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Giving Thanks to the Friends of Burke Rehabilitation Hospital

2018 Burke Award Honorees
Country Bank
Amy & Matt Yallof
LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
Donald E. Foley

From left to right: Matt Yallof, Amy Yallof, Jeffrey Menkes, Donald E. Foley, John R. McCarthy, JoAnn Murphy, Joseph Murphy, Carolyn Murphy and Joseph Murphy, Jr.
Happy summer! I hope you’re having a relaxing season with your family and friends—whether you’re headed out of town or simply enjoying all the wonderful things our area has to offer. While summer invites us to unwind with our loved ones, things are still in high gear here at Burke.

We’re so proud of the many things we’ve accomplished recently: The Marsal Caregiver Center officially opened at the end of May, making it the first in the country in a rehabilitation hospital. On the next page, you’ll be able to read more about what the Center offers and why it’s such a game-changing resource for caregivers.

The annual Burke Award dinner was also held recently—on June 7 at the Brae Burn Country Club in Purchase. Thanks to you, the event, which is Burke’s largest fundraiser of the year, was a tremendous success. The Burke Award is the highest honor bestowed by Burke’s Board of Trustees. This year’s honorees were Country Bank, a longtime community supporter, Matt Yallof, Major League Baseball Network commentator and stroke survivor, and Amy Yallof, his wife, caregiver and patient advocate. A special Lifetime Achievement Award was also presented to outgoing Board Chair, Donald E. Foley. Completing his final term in May, Foley had served as Board Chair since 2009—and was presented the award by incoming Chair, John McCarthy.

After an exciting spring and summer, we’re also looking forward to fall. We hope you’ll join us at the annual Wheelchair Games on September 22. At the day-long event, you’ll not only see athletes of all ages and abilities take part in track and field events, but experience firsthand the spirit of inclusion that we’re so proud of here at Burke. Also on tap this fall: The Fearless Caregiver Conference on November 8, which is open to the public and will offer practical advice, resources and information for caregivers.

Burke is committed to caring for our patients and their families—and we want to thank you for your generous support in helping us continue to meet that goal every day. We look forward to working with you now and in the future.

I hope you have a wonderful summer. Here’s to good health!

Jeffrey Menkes
President & CEO, Burke Rehabilitation Hospital
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.

Marsal Caregiver Center Opens

Burke offers many things: outstanding patient care, a team of renowned physicians and staff and numerous cutting-edge programs. Now there’s one more to add to the list: an on-site, dedicated caregiver center—the only such center in a rehabilitation hospital in the country. Opened on May 30, the Marsal Caregiver Center, which is housed in the main hospital, is a tremendous resource for caregivers.

“Having the nation’s first caregiver center in a rehabilitation hospital will enable Burke to strengthen our ability to improve the lives of patients, their families and the community,” says Burke President and CEO Jeffrey Menkes. “Resources like this will help keep Burke at the forefront of rehabilitative care.”

Along with everyday necessities like computers, charging stations, and a kitchenette, the Center will also offer programming such as classes, including a weekly meditation class, and, beginning this summer, a caregiver orientation group to ensure caregivers know all the ways Burke can help.

“The Marsal Caregiver Center is such a special place because it really shines a light on the caregiver and their vital role in patient recovery,” says Carla Assenza, LCSW, The Dana Reeve Director of the Marsal Caregiver Center. “The Center will not only be a true place of respite for our caregivers, but will be part of a comprehensive program that includes access to a caring support team of trained volunteers and practical assistance navigating the process. We are honored to be a part of this difficult time in our families’ lives, and hope to make their journey a bit smoother.”

The Center, the fifth caregiver center within the Montefiore Health System, was made possible thanks to a generous donation from former Burke patient Bryan Marsal and his wife, Kathleen.

To learn more about the Caregiver Center at Burke, call the Development Office at (914) 597-2847.

The Importance of Cutting-Edge Equipment

There are so many aspects that go into a patients’ care—from their physicians and medical team to the therapy they receive, to the equipment and technology that’s utilized in those therapy sessions.

