



Garnet Health
FOUNDATION

GRATITUDE



Garnet Health frontline staff, volunteers & Foundation Board members accepting the Heroes Award at this year's Foundation Donor Recognition Reception on June 23, 2022

Foundation Donor Recognition Reception

Garnet Health Foundation's Annual Donor Recognition Reception in June was the first in-person donor reception in three years due to the COVID-19 pandemic, which rampaged through our families and communities.

The one constant throughout the COVID-19 pandemic was our donors, who shined a warm light during this cold and dark time. They came to our aid when we needed it most, providing personal protection equipment such as masks, gloves, and gowns, or bringing us meals and food when we could not leave our posts and feed ourselves. We remain extremely grateful for their generosity, and we recognized their efforts during this joyous in-person event.

The Community Award honorees included Steve Jardine of Johnstons Subaru and Franco Fidanza of the Fidanza Family Properties, while the Leadership Award honoree was Garnet Health Foundation – Catskills Chairwoman Joan Rhulen Farrow. The frontline staff of Garnet Health were collectively honored with this year's Heroes Award.

Jardine and Fidanza donated over \$30,000 in meals during the COVID-19 pandemic, feeding frontline staff and providing them with strength and sustenance to keep going.

Joan Rhulen Farrow raised funds for over 30 years as the chairwoman of the Garnet Health Foundation – Catskills, even during the turbulent times of the COVID-19 pandemic, and she ensured the funds were put to proper use solely at the Catskills hospital facility. She embodies philanthropic leadership with a long legacy and deep love of Garnet Medical Center – Catskills.

Garnet Health's frontline staff worked on a different level throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, truly living our mission to serve minute to minute and embodying the ideals of dedication and selflessness.

In addition to recognizing our donors and honorees, three scholarships were awarded from two of our scholarship funds: the Ronald Sherman, MD Memorial Scholarship Fund and the Matthew O'Brien Memorial Scholarship Fund. Both scholarship funds are donor-advised and managed with the donor families.

Dr. Sherman's family, including David Sherman and Allan and Debbie Dziedzic, presented a \$1,000 scholarship on behalf of the fund to Middletown High School senior Maria Torres Rojas, who is pursuing a nursing degree at SUNY Orange. The Matthew O'Brien Memorial Scholarship Fund awarded two \$500 scholarships to sisters and hospital volunteers Olivia and Antonella Lombardo. Matthew's mom, Colleen, presented the awards.



Franco & Paula Fidanza with their children, Raff, Giada, Sabrina & Alessia



Garnet Health VP of Operations & Garnet Health Medical Center – Catskills COO Jerry Dunlavy with Garnet Health Board member Virginia Rizzo & VP of Patient Care Services & Chief Nursing Officer, Garnet Health Medical Center – Catskills Suzanne Lange Ahmed



Bill Bassett with Dr. Chavez Carey & Elena Chavez Carey



Michael Blustein, Esq. & Ronald Kossar



Jodi Comey & Foundation Board trustee Rosemary Otero



Honorees Steve Jardine & Franco Fidanza with Garnet Health Foundation Board chair Jay Anthony & Garnet Health President & CEO Alfred E. Pilong, Jr.



Tahir & Anna Mahmood



Suzanne Rhulen Loughlin & Joe Loughlin accepting the Leadership Award on Joan Rhulen Farrow's behalf



Sharon Benjamin, Toni Ann Whitehead with Carmen Riley & her son, George



Scholarship awardees Olivia & Antonella Lombardo with Matthew O'Brien Memorial Scholarship donor Colleen O'Brien



Mobile Life Support Services (MLSS) President & CEO Pamela Finnerty & MLSS Board member Andy LaMarca



Scholarship recipient Maria Torres Rojas with Dr. Sherman's family, including Allan & Debbie Dzedzic & David Sherman



Foundation Board member Ann Yacone DiAgostino, RN & Garnet Health staff member Gia Nelson



Charles Crafton



Garnet Health Auxiliary members Maureen DeStefano, Ann Mandato, Theresa Taylor, Betty Smith & Janet Formisano



Chairman's Corner

Jay
Anthony

As the COVID-19 pandemic finally began to wane, economic struggles and sneaky variants emerged. Combining these unexpected factors with our annual battle with influenza, threats of monkeypox, and more recently, the increased numbers of children with RSV (or respiratory syncytial virus), this year has been quite an emotional roller coaster.

Throughout these challenging times, the staff at Garnet Health continues to persevere with its dedication and compassion. When I think about our staff, I think about each and every team member - from our bedside caregivers to our welcoming staff at the front doors. When I think about our staff's dedication to our community's well-being, I think about an environmental service staffer sanitizing door knobs long after many have gone home for the night.

As caregivers, our staff have a triple duty: caring for our patients, caring for their families, and of course, caring for themselves. None of it is easy.

Many people have ignored their health during this troubling time, postponing critical tests or putting off important procedures; it is time for everyone to focus on their own health and the health of their loved ones. It is time for everyone to move forward, including Garnet Health.

In November, the Peter Frommer, MD Heart Center expanded once again, providing a new and prestigious cardiothoracic surgery program in partnership with cardiac surgeons from New York-Presbyterian/ Columbia University. The Columbia Heart Surgery program is rated the number one cardiac surgery program in our region, and rated fourth in the nation. Rest assured, our patients will be in skilled hands.

