Gratitude
Giving Thanks to the Friends of Burke Rehabilitation Hospital

“Burke will be with our patients at every step of their recovery. I have no doubt that we will continue to be a leader in the seamless transition from acute care to inpatient rehabilitation to outpatient and ultimately back into the community.”

Mooyeon Oh-Park, MD
SVP & Chief Medical Officer
Burke Rehabilitation Hospital
Dear Friends,

Happy spring! The weather is finally warming up and our beautiful White Plains campus is in full bloom. If you haven’t had the chance to admire the tulips and the cherry blossoms, now is a perfect time to visit.

Spring is a busy time at Burke, and this year is no exception. At the start of 2018, I laid out our goals for the year. As an organization, enhancing the patient experience remains one of our top priorities. We also remain committed to providing clinical excellence in rehabilitation, to remaining financially healthy and to assessing the needs of the facility and creating a master plan for the hospital. We want to ensure that Burke remains at the forefront of rehabilitative care in the Hudson Valley for years to come.

We continue to make strides towards these goals. The Marsal Caregiver Center will officially open on May 30th, the first of its kind in a rehabilitation hospital—and only the 12th such center in the entire U.S. The Center will help support caregivers by providing information, resources, classes, and more.

Spring is also a time for two of Burke’s signature events: The Heels & Wheels 5K on May 6 and the Burke Award on June 7. Please enjoy reading more on the next page about this year’s Burke Award honorees, and call (914) 597-2847 to purchase your tickets or for more information.

And finally, I have one more exciting piece of news to share with you: After a national search, we have named Dr. Mooyeon Oh-Park the new senior vice president and chief medical officer at Burke. Dr. Oh-Park, who comes to Burke from the Kessler Institute for Rehabilitation and the Kessler Foundation in New Jersey, will oversee all clinical activities for the hospital as well as play a key role in strategic planning and alignment.

We thank you again for your continued support of Burke and look forward to working with you today and in the future. Here’s to good health!

Jeffrey Menkes
President & CEO, Burke Rehabilitation Hospital

Construction on the Marsal Caregiver Center Underway

At Burke, we know from experience the importance of not only caring for the patient, but caring for their caregiver as well. The Marsal Caregiver Center—the first such Center of its kind in a rehabilitation hospital—is specially designed to meet the needs of caregivers.

Located within the main hospital, the construction of the Center is well underway—and opening day is set for May 30. Please contact the Development Office at (914) 597-2847 to learn more about how you can attend our opening reception or support this life-changing initiative.
The outstanding programs and services we offer are made possible by the generosity of individuals, businesses and foundations. We value your contribution because our patients benefit every single day.

Meet the 2018 Burke Award Honorees

The Burke Award, the highest honor bestowed by the Burke Board of Trustees, is given annually to individuals or groups who have made significant contributions to the field of rehabilitation. The Burke Award Dinner, Burke’s largest fundraiser of the year, will be held on June 7th at the Brae Burn Country Club in Purchase. This year’s honorees are:

Matt & Amy Yallof: In 2016, Matt, a host on MLB Network, suffered an ischemic stroke that left him unable to walk and barely speak. He underwent intensive physical, occupational and speech therapy during his month at Burke, and has returned to work in a very limited capacity. Matt now volunteers his time with other young stroke patients at Burke providing encouragement and support. Following Matt’s stroke, his wife Amy, a marketing executive, became a dedicated caregiver. She now serves as a patient advocate, shares her knowledge with other caregivers of stroke patients, and has been a volunteer advisor to Burke on the patient and caregiver experience.

Country Bank: Celebrating its 30th anniversary in 2018, Country Bank has been a prominent Burke sponsor and community partner. Founded in 1988 by a group of investors, including current chairman Joseph Murphy, the bank began with a goal of providing technologically advanced products with a “down home” feel. Several team members have turned to Burke to meet their rehabilitative needs, including Vice Chair JoAnn Murphy—and these positive experiences have been the driving force behind Country Bank’s support of Burke’s mission.

RECEIVING THE LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Donald E. Foley: Chair of the Burke Board of Trustees, Donald E. Foley will be honored with a Lifetime Achievement Award. He joined the Board in 2005 and has been Chair for close to 10 years. His contributions to Burke have been far-reaching, most notably in strategically aligning Burke with Montefiore. His corporate and non-profit leadership skills have left an indelible mark on Burke.

How Donor Dollars Have Enabled Burke to Expand Outpatient Care

The need for quality, comprehensive outpatient care is essential—especially now. “Five or ten years ago, there were many surgical procedures that necessitated an inpatient hospital stay that today don’t always require one,” says Steven Tisser, Vice President of Outpatient Services at Burke. This, coupled with an aging population and shorter hospital stays in general, has resulted in a growing need for outpatient care.

With seven outpatient clinics throughout Westchester and the Bronx—plus two more opening soon—Burke understands the importance of providing this critical care to our patients. And it’s thanks to the help of generous donors like you that we’re able to meet this need head-on.

How? Here are just some examples: The David M.C. Ju Foundation established an outpatient care management program and the hiring of a social worker to help patients and their families navigate the process. The Charles A. Mastronardi Foundation funded the purchase of therapy equipment aiding in mobility and gait therapy. And Philip and Arline Diamond have made a multi-year commitment to the Somers Outpatient Clinic, which will allow the clinic to purchase additional equipment and address long-term facility needs.

This support not only helps Burke stay on the cutting edge of care and offer crucial, life-changing services to our patients, but also helps us do what Burke does best: get our patients back to the lives they love.

To learn more about supporting outpatient services at Burke, call the Development Office at (914) 597-2847.

“Philanthropic support of Burke’s outpatient services helps us in important ways: It gives us the opportunity to provide additional services, hire key support staff and purchase equipment that keeps us leaders in our field. It also gives patients—regardless of their ability to pay—access to the same high-quality services. We always strive to provide the best care—but having these resources allows us to take that care to the next level.”

—Steven Tisser, Vice President of Outpatient Services, Burke Rehabilitation Hospital
Burke will soon welcome our first Everest Research Fellow, thanks to a grant from the Everest Foundation. The fellow, who will have completed medical school but not yet begun a residency program, will conduct research in the field of Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation and will also work closely with Burke’s PM&R residents. An additional contribution from the Foundation will go towards supporting Burke’s Graduate Medical Education program.

Did you know…

HEEWS & WHEELS 5K ROAD RACE & WALK
MAY 6
Join—or cheer on—the athletes at this annual 5K, which brings together athletes of all abilities for a fun morning race. The event begins and ends on Burke’s campus. For more, call the Burke Fitness Center at (914) 597-2578.

OPENING OF THE MARsal CaREGIVeR CeNTeR
MAY 30
Join us to learn more about the Center at this opening day event, which includes tours of the facility and a reception for donors. For more, call the Development Office at (914) 597-2847.

2018 BuRKE AWARD DINNER
JUNE 7
Celebrate our 2018 Burke Award recipients with Burke’s leadership at Brae Burn Country Club in Purchase, which includes a cocktail hour, dinner and auction. For tickets or to support this event, call the Development Office at (914) 597-2847.

BURKE AUXILIARY SUMMER BBQ
JULY 15
Celebrate the season with the Burke Auxiliary at their summer BBQ at The Bristal in White Plains. Members and non-members are welcome. For more, call the Development Office at (914) 597-2847.