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Episcopal Health Services, Inc. Launches the St. John's ICARE Foundation to Help Improve the Health of the Communities in the Rockaways

FAR ROCKAWAY, NEW YORK – October 5, 2022 – On Sept. 29, Episcopal Health Services, Inc. (EHS, Inc.) celebrated the launch of its new philanthropic entity, the St. John's ICARE Foundation, with a cocktail reception at the Rockaway Hotel.

Two hundred guests attended to support this meaningful milestone event. Among them were NYS Senator Joseph Addabbo, NYS Assembly Member Khaleel Anderson, the NYPD 101 Precinct, the Rockaway Business Alliance, Far Rockaway/Arverne Nonprofit Coalition (FRANC), Rockaway Development and Revitalization Corporation (RDRC), National Grid and Jzanus to name a few.

The St. John's ICARE Foundation, which stands for Innovation, Compassion, Respect and Empathy, fosters a culture of philanthropy to secure, manage and distribute gifts in support of the mission and vision of Episcopal Health Service, Inc. and St. John's Episcopal Hospital. Since its establishment in May 2022, the St. John's ICARE Foundation has built a culture of giving by raising awareness and funds in support of equipment, capital projects, special programs and community initiatives, including:

- \$20,000 for a new GE Giraffe Incubator Care station and \$20,000 for four GE Bili Soft Phototherapy Systems through Giving Tuesday Campaigns.
- \$100,000 towards St. John's Episcopal Hospital's Labor and Delivery project and \$120,000 its towards equipment for the Margaret O. Carpenter Women's Health Center through Invitational Golf Tournaments.
- In-kind donations of food, PPE and comfort items, as well as \$10,000 towards a recharge room for our Healthcare Heroes through the COVID-19 Emergency Fund.
- Over \$400,000 in private grant money to fund projects such as Telehealth and the new Mobile Health Unit.
- Donations and in-kind support, with the help of the Hospital Auxiliary, provided 2000 school backpacks and over 3000 holiday toys for children, over 1000 baby

bags for new moms and holiday gifts to over 100 families through the “Adopt-a-Family” program.

“The ICARE Foundation will both enhance and focus our fundraising efforts so we can maximize the value of our donations and ensure that we are providing aid and services to those that need it most,” said Mrs. Renee Hastick-Motes, President of the St. John’s ICARE Foundation. “We are so grateful for the generosity of individual donors and organizations who support our mission. This is just the beginning of what St. John’s can do to improve the health of our communities.”

For more information about the St. John’s ICARE Foundation, visit their new website at sjicarefoundation.org

About St. John’s ICARE Foundation

The St. John's ICARE Foundation is a New York Limited Liability Company established in 2021 to benefit and support the charitable and educational activities of Episcopal Health Services, Inc., (EHS). With the support of committed leadership, team members, volunteers and community, the St. John's ICARE Foundation will raise awareness and funds in support of the strategic priorities of EHS.

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Left to Right: Renee Hastick- Motes, President of the SJ ICARE Foundation, Nancy Leghart, Executive Director of the SJ ICARE Foundation, Bertrand Batista, Secretary of the SJ ICARE Foundation, Diane McCarthy, Treasurer of the SJ ICARE Foundation.