Guests at the 2019 Burke Award Raise Their Paddles in support of Neurology Gym
Dear Friends,

Happy Summer! The Burke campus is in full bloom and every day I see people strolling through the gorgeous grounds and relaxing in the shade of one of our many trees. I hope that you’re enjoying the season as well and are able to spend some time unwinding.

While you’re enjoying the fun that comes with the summer season, we’re wrapping up a particularly busy few months. We opened our second outpatient sites in both Yonkers and the Bronx, and plans are currently underway for another site in White Plains, one mile down the road from the main campus on Mamaroneck Avenue.

We are dedicated to meeting the growing demand for outpatient therapy and plan to continue to expand our offerings.

As you’ll read about on the next few pages, these past months were also a busy time for Burke events. In May, we held the Heels & Wheels 5K and in June we held the annual Burke Award dinner and honored Bonnie and Tom Grace and Cuddy & Feder LLP. A Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to my predecessor, Mary Beth Walsh, MD, Burke’s former CEO and Executive Medical Director. The event was our most successful to date, with special funds being raised for the creation of a much-needed inpatient neurorehabilitation gym. I would like to personally thank you for supporting these events.

On the next page you’ll learn about some of the vital programs funded and equipment purchased through your donations. As always, thank you for your continued support of Burke. I look forward to partnering with you now and in the future.

In good health,

Jeffrey Menkes
President & CEO, Burke Rehabilitation Hospital
There are many ways to support Burke—from making a donation to attending one of the many events held throughout the year. Burke is incredibly grateful for all of these generous contributions.

A Look at Two Burke Signature Events

Heels & Wheels.
Held on May 11, over 150 runners, walkers and hand cyclists came together for the morning race, which started and ended on Burke’s campus. Runners included teams from Burke Award honoree Cuddy & Feder LLP, as well as The Brainiacs—a group of people who have each experienced a traumatic brain injury and come together to help raise awareness and foster a sense of community and engagement. Families and individuals from Burke and members of the surrounding community also got in on the fun. More than $20,000 was raised to support community wellness programs.

Along with the race, the event featured a children’s fun run, vendors and raffles. The Jenny Lewis Memorial Award—in memory of former Burke senior administrator Jennifer Lewis—is given annually to an outstanding volunteer and was presented this year to Lindsay Fenety.

Burke Award.
Less than a month later, the Burke community came together again to celebrate the 2019 Burke Award honorees at Brae Burn Country Club in Purchase, New York. The June 6 event drew the largest crowd in years and raised over $500,000 for the hospital.

The Burke Award is the highest honor given by the Burke Board of Trustees and is bestowed upon those who have made a difference in the field of rehabilitation. This year’s honorees were Bonnie and Tom Grace and Cuddy & Feder LLP. A Lifetime Achievement Award was also presented to Mary Beth Walsh, MD, former Burke CEO and Executive Medical Director.

Of the more than $500,000 raised from Burke Award, close to $150,000 came from donations received during a lively paddle raise during the dinner. These funds will be used to help fund the renovation of existing space within the main hospital to create a new, 5,200-square-foot neurorehabilitation gym. This is a particularly important project as Burke’s neurological patient population continues to grow and needs more space for therapy. The event also featured demonstrations of cutting-edge therapy equipment and an unveiling of Burke’s high-amenity hospital room. Named in honor of former board chairman Donald E. Foley, the room is the first of its kind at Burke.

To learn more about attending and supporting a Burke event, please call the Development Office at (914) 597-2847.

How Your Support Helps

Giving back is worthwhile and donating to a cause that’s close to your heart can be particularly meaningful. Here at Burke, we wholeheartedly appreciate your support—and want you to know that your dollars directly help sustain our innovative and essential programs and services. Here are a few examples of what your support has helped make possible in the past year:

Burke Adult Fitness Center Renovation.
Funded primarily through a generous donation from the estate of Constance C. Porter, Burke’s Adult Fitness Center was completely renovated. Everything from the reception area to the floors were revamped and new, state-of-the-art gym equipment was purchased. The fitness center offers personal training, massage therapy and exercise classes to over 700 members. All members of the public over age 40 or those who medically qualify are welcome to join. For more information about membership and classes offered, please call (914) 597-2805.

