

# RATITUDE

A Garnet Health Foundation Newsletter



In celebration of Lab Week (Medical Laboratory Professionals Week, held annually from April 20-26 to recognize the vital contributions of medical laboratory professionals to healthcare), Garnet Health Medical Center's Laboratory staff and providers organized a toy drive, donating all collected toys to the Garnet Health Foundation. The Foundation supports various hospital departments that serve pediatric patients—from diagnostic imaging and same-day surgery to urgent and specialty care—by providing essential resources like these toys.

To donate or plan a toy drive, please contact the Foundation at foundation@garnethealth.org.



Chairman's Corner

Jason Giordano As we embrace this spring, a season of renewal, I would like to express my gratitude to our former Foundation president, Bill Dauster, CFRE, as he enters a new chapter. Bill's 10-year tenure was marked by success: he grew the Foundation by recruiting over 20 community leaders to serve on the Foundation's Board of Trustees, helped raise over \$16.8 million, and established the Foundation's events as among the best in the region.

I am so grateful to Bill and my fellow board members, whose stewardship of Foundation funds has supported Garnet Health Medical Center and those we serve.

My term as Chair began last spring, and I am honored to succeed Jay Anthony, now serving as a Hospital Board member. Jay served on the Foundation Board since 2011, and I am honored to proudly take the reins of this great organization as your new Chair. I am joined by Tonia Crown as Vice Chair.

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

With Gratitude,

Jason Giordano, CPA, CVA, MST Chair, Garnet Health Foundation Board of Trustees

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The Central Orange County Italian American Association continued its generous tradition by visiting Garnet Health Medical Center with its annual toy donation. Garnet Health Medical Center is grateful for the Central Orange County Italian American Association's' ongoing support; its members donate over \$500 worth of toys each year.



Clarice Needham from the Children with Dreams Foundation brought smiles and comfort to the children we serve by donating the organization's annual gifts of stuffed animals and toys to the Garnet Health Foundation.



Alan Turken of Alan Turken: Allstate Insurance presented the Garnet Health Foundation with a \$5,000 grant from the Allstate Foundation, a generous contribution that will help support the health and well-being of our community.



For her National Honor Society senior project, Minisink Valley High School senior Aislyn Struble organized a Valentine's Day-themed toy drive. Inspired by her grandmother's deeply affectionate accounts of working in the Garnet Health Pediatrics Unit, Aislyn's thoughtful initiative directly benefited the hospital's young patients.





Samantha Cruz's incredibly thoughtful donation of angel gowns was gratefully received by the Rowley Family Birthing Center. Using her own wedding gown, Samantha lovingly upcycled the fabric to create eight beautiful angel gowns for stillborn infants, offering a tender gesture of comfort in times of profound loss.



Middletown Kiwanis Club's Fran and Christine delivered much-needed baby clothes, handcrafted afghans, and diapers to the Rowley Family Birthing Center.



Jonathan Schiller Your gifts are instrumental in supporting Garnet Health's ability to continue providing exceptional care to our patients and community, to launch new programs and expand existing services, and to invest in the latest and safest technology and equipment.

While each individual and family may give for their own personal reasons and to specific programs that are important to them, the collective effort has a tremendous impact on our organization. We could not fulfill our Mission without the engagement of our community, and we are grateful for your continued support.

Like many healthcare organizations, Garnet Health cares for patients regardless of their ability to pay for our services. Your support, and trust in us as faithful stewards of your gifts, makes it possible for our clinicians to do their best work for our patients.

With Gratitude,

Jonathan Schiller, MS, FACHE CEO, Garnet Health

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# A Hearfelt Farewell to

### Foundation President Bill Dauster



Bill with Scott Batulis

Thank you, Bill Dauster, for your 10+ years of dedicated leadership and service to Garnet Health Foundation. We all wish you the best in your retirement!

We're especially grateful for Bill's many accomplishments over the years, which include:

- Over \$16 million gifted to the Hospital;
- Nearly 75 board meetings;
- · Multiple capital campaigns;
- · 20 Gratitude magazines produced;
- 11 golf outings;
- 11 annual receptions; and
- One global pandemic.

"I feel incredibly fortunate to have had the opportunity to work with Bill Dauster at Garnet Health Foundation. From the moment I joined, Bill's leadership and kindness made me feel welcomed, and his sense of humor and downto-earth nature made every day more enjoyable. His impact on me and so many others has been truly remarkable... His influence will undoubtedly continue to be felt for years to come."

**Tonia Crown** 

Vice Chair, Garnet Health Foundation Board of Trustees

"Bill Dauster is a true professional who has inspired those around him with unwavering commitment and integrity. His work has left an indelible mark on our hearts and minds, and his kindness has fostered a sense of belonging and unity amongst our community."

Nikki Regina



Bill with Gus Scacco



Bill with Madeline Spagnoli at the Hybrid Cardiac Operating Room ribbon cutting



Bill with Bill Bassett

"[Bill] transformed us into a group that championed various successful campaigns and supported the medical center(s) through the pandemic. Bill's legacy will forever be remembered within the medical center and outside in our communities via his dedication, commitment, respect, and most importantly, caring for all regardless of position or status."

## **Jay Anthony**Former Chair, Garnet Health Foundation Board of Trustees

"Bill and I have become good friends over the years. He went above and beyond the call of duty for my family and me when we were in need of medical care through the hospital. I wish Bill and his family well in retirement and hope that he gets to spend more time hiking the Catskills, fishing on Lake Ontario, and climbing the many steps of his favorite fire tower. I also hope he spends some time back in Orange County visiting us and all of the people who consider him a consummate professional and a special friend."

### **Bill Bassett**



Bill with Jay Anthony & Jonathan Rouis



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