks to you, she "had the best experience that anyone could have while being in a hospital."**

On behalf of Judith and all of us at Garnet Health, thank you for your support. Our community and people like her are better for it.



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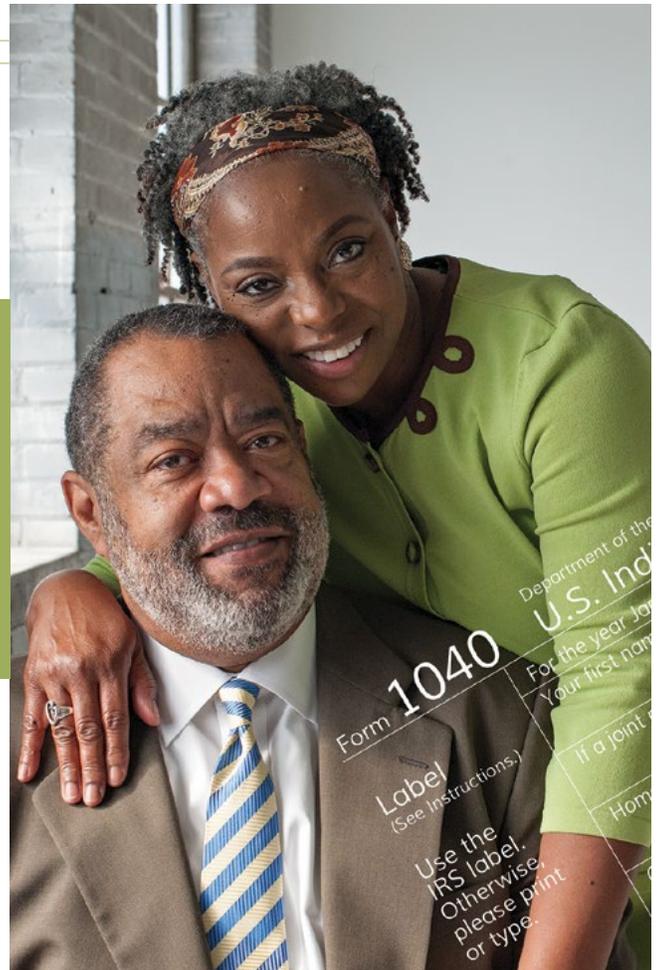
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