Garnet Health has continued to improve and move forward, and it has been donors like you who have kept us going through these difficult times. We have been able to provide critical funding for the rising costs of COVID-19 supplies, oncology pharmaceuticals, the continuing construction of our Emergency Department expansion... the list, which is in this issue, goes on. Suffice it to say that there are many important initiatives that have been funded thanks to your continued support and generosity.

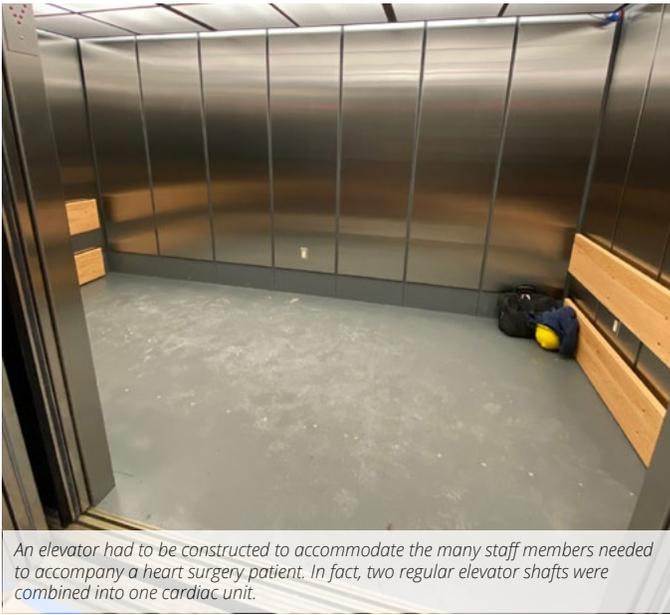
We are forever grateful for your trust and support. Together, let us move forward to a healthier tomorrow.

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 significantly larger and more prominent.

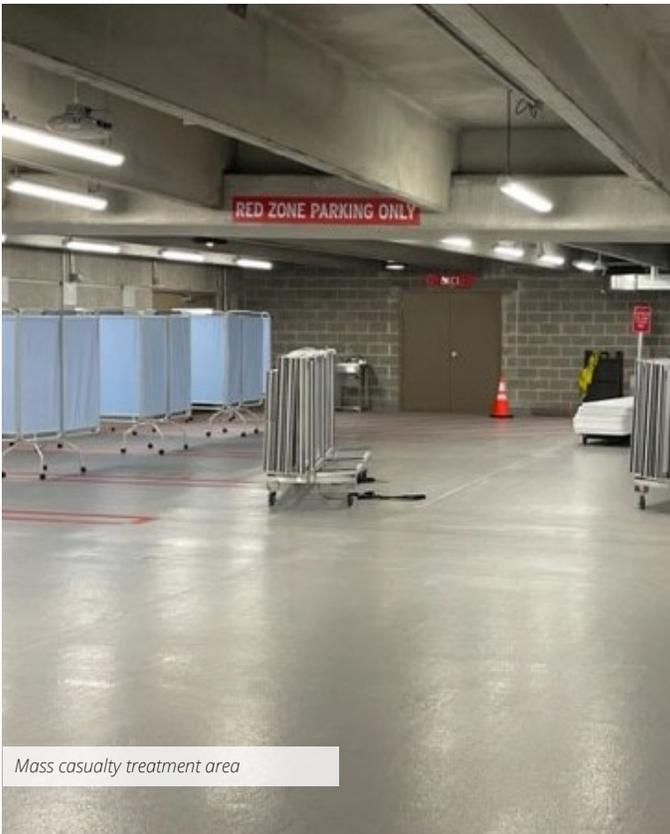
Jay Anthony
Chair, Garnet Health Foundation
Board of Trustees



CT Build-



An elevator had to be constructed to accommodate the many staff members needed to accompany a heart surgery patient. In fact, two regular elevator shafts were combined into one cardiac unit.



Mass casualty treatment area

Every Minute Counts Campaign Continues Support for Emergency Room Expansion & Renovation

Work will begin early 2023 on the next phase of the Emergency Department expansion project, which includes expanding and renovating the Diagnostic Center.

Recent work from the Every Minute Counts campaign includes the mass casualty treatment area in the parking garage, which eliminates the need for assembling temporary outdoor tenting facilities to provide treatment and care for a large number of patients. The area is both heated and air-conditioned, wired for 25 patient bays, and includes decontamination showers and wireless connectivity.

The Every Minute Counts campaign has raised \$4.5 million toward its \$7 million goal thus far. The Garnet Health Foundation asks for your continued support. For more information on how you can support this important regional effort, call the Garnet Health Foundation Office at 845-333-2333 or visit www.garnethealth.org/giving/opportunities/every-minute-counts.



Transforming Emergency Care

The Peter Frommer, MD Heart Center Fund Challenge

Donald and Kathy Frommer have a long history of championing cardiac care in Orange and Sullivan counties, and providing philanthropic support for these centers and programs. In 2007, they made a major contribution to the growing cardiac services at Horton Medical Center, now Garnet Medical Center, in honor of their father, world-renowned cardiac researcher Dr. Peter Frommer. Thus, the Peter Frommer, MD Heart Center was established.

