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“Burke Award Dinner Raises Thousands for New Caregiver Center”

WHITE PLAINS, N.Y.—JUNE 11, 2018— Community and business leaders from the tri-state area and beyond helped raise thousands of dollars for Burke Rehabilitation Hospital’s recently opened Marsal Caregiver Center at the annual Burke Award Dinner held on June 7th at the Brae Burn Country Club in Purchase, N.Y.

The annual dinner is Burke’s largest fundraiser of the year, and the Burke Award is the highest award bestowed by Burke’s Board of Trustees. It is 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.

The evening featured a live auction and paddle raise with proceeds going to support Burke’s Marsal Caregiver Center, the first on-site caregiver center at a rehabilitation hospital in the country. The evening’s fundraising will help offset the tens of thousands of dollars required to operate the caregiver center which opened on May 30th.

The 2018 Burke Award honorees were Major League Baseball Network commentator and stroke survivor, Matt Yallof; his caregiver advocate wife, Amy Yallof; and longtime community supporter, Country Bank. Burke also honored former Board of Trustees Chair Donald E. Foley with a Lifetime Achievement Award for his years of service. Foley, who had served as Board Chair since 2009, completed his final term in May.
“The Burke Award Dinner was, once again, a tremendous success,” said Jeffrey Menkes, President and Chief Executive Officer at Burke Rehabilitation Hospital. “Country Bank and the Yallof family embody everything the Burke Award was created for, and their spirit of giving back was definitely with our guests as well. The funds raised will help us continue to position Burke as a leader in rehabilitative medicine.”

Burke would like to thank all of the sponsors who helped make the Burke Award Dinner a success: **Diamond Sponsor:** Country Bank; **Gold Sponsors:** The Bristal Assisted Living, Barbara & Steven Kessler, Major League Baseball, The MLB Network, Montefiore Health Systems, Faith & David Pedowitz, White Plains Hospital; **Silver Sponsor:** Kelley Drye & Warren LLP; **Bronze Sponsors:** Burke Rehabilitation Auxiliary, Celtic General Contractors, Inc., Iona College, The Honorable Nita & Stephen Lowey, PepsiCo Enable, United Hebrew; **Patrons:** Bioness, Inc., Marion & Richard Celiberti, Cuddy & Feder LLP, Gallagher Benefit Services, Hutchinson Metro Center, Kwittken, Summit Strategies.

**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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