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“Burke Helps Patients get in the Holiday Spirit with Annual Tree-Trimming Party”

WHITE PLAINS, N.Y.—November 28, 2018— Please join Burke Rehabilitation Hospital in celebrating the arrival of the holiday season with the annual Christmas tree trimming party on Saturday, December 1, from 3:30-5:30 PM in the patient dining room.

This Burke tradition began seven years ago thanks to a generous donation by Lorraine Magliari, a former patient who felt that the presence of a Christmas tree would help boost the spirits of patients in the hospital. The Magliari family continues to support the event in memory of Lorraine, who passed away in 2014.

The holiday season is a joyous one, spent with friends, family, and loved ones. It is a time when the stresses and difficulties of day to day life can be paused for hot cocoa and spirited music. But, for patients overcoming a life-changing illness or injury, spending the holiday season the way they had hoped might prove more difficult. The tree trimming event is Burke’s way of making sure every patient has the opportunity to celebrate the season.

“This is a wonderful tradition begun by a former patient to spread holiday cheer for patients throughout the hospital,” Richard Sgaglio, Burke’s Vice President of Marketing, Communications and Development said. “We recognize and remember Lorraine for starting this holiday event and we would like to invite the public to celebrate the holiday season with all of us at Burke.”
This year, the tree trimming will feature a variety of activities including decorating the tree, a visit from Santa Claus, ornament decorating, games and a Christmas carol sing along with The Westchester Chordsmen a cappella group. The Westchester Chordsmen, founded in 1953, is an all-male chorus that’s tradition is rooted in the style of “barbershop quartet” singing. All are welcome to attend.

The event will take place in the Patient Dining Room, located in Buildng #7. Burke Rehabilitation Hospital is located at 785 Mamaroneck Avenue in White Plains, N.Y. Members of the media who wish to attend can call 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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