The Frommers' gift elevated our region's heart services through the implementation of a highly successful cardiac catheterization laboratory, later incorporating interventional services. Currently, our cardiothoracic surgery has received a series of national quality awards.

In late 2022, the Frommers committed a lead gift as Garnet Medical Center launched its cardiothoracic surgery service in partnership with cardiac surgeons from New York-Presbyterian/Columbia University. The Columbia Heart Surgery program is number one in Garnet Health's market, and listed fourth in the nation for outstanding cardiac care. Dr. Michael Argenziano, associate chief of the division of cardiac, thoracic, and vascular surgery at New York-Presbyterian/Columbia University Irving Medical Center, will begin to perform surgeries at Garnet Health's Middletown campus in early 2023.

"Without Don and Kathy's generous support, our heart program would not have progressed to the advanced level it is today," said Alfred E. Pilong, Jr., president and CEO of Garnet Health. "Their latest gift will take this program forward for many years to come."

The Frommers want their gift to stand the test of time. They invite others to join them in creating a donor-advised endowment fund, which would utilize proceeds annually for program enhancements and protect the future of the region's cardiac care service. Their intent is to appoint representative clinicians and administrators to join them in their review and approval of annual funding allocations; their vision is to name six fellowship chairs, as well as other facility spaces including the cardiac catheterization laboratory, its treatment rooms, and the cardiac surgical suite along with its high-tech, hybrid surgical treatment room.

The Frommers' latest gift and its accompanying challenge to other donors will secure high-quality heart care for generations of area residents in the 87 zip codes of Orange, Sullivan, and southwest Ulster counties.

For more information about the Peter Frommer, MD Heart Center Fund Challenge, please contact the Garnet Health Foundation Office at 845-333-2333.



On Sept. 12, the Town of Fallsburg Lions Club presented Garnet Health Medical Center – Catskills COO Jerry Dunlavey with a \$6,000 donation to the hospital in memory of Seymour Berenson of Hurleyville, N.Y. Berenson served two terms as the Lions Club president and over 30 years as its treasurer.

This donation is in appreciation of the nursing team at Garnet Health Medical Center – Catskills for the critical work they do, and was given in the hope of providing the nursing staff with a healing breakroom environment. Taking a break is necessary to provide safe, effective patient care, and breaks allow staff to decompress in an appropriate and comforting environment during their shift. The healing breakroom environment promotes physical, emotional, and spiritual health and wellness.

The Town of Fallsburg Lions Club, a nonprofit organization, has shown continued support for Garnet Health Medical Center – Catskills over the years, including an annual golf tournament to raise funds for the hospital. The Lions Club has donated close to \$100,000 to the hospital.



Orange Bank & Trust President, CEO & Director Michael Gilfeather presented the bank's generous gift to Garnet Health Foundation President William Dauster and Garnet Health President & CEO Alfred E. Pilong, Jr. The bank has a naming opportunity in the expanding Emergency Department.



Noopur, Keisha, and Misha, students of Middletown High School and members of the India Association of Catskill Region, crafted hats for newborn babies with the assistance of Ms. Ramachandran and Ms. Patel. Pictured: Baby Ramachandran, Noopur, Keisha, Misha & Deepiti Patel



The Minisink Valley National Honor Society collected items to give to the Garnet Health Breast Center and pediatric patients. Students Emily Haber and Austin Gurda presented these items to Michelle Worden and Kelly Pizzaro of the Breast Center.



Mary Kay representative Audrey Doller Sagala presented 40 Mary Kay product gift bags to the Spagnoli Family Cancer Center. Pictured: Audrey Doller Sagala, Infusion Center Director Ali Monell, RN & Radiation Oncology Director Betty Koshy



Thank you to Tommy and Christine O'Toole, owners of O'Toole's Pub in Monroe, for a gaming cart for the Pediatric Unit. Pictured: The O'Tooles with Pediatric Unit Director Michelle Rogers, RN & Cynthia Brennan, RN



Seniors from the Mulberry House Senior Center of Middletown made blankets, baby bonnets, and hats. Pictured: Baby, Marty, Claudette, Arora, Mullu & Director of the Mulberry House Senior Center Julisa Sierra



Madilyn Greenberg collected \$2,000 in donations and toys for Garnet Health as her mitzvah project.



The Mahmood family donated its beloved family baby grand piano to the Spagnoli Family Cancer Center lobby. Pictured: Aisha & Alia Mahmood



With the help of Johnstons Subaru and the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society (LLS), patient care blankets were donated to Garnet Health.



Pictured left to right: Maureen Donnelly, MSN, RN, NEA-BC, RN-BC; Jenny Phelps, RN, RN-BC, CRRN; Kerry Gladstone, BSN, RN, CCRN; Douglas & Karen Mills; Todd Jones, NP

Grateful Patient Visits the Callicoon Campus

After recovering from a cardiac episode and receiving emergency treatment at Garnet Health Medical Center's Callicoon campus, Douglas Mills and his wife, Karen, visited our lifesaving team to express their gratitude. During their visit, Doug and Karen brought homemade fruit jams for the team, along with a big, heartfelt thank you.

