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“Burke Rehabilitation Hospital Announces 2018 Burke Award Honorees”

WHITE PLAINS, NY – May 21, 2018 — Burke Rehabilitation Hospital will honor Major League Baseball commentator and stroke survivor, Matt Yallof; his caregiver advocate wife, Amy Yallof; and longtime community philanthropist, Country Bank, at the Burke Award dinner on Thursday, June 7th at Brae Burn Country Club.

“It is a distinct privilege and honor to celebrate these extraordinary people at our dinner,” said Jeffrey Menkes, President and Chief Executive Officer at Burke Rehabilitation Hospital. “Our honorees this year demonstrate the very essence of the Burke Award. They are members of our community who have made significant contributions to the hospital by their example, advocacy and financial support.”

On July 29, 2016, 47-year-old Matt Yallof suffered an ischemic stroke at his home. He spent a week in the ICU of an area hospital followed by a month at Burke Rehabilitation Hospital, where he had to undergo intensive physical, occupational and speech therapy in order to relearn how to walk and speak.

Since his discharge from Burke, Matt has worked with other young stroke patients at the hospital, coaching and providing encouragement during what is often a difficult time.
Following Matt’s stroke, his wife Amy, a marketing and social media consultant, has been an incredible example of a dedicated caregiver, helping Matt on his recovery journey from the very start. She now serves as a patient advocate and is currently serving as a volunteer advisor to Burke as it plans to open a caregiver center at the hospital, the first of its kind in the nation at a rehabilitation hospital.

Country Bank is celebrating its 30th anniversary in 2018. Chairman Joseph Murphy and Vice Chair JoAnn Murphy, along with a team of other shareholders, worked to build a banking team that could provide technologically advanced products with a “down home” feel.

Since the bank’s founding in 1988, the Murphy family has ingrained their culture of giving back to the community into the business. With Joseph Murphy, Jr. serving as president and CEO, Country Bank’s philanthropic efforts can be seen throughout the communities they serve.

Several members of the Country Bank family have turned to Burke to meet their rehabilitative needs. Their positive experiences are the driving force behind their continued support of Burke’s mission.

Burke will also honor the hospital’s Board of Trustees Chair Donald E. Foley with a lifetime achievement award. Donald joined the Board in February 2005 and became chair in 2009. He diligently and expertly directed the hospital’s vision and was a major
force in guiding the hospital through the significant transition of joining the Montefiore Health System. Donald will step down from his position in May.

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. It is the highest honor bestowed by Burke Rehabilitation Hospital’s Board of Trustees given to individuals, corporations or groups who contributed to the field of rehabilitation through personal or corporate achievements, research development or by establishing initiatives that improve quality of life for individuals with disease or disabilities.

For more information, please call (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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