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Yonkers, NY – December 29, 2016: Westchester’s Ridge Hill will be presenting Faces of Burke, a traveling photography exhibit designed to showcase the individuality and courage of Burke Rehabilitation Hospital’s patients. The compelling photographs and stories of the subjects illustrate a diverse and inspiring group of patients who have succeeded in regaining mobility and independence through their experience at Burke.

“We are pleased to bring this exhibit to Ridge Hill, where Burke has an outpatient clinic, and where the photographs can be viewed by new audiences,” says Richard Sgaglio, Ph.D., senior administrator at Burke Rehabilitation Hospital. “The patients have demonstrated remarkable resilience, determination, and courage that can inspire us all.”

The exhibit will be open to the public beginning Jan. 6, 2017, daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., in the WestMed building at 73 Market Street at Ridge Hill Shopping Center in Yonkers. The featured photographer for the exhibit is Jesse Rinka, who is based in Tarrytown.

The photo gallery features portraits of six Burke patients, along with their riveting stories:

- Max—From amputee to resuming motocross competitions
- Barbara—From orthopedic surgery to hiking the Mount Everest trail
- Luke—From a paralyzing spinal cord injury to walking on his own
- Ronald—From a debilitating heart attack to performing surgery again
- Susan—From traumatic brain injury to living independently once more
- Barbara—From a severe stroke to becoming an aphasia advocate

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“Burke’s mission never wavers as we help thousands of patients each year regain both cognitive abilities and physical strength. ‘Faces of Burke’ will bring the stories of just a few of these remarkable patients to the many people who visit Ridge Hill,” concludes Mr. Sgaglio.

For more information, please visit [www.burke.org/facesofburke](http://www.burke.org/facesofburke).

### About Burke Rehabilitation Hospital

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. Burke serves patients from around the metropolitan New York area and throughout the world. The hospital’s renowned physicians, clinical researchers and therapists provide state-of-the-art treatment and all share the Burke mission to ensure that every patient makes the fullest possible recovery from illness or injury. For additional information on Burke Rehabilitation Hospital, please visit [burke.org](http://burke.org).

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