"We cannot express enough gratitude to the Callicoon team for the emergency and lifesaving care it provides to our community."

-The Mills Family

Riddle Me This...

When Garnet Health changed its name two years ago, who became the new owners?

ANSWER TO RIDDLE ME THIS: No one bought the health system formally known as GHHS! The name change was simply implemented to better reflect the regional services of the health system. Garnet is the New York State stone and is known to have healing properties. The board members who oversee our operations are local professionals who care about health in their communities.



President's Corner

Alfred E. Pilon, Jr.

From the President's Desk,

As we step into the season of giving and gratitude, all of us here at Garnet Health acknowledge with great respect the many generous donors in our System's family.

On behalf of all of our board members, physicians, and staff, please know how much your support means to us as we work every day to provide the very best possible care. Your support raises our confidence that we can navigate through the toughest days and plan a better future for the communities we are privileged to serve.

Recently, the Foundation Board approved over \$4.4 million to our Middletown campus for Emergency Department expansion construction work, critical renovations to pave the way for our new cardiothoracic program, and support for the unprecedented, rising costs of cancer treatment pharmaceuticals. Funds for these developments came directly from the Every Minute Counts campaign, as well as support from our golf and sporting clays events. Your generous donations fueled this expansion, and please know that we cherish every gift, large or small.

Thank you for your kindness and support, and thank you for choosing Garnet Health for your family's health care. We wish you good health and great joy for the holiday season and New Year.

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

A Generous In-Kind Donation from a Neighboring Facility

Garnet Health Medical Center – Catskills welcomed a very generous in-kind contribution of therapeutic and diagnostic equipment, fixtures, and furniture from long-time neighbor Dr. Barry Scheinfeld, Catskill Rehabilitation & Sports Medicine, which recently closed its practice.

Our community trusts Garnet Health Medical Center – Catskills to provide the highest quality of care to patients, and contributions such as this will assist us in continuing to expand our programs while offering the very best in health care. Our success would not be possible without the generous support of the many individuals and businesses who believe in the mission and vision of our organization.

Thank you, Dr. Scheinfeld!



Pictured left to right: Megan Eggleton, DPT & Julia Blaskiewicz, PT



A Gift of Compassion, a Gesture of Support & Strength

The Oncology and Infusion Center at Garnet Health Medical Center – Catskills received beautiful, handmade quilts to help individuals through their cancer journey. We are so grateful to Barbara, Judy, Pat, and Mrs. Mary for sharing their talents and delivering 32 of their colorful creations. Each quilt will provide warmth and comfort, and will put a smile on the faces of many amazing patients we care for at Garnet Health Medical Center – Catskills.

These quilts are truly a gift of compassion, and a gesture of support and strength! We are fortunate to have such caring friends and neighbors helping us to provide exceptional healthcare services. To make a donation in support of Garnet Health Medical Center – Catskills, please visit www.garnethealth.org/giving/foundation-catskills.

Pictured left to right: Tammy LaGattuta, RN; Mary O'Shea-Siegel, RN, OCN; Wendy Keesler, LPN; Katherine Menges, RN, OCN

Garnet Health Foundation – Catskills 43rd Annual Golf Classic



Rick Schmidt, Jesse Farrow, Darin Kunis & Jonathan Farrow putting on the green

On July 13, Garnet Health Foundation – Catskills held its 43rd Annual Golf Classic, which hosted 100 golfers at the Villa Roma Resort in Callicoon, N.Y. and raised over \$70,000 net proceeds to benefit the expansion of the Cardiac Rehabilitation Builds Better Heart Health program at Garnet Health Medical Center – Catskills.

This clinically supervised program is designed to improve a patient's overall cardiovascular

health after a serious cardiac episode. Patients receive comprehensive, personalized care to help them recover, regain strength and mobility, reduce risk factors for future heart problems, and ultimately restore quality of life. We are committed to providing an excellent experience and quality care for each patient.

Thank you to all sponsors, participants, and volunteers for helping our community build better heart health!



Tournament winners: Medi-Centrix, LLC's Mark Stewart, Ryan Killeen, Garnet Health's Will Scheuermann & Shawn Killeen



Rob Bowen with Catskill Foundation Board trustees Alex Rey, Robert Ernst (Board president) & Hon. Anthony Kane.



Hudson Valley Investment Advisors Michael Rundle & Gus Scacco pairing up with MLMIC's Guy Forden & Keith Vaverchak



Garnet Health Medical Center – Catskills Board foursome: Kenneth English, Patrick Fitzpatrick, Marco Audalis & Dr. Juan Goyzueta



Garnet Health VP of Operations & Garnet Health Medical Center – Catskills COO Jerry Dunlavy & Garnet Health Foundation President William Dauster celebrating a wonderful day



Steingart Printing's Ira & Nathan Steingart sending good luck to all competitors



Former Garnet Health Medical Center – Catskills Board chair Jerry Skoda, Garnet Health Board member Rick Lander & Garnet Health President & CEO Alfred E. Pilog, Jr.



