



Left-right: Chief Medical Officer Dr. Donald Morrish, Chief Executive Officer Gerard Walsh, and Dr. Susana Bundoc

I - Innovation

MEDICAL STAFF GIVES \$100,000 FOR NEW CLINICAL LEARNING CENTER EQUIPMENT

The St. John's ICARE Foundation received a generous contribution of \$100,000 from the medical staff at St. John's Episcopal Hospital (SJEH). This donation is designated to purchase simulation and education equipment for the soon-to-be-opened Ross University School of Medicine (RUSM)/ Episcopal Health Services (EHS) state-of-the-art Clinical Learning Center (CLC). It is the single largest donation to the hospital from the medical staff, and it memorializes their gratitude to the EHS administration, residents, nurses, medical students, and many other team members committed to supporting and advancing graduate medical education programs and collaborative care at EHS.



The new CLC, to open this Fall, includes various simulation labs to support medical training in exam, emergency, and OR medicine.

C - Compassion

A HOME RUN FOR ROCKAWAY TEENS



The ICARE Foundation was awarded a \$38,000 grant from the Amazin' Mets Foundation, the philanthropic arm of the New York Mets, to support the ICARE's Teens Project. The grant will help supply 1,000 reusable duffle bags containing shampoo, soap, lotion, towels, deodorant, and feminine hygiene products. Teens will also receive critical information about health and safety.

"Personal hygiene products support dignity, health, and the opportunity to thrive. Everyone deserves to feel clean and at their personal best," said Alex Cohen, President of the Amazin' Mets Foundation and Owner of the New York Mets. "The Amazin' Mets Foundation is pleased to support the ICARE Foundation's important work in our community."

Nancy Leghart, Executive Director of the ICARE Foundation, expressed her gratitude towards the grant stating, "We are so grateful to Mrs. Cohen and the Amazin' Mets Foundation for helping us meet the needs of local teens in the Rockaway community."

The Amazin' Mets Foundation is committed to providing needed services and opportunities to children, families, and underserved groups, and inspiring others to make a difference on and off the field. Since its inception in 2021, the Amazin' Mets Foundation has funded over \$5 million in grants to over 100 organizations in its community, including the communities surrounding affiliate teams.

A - Accountability

GOLF TOURNAMENT 2023

Our 26th Annual Invitational Golf Tournament on June 8th at North Hills Country Club in Manhasset was a huge success, netting over \$165,000 for special projects at St. John's Episcopal Hospital (SJEH). Unfortunately, the golf outing portion of the event was canceled due to the poor air quality caused by the Canadian wildfires. That didn't dampen the evening dinner reception, where many attendees, donors, and supporters turned out for fun.

During the event, The Rt. Reverend Lawrence C. Provenzano, Chairman of the EHS Board of Trustees, commenced the program with his opening remarks and led a prayer. The evening's most significant moment was the tribute to Congressman Gregory Meeks, recognizing his distinguished service.

CEO of EHS, Gerard Walsh, presented the Congressman with his award after praising his years of support and dedication to the hospital, saying, "Over the past eight years, there has never been a time when I didn't pick up the phone and call the Congressman that he didn't answer or get right back to me. He's been my inspirational guide, paving the way to get things done in the community. This year alone, this faithful friend of our health system, through the Appropriations Committee, has secured seven million dollars to support two major renovation projects. Thank you for all you do, and congratulations on this honor. No one deserves it more than you do."



Left-Right: Chief Executive Officer, Gerard Walsh and Congressman Gregory Meeks



*Left: Olivia Farrell with baby bags
Right: Mom-to-be Yinka Faloye and her husband*

R - Respect

PATIENT BABY SHOWER

Oh, baby! We were thrilled to hold our first patient baby shower honoring soon-to-be moms at SJEH on Sunday, May 7th. The ICARE Foundation partnered with Olivia Farrell, a local Girl Scout from Troop #4771 who attends the same church as one of our Hospital's Auxiliary members, Maria Finley. Olivia mentioned her concern to Maria about how she was to achieve her gold award from the Girl Scouts. Maria suggested partnering with the ICARE Foundation, specifically the Auxiliary's Mother/Baby initiative. Loving the idea, Olivia went into action. She held fundraisers at her school with her peers, spoke with congregations, and collected baby items.

