June/July 2017

Burke Award 2017 a Huge Success

The 2017 Burke Award dinner was held on June 8 at the Brae Burn Country Club—and was a huge success. With over 300 people in attendance, guests enjoyed an outdoor cocktail hour, a live auction and a beautiful sit-down dinner. Honorees this year were Barbara and Steven Kessler and Dr. Michael Reding shown at left with Burke President & CEO, Jeffrey Menkes.

The Burke Award dinner is Burke’s signature event and largest fundraiser of the year. The 2017 dinner marked Burke’s most successful year yet, with over $250,000 raised. The money raised from the live auction will go directly to our stroke program, while the rest will be put towards Burke’s general purpose fund. To see photos and videos from the night, visit www.burke.org/burkeaward.

Donor Spotlight: Burke Auxiliary

The Burke Auxiliary is a volunteer organization that raises money to benefit Burke. Since its founding in 1959, the Auxiliary has donated over $1 million to fund various projects throughout the hospital. And this year was no exception: the group donated $30,000, which will go towards a number of initiatives, including funding programs and equipment and technology purchases, such as a muscle stimulation bike for the outpatient physical therapy department. The Auxiliary, which holds events throughout the year, such as a brunch and theater trips, are always welcoming new members. For membership information, contact Joanne Auerbach at imhalfauer@gmail.com.

From Benches to Buildings: Naming Opportunities at Burke

Laurane Magliari, a former Burke Award recipient, considered Burke a very special place—and her friends wanted to honor that after she passed away in 2014. The group decided the best way to do it was to dedicate a bench on the Burke campus in her name.

Naming a bench is just one of the many naming opportunities available at Burke, which include everything from patient rooms to an inpatient rehab gym to entire buildings. It’s a great way to honor a person’s legacy or support Burke in a meaningful way. Donations start at $2,500 and go up from there, depending on the type of opportunity you choose. If you have a patient or caregiver interested in discussing, or you would like to learn more yourself, contact the Development Department at (914) 597-2222.

DID YOU KNOW?

Over 700 patients were seen in 2016 at Burke’s outpatient Memory Evaluation and Treatment Service, which helps diagnose and treat patients with memory disorders, including Alzheimer’s disease. Run by Dr. Pasquale Fonseca, the METS program not only focuses on the individual patients, but on their families and caregivers as well. For information, call (914) 597-2307.

W.M. BURKE CABINET

Chairman’s Cabinet ($10,000+)
- Adler Aphasia Center
- Auxiliary of Burke Rehabilitation Hospital
- The Charles A. Mastronardi Foundation
- The Endeavor Foundation
- Donald Foley & Barbara Long
- Leona Kern
- Barbara & Steven Kessler
- Bryan & Kathleen Marsal
- Faith & David Pedowit
- James Rowen
- Will Rogers Institute
- George Yancopoulos, MD, PhD

SAVE THE DATES

July 11
Faces of Burke Opening at Country Bank
Join us for the opening of the next installment of the Faces of Burke photography gallery, which will take place at Country Bank in Scarsdale starting at 6 p.m. RSVP: (914) 597-2847.

July 13
Senior Health Series Lecture
Learn more about how to stay heart healthy in this talk given by a member of the inpatient cardiopulmonary team. Breakfast begins at 8:30 a.m. RSVP: jmoran@burke.org.

September 23
2017 Wheelchair Games
Cheer on the athletes at the 38th annual Wheelchair Games—a day-long track and field event for wheelchair athletes—held at Burke and also featuring a silent auction, carnival games and entertainment. Games begin at 9 a.m.

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