Garnet Health Medical Center – Catskills Manager of Employee Labor & Relations Eileen Kammerer with Administrator of Grover M. Hermann Campus Maureen Donnelly at the hole in one



Ramapo Anesthesiologists, PC foursome: Dr. Kenneth Newman; Garnet Health VP of Operations & Garnet Health Medical Center – Catskills COO Jerry Dunlavy; Dr. Roman Fulman; Garnet Health President & CEO Alfred E. Pilog, Jr.



Marco Audalis, Garnet Health Foundation President William Dauster & Director of Development Pamela Yash recapping the events of the day



Garnet Health staff volunteer Ashley Miller welcoming participants with VP of Patient Care Services & Chief Nursing Officer, Garnet Health Medical Center – Catskills Suzanne Lange Ahmed



Kaufman Borgeest & Ryan, LLP's Phil Artusa, Patrick Dolan & Christopher DiGiancinto showing their support for Garnet Health Medical Center – Catskills



Garnet Health President & CEO Alfred E. Pilog, Jr. with NYS Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther at the social reception



Sullivan County Partnership for Economic Development foursome: Fred Stabbert III, Jenn Cassaro, Marc Baez & John Brust in a moment of laughter



Friends of Garnet Health George Dunkel, Jr., George Dunkel, Rosemary Skoda & former Garnet Health Medical Center – Catskills Board chair Jerry Skoda on the green



Ramapo Anesthesiologists, PC's Dr. Kenneth Newman saying hello to Garnet Health Foundation President William Dauster before tee off

31st Annual Healey Brothers Golf Classic celebrates Healey Brothers



On Sept. 26, more than 225 competitors came together for the 31st Annual Healey Brothers Golf Classic at The Golf Club at Mansion Ridge and The Tuxedo Club, a new venue for this outing. Over \$330,000 was raised to support the Every Minute Counts campaign to expand and renovate the Emergency Department.

Garnet Health Foundation celebrates Healey Brothers for its continued commitment as event sponsor. For the last five years, Healey Brothers has elevated the Golf Classic to become the best golf outing in Orange County.



Event chair & Foundation Board member Jason Giordano, Garnet Health President & CEO Alfred E. Pilong, Jr. & Garnet Health Foundation Board chair Jay Anthony presenting an award to Jason, Dwight & Dylan Healey in recognition of their dedication as event sponsors for five years



Healey Brothers General Manager John Koerner at shotgun tee off at The Tuxedo Club



Healey Brothers owner Dwight Healey with Dr. Jim Oxley



Garnet Health Foundation – Catskills, Deanna Schultz with Garnet Health Doctors Dr. Juan Goyzueta



Foundation Board member & event volunteer David Apps at The Tuxedo Club dinner



Fairway Sponsor Arthur J. Gallagher & Co. foursome: Greg Scott, Tommy Uccellini, Bob Crandall & Tom Lynch



Garnet Health employee volunteers & golfers Evan Gray, Mike Lorenzo, Cari McGinnis, Shawn Springer, Jacqui Budakowski, Jessica Gerlach, Mary Murphy, Paul Zimmerman & Regina Toomey Bueno at The Tuxedo Club dinner



Fairway Sponsor SCPHealth foursome: Garnet Health President & CEO Alfred E. Pilong, Jr., SCPHealth CEO Rich D'Amaro, Garnet Health Doctors Dr. Juan Goyzueta & Crystal Run physician leader Dr. Jon Nasser



SCP Health's Dr. Spano, Dr. Meigh & Dr. Ramnarain played at The Tuxedo Club



Garnet Health staff volunteers at The Tuxedo Club: Ashley Miller, RN, DPN; Jessica Gerlach, Basket chair; Cari McGinnis, RN



Garnet Health staff volunteers Betty Koshy & Evelyn Gennodie at The Tuxedo Club



Emergency Department nurse leader Robin Brennan Seibel, RN & Medical Officer Dr. Matt Meigh



SCP Health CEO Rich D'Amaro with Garnet Health President & CEO Alfred E. Pilong, Jr. & Garnet Health Foundation Board chair Jay Anthony



Chief Medical Officer Pam Murphy, MD with Administrator Regina Toomey Bueno at The Golf Club at Mansion Ridge



Healey Brothers members Laura Aiello & Drew Smith with the Healey film crew



Dr. Spano & Dr. Jim Oxley with HVIA President & Foundation Board member Gus Scacco & SCP Health's Jill Hunt, PA

GOLF CLASSIC WINNERS

The Tuxedo Club

1st place, with a score of -13:
TK Elevator Foursome
(Richard Kearney, Rob Mack, Tim Hind & Rick Jackson)

The Tuxedo Club Contest Winners

Closest to the Pin, Female:
Gio Tulino
Closest to the Pin, Male:
Dr. Jim Oxley
Longest Drive, Female:
Kelly Naughton
Longest Drive, Male:
Greg Scott

Mansion Ridge

1st place, with a score of -18:
Mark Fellenzer, Ray VanVoorhis,
Paul Hoffner & James Feraca

Mansion Ridge Contest Winners

Closest to the Pin, Female:
Hilary Ryan Goldman
Closest to the Pin, Male:
Andrew Giordano
Longest Drive, Female:
Hilary Ryan Goldman
Longest Drive, Male:
Corey Spiegel

