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“BURKE REHABILITATION HOSPITAL TO HOLD EQUIPMENT DRIVE TO BENEFIT LOCAL PATIENTS & DISASTER VICTIMS HELPED BY AMERICARES”

WHITE PLAINS, NY – October 5, 2011 – In Recognition of National Physical Therapy month, The Burke Rehabilitation Hospital will sponsor an equipment drive at its main campus and satellite centers. The drive will take place from October 15th though October 31st. Items such as canes, crutches, walkers, braces, and manual wheelchairs will be collected. Once collected, cleaned and processed, the equipment will be distributed through Burke’s free exchange program for patients in need and through AmeriCares, a nonprofit global health and disaster relief organization that delivers medical aid to people in need around the world and across the United States. Please note that all equipment must be in good working order to be accepted. Motorized wheelchairs or items requiring batteries or electricity will not be accepted. Anyone interested in donating equipment can drop items off at any of the following locations between 10/15/11 and 10/31/11. They are as follows:

• White Plains - Burke Rehabilitation Hospital Main Lobby – Wood Pavilion
• White Plains - Burke Rehabilitation Hospital – Building #8, Outpatient Services
• Mamaroneck - Burke Rehabilitation Outpatient Clinic - 703 W. Boston Post Road
• Purchase - Burke Rehabilitation Outpatient Clinic – 3020 Westchester Avenue
• Bronx - Burke Rehabilitation Outpatient Clinic – 2826 Westchester Avenue

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According to Carolin Dohle MD., Neurorehabilitation Fellow at Burke Rehabilitation Hospital and coordinator of the drive, “There are so many people around the country and around the world in need of canes, crutches and walkers,” she said. “Many of us have these items right in our own garages. This is a way for us to help those who cannot afford to purchase this type of medical equipment,” she added. For more information about the drive, please contact Sandra Alexandrou, PT at (914) 597-2581 or via email at salexand@burke.org.

Burke Rehabilitation Hospital is a private, not-for-profit, acute rehabilitation hospital. Founded in 1915, it is the only hospital in Westchester County dedicated solely to rehabilitation medicine. Burke offers both inpatient and outpatient programs for those who have experienced a disabling illness, traumatic injury or joint replacement surgery. Burke is both an acute rehabilitation hospital and medical research center. Burke’s world renowned doctors and therapists provide state-of-the-art treatment, while its research scientists explore the frontiers of neurological medicine. All share the Burke mission to ensure that every patient makes the fullest possible recovery from illness or injury regardless of their ability to pay.

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