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“Burke Rehabilitation Hospital Sponsoring Food and Coat Drive to Benefit Community Members in Need”

WHITE PLAINS, N.Y. – Dec. 4, 2013 – This holiday season, Burke Rehabilitation Center is once again sponsoring a food and coat drive at its main campus and satellite clinics throughout Westchester County and the Bronx to help those in need. The drive is taking place now through Dec. 27. Donated food will be distributed through the Food Bank for Westchester and the coats by the Westchester Coalition for the Hungry and Homeless. Both organizations are uniquely positioned to ensure the donations go to those in our community who need assistance.

Community members can drop off coats and non-perishable, unexpired food at all of Burke’s locations:

- White Plains - Burke Rehabilitation Center, 785 Mamaroneck Ave.
  - Main Hospital Lobby, Wood Pavilion (Building 7)
  - Outpatient Services Lobby (Building 8)
  - Billings Building Lobby (Building 4)
- Bronx - Burke Rehabilitation Outpatient Clinic, 2826 Westchester Ave.
- Mamaroneck - Burke Rehabilitation Outpatient Clinic, 703 W. Boston Post Rd.
- Purchase - Burke Rehabilitation Outpatient Clinic, 3020 Westchester Ave.
- Ridge Hill - Burke Rehabilitation Outpatient Clinic, 73 Market Street, Suite 178A
- Somers - Burke Rehabilitation Outpatient Clinic, 325 Route 100, Suite 106

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Items needed by the Food Bank for Westchester are can openers; cans of tuna; granola bars; peanut butter in plastic jars; condensed or powdered milk; cheese or peanut butter crackers; juice boxes; applesauce and fruit cups in plastic containers; toilet paper; hand sanitizer and wipes; tissues; soups and other meals in a can. The Food Bank cannot accept food in glass jars.

Many of us take for granted the ability to keep warm and have not experienced some of the hardships that many in our community face each winter. For this reason, Burke also is accepting winter coats that are clean and in good condition. These will be distributed to those in need through Westchester Coalition for the Hungry and Homeless. A warm coat can make braving the cold a little easier as the temperatures get colder.

“This food and coat collection encourages Burke employees and community members to join forces to help those who have fallen on hard times,” said Annette Bucci, senior administrator for Human Resources at Burke Rehabilitation Hospital and coordinator of the drive. “This is a wonderful way to directly assist those struggling in our immediate community.” To learn more about how you can help during the drive, please call (914) 597-2345.

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. The hospital is part of Burke Rehabilitation Center, which also includes Burke Medical Research Institute. Burke’s world-renowned doctors and therapists provide state-of-the-art treatment while its research scientists explore the frontiers of neurological and rehabilitation 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. For additional information on Burke Rehabilitation Center, please visit burke.org.