Basket Raffle Winners

- #1. Smart TV:
Jay Anthony
- #2. Nintendo Switch OLED:
Aryen Mcnett
- #3. Glamping Experience:
James Bannon
- #4. Golf:
Kiana Simonson
- #5. Basket of Apples:
Tiffany Tyler
- #6. Rushmore Estates:
Will Scheuermann
- #7. Crystal Springs:
Carleigh Drake Kidd
- #8. Apple Watches:
Jaelyn Pritchard
- #9. Lake Placid Weekend:
Ed Boles

Limited Raffle Winners

- 1st Place - \$5,000:
Katie Correa, Information Technology
- 2nd Place - \$2,500:
MaryEllen Crittenden, Quality (donated \$500)
- 3rd Place - \$1,000:
Dory Alport (donated \$1,000)

Garnet Health Foundation Sporting Clays Tournament 2022



Winning High Team: Tom Fiumarello, Rolly Peacock, Mark & David Baczewski

On Aug. 4, more than 60 people participated in the Garnet Health Foundation Sporting Clays Tournament at Mid-Hudson Sporting Clays in New Paltz, N.Y. Each shooter hit 100 clays on a course, with 17 stands placed throughout woods and an open field. The group feasted on a farm-to-table lunch while enjoying donated beverages from Beer World Middletown and Pepsi-Cola of the Hudson Valley.

Tournament Winners:

High Overall - Male: Tom Fiumarello

High Overall - Male (runnerup): Jimmy McCormack

High Overall - Female: Evelyn Gennodie

High Team: Mark & David Baczewski, Tom Fiumarello & Rolly Peacock

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Club Manager Steve Meyen providing a comprehensive safety demonstration at the start of the tournament



Evelyn Gennodie taking instruction on her first time shooting clays

Memorial Tribute Gifts

Memorial tribute gifts are a meaningful way to acknowledge a passing or a special moment, such as the birth of a child or a marriage.

The Garnet Health Foundation memorial tribute gifts listed here were given from April 1, 2022 through November 18, 2022.

GIFTS IN MEMORY OF

In Memory of Dr. Mary Altura
Barry C. Altura

In Memory of Burt J. Blustein
Lauren Bender
Michael Blustein, Esq.
Fancy Foods, Inc.

In Memory of Angela Giunta Caputo
Joseph Caputo

In Memory of Nick Caputo
Joseph Caputo

In Memory of Stefano 'Steve' Caputo
Joseph Caputo

In Memory of Abby Dan
Barbara Dan

In Memory of Fannie Davis
Debra Brooks-Edmonds

In Memory of Doris Ferraioli
Robert Ferraioli

In Memory of Cyrus Bud Geer
William J. Ruggles

In Memory of Michael J. Gray
William J. Ruggles

In Memory of Shirley Grout
James E. Oxley

In Memory of Patricia Haun
Katherine Haun

In Memory Barbara J. Huber
Robert Huber

In Memory of Vince Knoll
Kurt Knoll

In Memory of Melanie J. Lanc
John Lanc

In Memory of Adelle M. Lazarowics
Sanford Lazarowics

In Memory of Lorraine Lazier, RN
Robert Bedford

In Memory of Joanie Mahoney
James & Paulette Rudy

In Memory of Robert McLeod
Margaret McLeod

In Memory of Helen C. Mills
Richard Mills

In Memory of Bill Missailidis
Diane Missailidis

In Memory of Margaret & Carmine Montalbano
Toni Ann Whitehead

In Memory of Jean Murphy
Christopher Murphy

In Memory of Charles Palsma
Sheila Palsma

In Memory of John J. & Margaret A. Perrino
John A. Perrino

In Memory of Heleodoro Pinto
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In Memory of Mr. James Post
Beth Post

In Memory of Barbara Ann Ramos
Garnet Health Doctors

In Memory of Jonathan Ruggles
William J. Ruggles

In Memory of Maurice & Cornelia Scandurra
Tracee Strout

In Memory of Alice P. Scanlon
Elizabeth Smith

In Memory Of George & Sophia Schoonmaker
Linda M. Lanfear

In Memory of Susan A. Schwarz
Robert Schwarz

In Memory of Sheila Strong
Kathleen Strong

In Memory of Patricia Tonyes
William C. Dauster
William J. Ruggles
Pamela Yosh

In Memory of Barbara Wald
Gladys Biasi

In Memory of Robert Wolf
William J. Ruggles



Pictured left to right: Antonia Duncan, Clinical Director Obstetrics; Judith Lucyk, DKG; Susan Kaufman, DKG; Robin Pantel, DKG

Special Delivery!

The Garnet Health Foundation – Catskills welcomes “Born to Read,” a special delivery by the Delta Kappa Gamma (DKG) Society Tau Chapter of Sullivan County.

The DKG Tau Chapter is a group of female professional educators whose goal is to encourage a love of reading in children. As teachers throughout the county, they have seen the benefits of early reading and hope to encourage new parents to read to their baby as well.

The DKG Tau Chapter delivered colorful packages of books and flashcards in both English and Spanish to our Harris campus. The members also met with Antonia Duncan, Clinical Director of Obstetrics, during their visit. Thank you, DKG Tau Chapter, for helping us promote a literacy program within our hospital family!

For more information about Garnet Health’s Obstetrics services and our Community Health program, please visit www.garnethealth.org.