Olivia's vision all came together on the day of the shower. The hospital's boardroom was decorated entirely with pink and blue balloons, table linens, and decorative cupcakes provided by Maria's daughter, Lauren Finley. The moms received gifts, including oversized teddy bears, beautiful baby bags filled with items such as custom-made onesies by the Far Rock Shop in Far Rockaway, baby books, diapers, baby wipes, and post-partum maternal items for them. Wonderful donors, team members, and volunteers helped make the day possible, especially Jacqueline Marecheau, MD, FACOG, Chair of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology and Te-Ana Souffrant, Labor, Birth & Post-Partum/Hypno Doula (CD) at SJEHL, and the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Team.

"The ICARE Foundation has wanted to have a baby shower, and when the opportunity to partner with Olivia was presented to us, we were more than excited. Our primary goal is to support the hospital, and what better way to do that than by showing compassion and respect to our moms-to-be! Seeing the expression on the mom's faces, so happy and appreciative, let us all know that we definitely made an impact, and we thank Olivia for that," expressed Nancy Leghart, Executive Director of St. John's ICARE Foundation.

E - Empathy

FAITHFUL CONGREGANTS AT ST. ALBAN'S COLLECT HYGIENE ESSENTIALS

According to the World Bank, as many as 500 million people across the globe lack access to essential menstrual products; this, in turn, is called "period poverty."

May 28th was Menstruation Hygiene Day, and the phenomenal people at St. Alban's The Martyr Church rose to the occasion to fight period poverty in the most extraordinary way. They collected over 6,000 feminine hygiene products for distribution in the Rockaway community.

We are so thankful to have support from such wonderful people, like Donna and Derrick, and the congregation at St. Alban's The Martyr. Thank you for supporting the St. John's ICARE Foundation, the hospital, and the Rockaway community!



Left-Right: Sexton Derrick Preudhomme and Donna Jones from St. Albans The Martyr Church



Center left: Episcopal Health Services Board Member Ashvini Persaud and center-right: Nancy Leghart, Executive Director of St. John's ICARE Foundation accept a \$4,000 donation from members of the BNP Paribas team.

Corporate Support:

BNP PARIBAS SUPPORTS EQUIPMENT FOR NEWBORN HEARING SCREENINGS

Nancy Leghart, Executive Director of St. John's ICARE Foundation, and Ashvini Persaud, EHS Board Member, traveled to Connecticut to receive a generous \$4,000 donation from members of BNP Paribas. The donation will help purchase a Maico easyScreen device, a vital piece of equipment to screen newborn hearing. These devices are frequently used at the hospital and often need to be replaced. NYS Public Health Law requires all maternity hospitals and birthing centers to administer newborn hearing screening programs. We are grateful to everyone at PNB Paribas for their support and kindness!

Maico easyScreen Device





Left-Right: Executive Director of The ICARE Foundation, Nancy Leghart, and New Visions Charter High School for the Humanities IV student, Grettel

YOUNG PHILANTHROPISTS CONTRIBUTE TO THE COMMUNITY

Ten seniors from New Visions Charter High School for the Humanities IV in Rockaway Park recently combined the arts and civics with equal parts talent, perseverance, and passion to benefit the St. John's ICARE Foundation. The students developed "We Are ONE: Healthcare for ALL," a project that included an engaging student-produced music video to help bring awareness to the hospital's Pharmacy Fund. The students also designed wristbands in five colors to sell in their community. They ultimately raised \$265 for the Fund, enabling the pharmacy at SJEH to assist patients who have little or no health insurance with their medication co-pays.

"We Are ONE" is a senior Capstone project that culminates a student's four years at Humanities

IV. In their senior year, students, or "artist-scholars," must use their arts major to promote change around issues that matter to them. An essential part of the senior Capstone project is enlisting a community partner that will benefit from the project. Hannah Kehn, the founder and current principal of Humanities IV High School, acknowledges it was a struggle initially for the students to find a partner concerned with the experiences of undocumented immigrants.

Eventually, they connected with the St. John's ICARE Foundation. Kehn says the students were drawn to the Pharmacy Fund initiative because they believe no one, regardless of immigration status or financial means, should go without life-saving medication.

THE MANY WAYS TO GIVE

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THANK YOU FOR MAKING YOUR COMMUNITY A BETTER PLACE

To learn more about our events, programs, or to become an Auxiliary member, please visit sjicarefoundation.org. **Scan the QR code to donate.**



Making A Difference, Together

Every dollar helps save lives, comfort people, and provide essentials in the Rockaway community.

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