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“Burke to Honor Bonnie and Tom Grace, Cuddy & Feder LLP and Dr. Mary Beth Walsh at Annual Burke Award Dinner”

WHITE PLAINS, N.Y.—May 20th, 2019— Burke Rehabilitation Hospital has announced the honorees of this year’s Burke Award. The annual award dinner will take place on Thursday, June 6th at the Brae Burn Country Club in Purchase, N.Y.

This year's honorees will be:

- **Tom and Bonnie Grace:** The Graces have lived their lives devoted to their central guideposts of faith, family and each other. When Bonnie suffered a stroke that left her unable to walk, or even speak, Tom insisted on only the very best for her recovery, and that was Burke. Tom, their 4 children and their families brought tireless energy and passion to her recovery. Their experience has made them champions of Burke. Today, Bonnie is back home in Rye with her beloved Tom playing ping pong, building her strength with boxing classes, and giving back as they always have over a lifetime of philanthropy.

- **Cuddy & Feder LLP:** A Westchester-based law firm that puts a priority on community stewardship and philanthropy. Cuddy & Feder LLP has a rich history of contributing to the community through pro bono work, volunteer activity and financial support. Members of the firm serve on the boards of educational, healthcare, social service and cultural institutions. Partner Anthony Gioffre has served on Burke’s Board of Trustees since 2006. As a prominent firm in the community and Burke supporter, Cuddy & Feder is a leader in supporting the programs and services that patients need to regain their independence.

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• **Mary Beth Walsh, MD:** Dr. Walsh was Executive Medical Director and CEO of Burke Rehabilitation Hospital for 22 years. When Dr. Walsh was named CEO in 1995, she became the first female CEO of a hospital in Westchester County. A well-known leader in the field, Dr. Walsh is a fellow of the American College of Physicians and the American College of Rheumatology. She is also a member of the Board of Directors for the American Medical Rehabilitation Providers Association. Dr. Walsh retired from her position in April of 2017 after dedicating 37 years of service to Burke.

The Burke Award is given to individuals or groups who contributed to the field of rehabilitation through personal achievements, research development or by establishing programs and initiatives that improve quality of life for individuals with disabilities.

“The Graces remind us every day of what is possible when high quality rehabilitative medicine is paired with a loving and caring support system,” said Jeffrey Menkes, President and CEO of Burke Rehabilitation Hospital. “Cuddy & Feder show us the importance of good citizenry and giving back to the community.”

"We are also forever indebted to Dr. Walsh," Menkes added. "Her steady-handed leadership and medical expertise have left a mark on Burke that will never be erased."

The Burke Award dinner is Burke’s signature event and its largest fundraiser of the year, drawing hundreds of community and business leaders from the tri-state area and beyond.

For more information, or to purchase tickets, please contact Burke’s Development Department at (914) 597-2847.

**Burke Rehabilitation Hospital** is a not-for-profit, acute rehabilitation hospital in White Plains, NY. Founded in 1915 through an endowment from philanthropist John Masterson Burke, it is the only hospital in Westchester County dedicated solely to adult rehabilitation medicine. As of 2016, the hospital is now a part of the Montefiore Health System, Inc. Burke offers both inpatient and outpatient programs for those who have experienced a disabling illness, traumatic injury or surgery. For additional information, please visit burke.org.

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