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In Memory of Dr. Joseph Lauterstein
Dory Alport
Eileen & Robert Ernst
Dina & Alan Greenbaum
Burton Ledina
Jennifer & David Shea
Helen Spicka
Kathleen & Joseph Sweeny
The Rhulen Family Foundation
Garnet Health Medical Center - Catskills
Medical Board

In Memory of William Steinberg
Marilyn & Ralph Bonfiglio

In Memory of Milton Thomas Ratner
International Union of Operating Engineers

GIFTS IN HONOR OF

In Honor of Joan Rhulen Farrow
Barriger & Company, Inc. (Linda Barriger)
Nancy & Anthony Kane
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If you would like memorial tribute forms mailed to your home, or if you have questions about how to make a gift in honor or in memory of a loved one, contact the Foundation at 845-333-2333 or foundation@garnethealth.org.

Foundation-Funded Programs

The following list represents the programs and services funded by the Garnet Health Foundation since January 2022. We are grateful to the donors who support the 21st Century Club and our donor-designated programs:

AMOUNT	PROJECT FUNDED
\$3 Million	EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT EXPANSION
\$1 Million	CARDIAC THORACIC SURGERY PROGRAM IN THE PETER FROMMER, MD HEART CENTER
\$400,000	SPAGNOLI FAMILY CANCER CENTER INFUSION THERAPY CENTER
\$182,286	PURCHASE OF NEONATAL TRANSPORTATION ISOLATE
\$86,412	HOLOGIC 3D MAMMOGRAPHY SYSTEM**
\$85,560	GE VIVID ECHO SYSTEM**
\$47,543	MEDICAL BOARD OFFICE SUITE SPACE LIFT**
\$30,424	PATHWAY TO EXCELLENCE PROJECT MANAGEMENT**
\$28,424.35	PURCHASE OF PATIENT EXPERIENCE CLOTHING
\$22,693.84	CARDIOLOGY SUITE CONSTRUCTION AID
\$13,599.37	FIVE EAST NURSES BREAKROOM SPACE LIFT**
\$13,477.75	PURCHASE OF MOBILE TECHNOLOGY THAT IMPROVES PATIENT FLOW & SATISFACTION BY INCREASING TRANSPORTATION WITHIN HOSPITAL
\$11,552.35	CONTINUING COSTS RELATED TO COVID-19 PATIENT CARE
\$10,664.95	FUNDS TO HARDWIRE THE EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT PATIENT ROOMS SO PATIENTS' VITALS CAN BE REMOTELY MONITORED
\$6,675	POST-OPERATIVE CARDIOTHORACIC EDUCATIONAL MANNEQUIN FOR STAFF
\$5,000	PATHFAST CARDIAC TESTING INSTRUMENT**
\$3,500	EDUCATION FOR EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT NURSING STAFF
\$3,439.59	PRIME TC WHEELCHAIR**
\$3,033.41	FUNDING FOR FOUR MEDICAL STUDENTS TO TRAVEL TO TWO RESEARCH CONFERENCES
\$2,889	PURCHASE OF FREEZER TO HOLD PASTEURIZED HUMAN DONOR MILK FROM NEW YORK STATE MILK BANK FOR ANY BABY AT GARNET
\$2,500	LOOK GOOD FEEL BETTER TO HELP FEMALE CANCER PATIENTS MITIGATE THE EFFECTS OF TREATMENTS
\$2,040	FIVE EAST NURSING STAFF RECOGNITION MONTHLY LUNCHEON**
\$1,855	AROMATHERAPY PROGRAM SUPPLIES**
\$1,451.84	BEREAVEMENT KITS FOR FAMILIES
\$1,000	MATTHEW O'BRIEN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS
\$1,000	RONALD SHERMAN, MD MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP WINNER
\$827	INSTALLATION OF USB PORTS & OUTLETS**
\$750	PATIENT EXPERIENCE TRAVEL FOR PATIENTS & FAMILIES
\$732.50	PURCHASE OF A FLIGHT FOR PATIENT TO RETURN TO HER HOME IN HUNGARY
\$683.68	PURCHASE OF AROMATHERAPY & CAM SUPPLIES
\$600	FUNDING FOR EDUCATION DURING NURSES WEEK
\$600	BEYOND THE WALLS THANKSGIVING MEAL SUPPORT**
\$585	FUNDING FOR VOLUNTEER TRAVEL TO HOSPITAL
\$516	INDIGENT PATIENT MEDICATION & SUPPORT**
\$500	HONORARIUM FOR NURSES WEEK LECTURE
\$467	SUPPLIES FOR A FAMILY COMFORT CART IN INTENSIVE CARE UNIT
\$429	FUNDING FOR EDUCATION FOR NEW MEMBER OF DIABETES EDUCATION CENTER STAFF
\$159	REIMBURSEMENT FOR FORMER PATIENT'S MEDICATIONS FROM NEIGHBORX PHARMACY, AS PATIENT WAS UNABLE TO AFFORD THEM
\$125	PURCHASE OF VERATHON BLADDER SCANNER**
\$117.65	PURCHASE OF AROMATHERAPY CARDS FOR DISTRIBUTION WITH AROMA WANDS
\$4,974,113.28	TOTAL

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Patient Experience Fund Funds Trip Home for Hungarian Patient

Dr. Chavez Carey did all he could do to bring Erzsebet Vargan Gyovia back to good health. Still, without medical coverage, financial resources, and the love of her family (including grandchildren she had yet to meet), Erzsebet and Dr. Chavez Carey both realized that to fully recover medically and mentally, Erzsebet would have to travel back to her home in Budapest, Hungary.