Employee Grant Requests.
At their general meeting in June, the Burke Auxiliary approved nearly $20,000 in grant requests from Burke employees to support the purchase of an EKG machine for the Nursing Department and Micomedical VisualEyes 505 Goggles with a laptop computer for the outpatient concussion treatment program in Somers. Peg Cataldo, President of the Burke Auxiliary, also generously funded an iPad to help with outpatient care in Armonk and sensors needed by the Nursing Department to better measure patients’ oxygen saturation.

In addition, The Charles A. Mastronardi Foundation, a longtime Burke supporter, awarded a $20,000 grant to support vital equipment needs for neurological patients. This included enhancements to the traumatic brain injury multi-purpose room, the SCIFit Upper Body Exerciser for outpatient neurological patients, the FreeDome accessory for the LiteGait weight-bearing system and a portable motorized lift for brain injury program patients.

Burke C.A.R.E.S.
Thanks to an endowed gift by the Grace Family Foundation, Burke has launched Burke C.A.R.E.S., an education and training program for employees. The program will help encourage and highlight the values that Burke is known for like compassion, accountability and service excellence. Employees who exemplify these values will be nominated by their peers, with the winners receiving a cash award.

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SCI Sports and Vendor Expo
Saturday, September 21

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While at the Wheelchair Games, be sure to stop by the SCI Sports and Vendor Expo. The expo will include vendor presentations on topics such as adaptive equipment, new technologies, services and products relevant to life after a spinal cord injury. Join us in the afternoon for adaptive sports and interactive product demonstrations. For more information please contact Kaitlynn Hammerton at khammerton@burke.org.

Burke Auxiliary Brunch
Sunday, September 22

Welcome fall with the Burke Auxiliary, who will be hosting a brunch in the Rosedale Room of the Billings Building. The featured speakers will include Burke’s Chief Nursing Officer, Valerie Vermiglio-Kohn, and Carla Assenza, LCSW, Burke’s Marsal Caregiver Center Director. For more information please call Eunice Pinto at (914) 761-4912 or Loretta Nelson at (914) 381-0968.

Wheelchair Games
Saturday, September 21

Join us as we mark the milestone 40th Annual Wheelchair Games, a day-long event for wheelchair athletes, featuring track and field events and activities like basketball and table tennis. Plus, you’ll find carnival games, music, raffle and silent auction items and lots more. Volunteers and fans to cheer on the athletes are welcome. For sponsorship opportunities, please call Sarah Caro at (914) 597-2846.

Westchester Heart Walk
Saturday, October 5

As a founding member of the American Heart Association in 1924, Burke has always been dedicated to the importance of cardiac health—and the critical need for cardiac rehabilitation. Mooylene Oh-Park, MD, MS, Burke’s Senior Vice President and Chief Medical Officer, and Michael Palumbo, MD, FACP, Burke Board Member and Executive Vice President and Chief Medical Officer of White Plains Hospital, will serve as co-chairs of the event. Please join us at the Walk, which will take place at the Kensico Dam Plaza in Valhalla, by registering at www2.heart.org/goto/burke. For more information, please call the Marketing Department at (914) 597-2848.

Did you know...

Like many organizations, Burke has a Board of Trustees. Members hail from a variety of industries with a variety of experiences—and unite under the common goal to help make Burke the best it can be. To that end, current and future Board members will now take part in the newly developed “Board Orientation.” The program, designed by the hospital’s Senior Administration, not only provides information about day-to-day operations, but also discusses the changing healthcare landscape, the hospital’s short- and long-term strategic priorities, and how both Board member and donor support are critical to achieving these goals and ensuring Burke remains at the forefront of rehabilitation medicine.

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