It’s often thanks to its generous and empathetic donors that Burke is able to stay ahead of the curve. A case in point: The Charles A. Mastronardi Foundation. Founded in the late 1970s, the Mastronardi Foundation began supporting Burke after Carol Mastoloni, a niece of the Foundation’s namesake, came to Burke for her rehabilitation following a double-knee replacement. Both she and her sister, Margaret Mastronardi, a vice-president of the Foundation, then joined the Burke Auxiliary and the Burke Fitness Center.

“Burke was my first choice because I live in White Plains and I knew it had a great reputation,” says Carol, “Everyone was wonderful to me and I was up and walking in no time.”

For the past decade, the Mastronardi Foundation has been one of Burke’s key supporters, and has helped fund large-scale equipment purchases, including the Biodex Free Step harness system, an overhead track and harness system, an FES (functional electrical stimulation) machine, and an AutonoMe Mobile Unit, used for spinal cord injury patients.

“Equipment generously donated by the Mastronardi Foundation such as the AutonoMe Mobile Unit, the Biodex Free Step, and the L300 Go enhance the patient’s quality of life, allow for more task-specific training, and allow the patient to gain greater control of their environment,” says Sandra Alexandrou, PT, MBA, Vice President, Inpatient Rehabilitation at Burke.

To learn more about how you can help keep Burke on the cutting-edge of care, contact the Development Office at (914) 597-2847.

“The use of leading-edge equipment in an acute rehabilitation hospital allows the therapists to incorporate technology that enables patients to achieve the highest level of independence and function.”

—Sandra Alexandrou, PT, MBA, Vice President, Inpatient Rehabilitation at Burke
AUXILIARY FALL BRUNCH  SEPTEMBER 16
Welcome the season with the Burke Auxiliary at their annual fall brunch. The event offers the chance to meet new friends and learn more about the important role the Auxiliary plays at Burke. Non-members are welcome. For more, call Peg Cataldo at (914) 428-1997.

WHEELCHAIR GAMES  SEPTEMBER 22
Celebrate the spirit of inclusion at the annual Wheelchair Games where athletes of all ages will take part in track and field events. Held on the Burke campus, the event also features a silent auction, carnival games, food, and lots of other family-friendly activities. For more, call (914) 597-2850.

FEARLESS CAREGIVER CONFERENCE  NOVEMBER 8
Attend the Fearless Caregiver Conference, starting at 10 a.m. here on Burke’s main campus. Produced in partnership with caregiver.com, the conference is open to the public and will offer practical information for caregivers, expert Q&A panels and advice from local experts. For more, call Carla Assenza at (914) 597-2826.

2018 W.M. Burke Cabinet
As of 7-1-2018

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- Auxiliary of Burke Rehabilitation Hospital
- The Charles A. Mastronardi Foundation
- The Christopher and Dana Reeve Foundation
- David M.C. Ju Foundation
- The Everest Foundation
- Donald E. Foley & Barbara Long Foundation
- Tom & Bonnie Grace Foundation
- Milbank Foundation
- Will Rogers Institute

Executive Cabinet  ($5,000-$9,999)
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- Margaret Cataldo
- Barbara & Steven Kessler
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- JoAnn & Joseph Murphy
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- Alex C. Solloway, M.D.

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- James Butler
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- Jeffrey Menkes & Susan Fox
- Bridget Price
- Michael Sones
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- Lawrence Christianson
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- Dolores Haffner
- John Heanue
- Deborah Hodys
- Kevin Keane
- Bernadette Kingham-Bez
- Kevin Knight
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- Bonnie Lieberman
- Mary Mitchell
- Joseph Murphy, Jr.
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- Rob Sharp
- Lynn Straus
- Brian Swift
- Stephen Weiss
- Jason Wong
- Francine Yallof

Did you know...
As the need for high-quality outpatient care grows, Burke continues to meet the need head-on: our newest outpatient clinic is set to open this fall on Executive Blvd. in Yonkers. Programming is expanding at our existing sites as well: a scoliosis treatment program was launched in Somers, the vestibular and concussion management programs are now offered in Purchase, White Plains, and Mamaroneck, and the cancer and lymphedema management programs have also expanded. For more information, visit www.burke.org/outpatient.