"I had recently heard a talk about the important work of the Garnet Health Foundation at a physician meeting," said Dr. Chavez Carey. "I called them and within the hour, they said this was something they could fund."

Thanks to the Garnet Health Foundation's Patient Experience Fund, Erzsebet was able to travel home in July 2022. One of the greatest challenges Erzsebet faced was that she'd had an above-the-knee amputation as a result of her illness and needed a prosthesis to walk. Thankfully, the medical system in her home country would provide for that, in addition to any rehabilitation she may need.

Both Erzsebet and Dr. Chavez Carey were extremely grateful and recently sat for a tearful interview.



Erzsebet Vargan Gyovia & Dr. Chavez Carey

"I am really grateful to Dr. Chavez Carey for all he has done for me and to the Garnet Health Foundation for helping me go home to my loved ones," said Erzsebet via translator. You can watch the tearful interview with Erzsebet and Dr. Chavez Carey at www.garnethealth.org/pefund.

Foundation Director Pamela Yosh said the Patient Experience Fund exists for patients like Erzsebet and their families who may need hotels, transportation, clothing, and more. An employee-driven committee recommends patients who require the support that the fund can provide.

"We even have a stock of comfortable clothing for those who are unable to wear their own clothes home," said Yosh. "We believe dignity is an important part of the healing process."

To learn more or to make a gift to the Patient Experience Fund, visit www.garnethealth.org/pefund or call 845-333-2333.

Patient Experience Fund Expands to Callicoon & Harris Campuses

We are thrilled to announce that the Patient Experience Fund has expanded to include the Callicoon and Harris campuses.

To learn more, visit www.garnethealth.org/pefund.

"I cannot say enough about all of the care I received at your facility and believe Dr. Bajaj is one of the finest and most courteous and caring physicians I could ever hope to meet."



High Praise for Cardiac Care from Visiting Cardiologist/Patient Dr. Boyle

Dear Dr. Murphy,

I am writing to you to express my gratitude for my recent care at your facility in Middletown, N.Y. Let me first introduce myself. I am Gerard J. Boyle, MD, FACC, a pediatric transplant cardiologist at the Cleveland Clinic Children's Hospital in Cleveland, Ohio. I own a vacation home in Cochection near Callicoon, N.Y. I was at the end of a 2-week vacation there when at about 6:45 a.m. on Sept. 17, I woke with right shoulder pain which quickly spread to my chest. I asked my wife to take me to the hospital. Your satellite hospital in Callicoon is about two miles from our cabin.

Within a few minutes of arriving, I had two IVs placed, blood work drawn, and an ECG showing I was indeed having a heart attack, a right-sided STEMI by my eye. As the initial care was ongoing, the Life Flight team was activated, and medical care was initiated. I was flown to your facility in Middletown and arrived before 8:30 a.m. I was met in the ED by Dr. John Park and his team, who efficiently assessed my condition and admitted me to the hospital.

Details here are a little sketchy because of the medications I was given, but I was impressed by the care in the ED. I should mention that in addition to the regular team, my niece, Jesse Cruz, greeted me there. Jesse is an RN in your MICU. At this point, my care only became more impressive. I was whisked down the hall by Dr. Park and taken immediately to the cath lab, where a very efficient and courteous team awaited my arrival. I was prepped and introduced to Dr. Rishi Bajaj. He explained everything to me, even though I am quite familiar with the workings of the cath lab, as I too regularly perform catheterization procedures.

What surprised me most was the speed at which the diagnostic portion of the procedure was accomplished—therapeutic decisions were made, a stent was placed, and I was transferred to the CICU in under an hour from landing in Middletown! I immediately felt better. Once recovering from sedation in the CICU, Dr. Bajaj spent time explaining to my wife and me what he had done, and that he wanted to bring me back to the cath lab this past Monday to investigate a second, less emergent lesion which I readily agreed to, knowing what I do.

Here I should mention that it is the privilege of being a staff physician at the Cleveland Clinic that in situations like this, the clinic immediately offered to send one of our jets to bring me back to Ohio to be cared for by the cardiology staff in our CICU and cath lab. I was so impressed by the expertise of Dr. Bajaj and his team that I decided to continue my care at (Garnet Health Medical Center).

My second procedure was even quicker and as efficient as the first. I was discharged from the hospital on Sept. 20, and had a return visit with Dr. Bajaj the following day. At that point, he cleared me to return to Ohio and made sure I would have a follow-up visit in Ohio within a week.

In conclusion, I cannot say enough about all of the care I received at your facility and believe Dr. Bajaj is one of the finest and most courteous and caring physicians I could ever hope to meet. I have already recommended him to several of my family members who live in the area should they ever need a cardiologist.

Most sincerely and gratefully,
Gerard J. Boyle, MD, FACC



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