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HEALTHY LIVING FROM A TO Z. Good Sam has got you covered! Read on for stories and news that will inspire.
IT HAS BEEN ALMOST A YEAR since I came out of retirement to join the Good Samaritan Hospital Medical Center leadership team. As I approach my anniversary at the helm of one of Long Island’s largest and busiest hospitals, I can hardly believe how quickly the time has passed and how my fondness for this organization and its employees has grown. It is truly a pleasure to work with such a dedicated and passionate team. I feel an immense sense of pride as I watch these individuals deliver compassionate, patient-centered care day in and day out.

At Good Samaritan we are focused on the hospital’s foundation of caring and clinical excellence because we don’t just work in this community; we are a part of it. We are your neighbors, your family and your friends; and we are honored when you entrust us with your greatest treasure: your family’s health. That is why we are planning for the future and excited to grow to better serve you and your loved ones.

From recruiting top ranked specialists and clinicians to expanding critical programs to meet demands and acquiring new cutting-edge medical technology, we have been busy. But, we couldn’t do it without you! Our donors and community partners help make Good Sam great, and we are excited to make our hospital even better for you. Immediate plans for the future include continuing to grow our successful open heart surgery program, pediatric, and neonatal services while expanding our capabilities in the neurosciences, oncology and orthopedics.

Additionally, in the next year, Good Sam will be the first hospital on Long Island to offer streamlined care coordination through an exciting new system called Care Logistics. This new system will transform care at Good Sam and improve patient, physician and employee satisfaction. Once again, we are putting our patients first, and the results will be faster access to superior health care.

As a donor to Good Samaritan Hospital Medical Center you are an important partner and investor in our community’s health. Your generosity and participation helps to make all of these advancements possible. We are so grateful for your support and look forward to continuing to provide you and your loved ones with the very best in compassionate care.

Thank you for being our partners in caring.

Thomas Ockers
Executive Vice President & Chief Administrative Officer, Good Samaritan Hospital Medical Center
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HEALTHY LIVING A TO Z
In August, Good Samaritan hosted the Fourth Annual Theresa Patnode Santmann Heart and Soul Symposium, Healthy Living A to Z — From Acid Reflux to Zika. More than 230 people participated in the day-long event which included workshops on various health topics, a delicious lunch and keynote address from breast cancer survivor and author Geralyn Lucas, and a fun and informative health expo.

GOOD SAMARITAN HOSPITAL RECOGNIZED FOR Healthier Families Program
The Healthcare Association of New York State (HANYS) has awarded its 2016 Community Health Improvement Award Honorable Mention to Good Samaritan’s Healthier Families Program. The Healthier Families Program is a collaboration between Good Samaritan Hospital Medical Center, the Bay Shore Community Alliance, and the Bay Shore School District. “We stress the education piece so students and their families can apply their new knowledge to everyday life,” explains Good Samaritan’s Jill Bocchieri, PT, who, with Roseann DeLuca, MSN, RN, collaborates with hospital staff and community members to offer the program to students in grades 3-5. Participants in the 10-week program, which is funded through the Good Samaritan Hospital Foundation thanks to generous donations, demonstrate relevant improvement in height/weight Body Mass Index and a greater knowledge and awareness of healthy lifestyle at the end of the 10-week session.

ISLIP STUDENT Goes for the Gold
Emily Orski, an East Islip student, has been working to achieve her Girl Scouts Gold Award. The Gold Award is a prestigious honor that requires 80 hours of community service. Emily’s project included collecting and redeeming recyclables to raise funds for the purchase of fabric and supplies needed to crochet and sew blankets for the babies in Good Samaritan Hospital Medical Center’s Mother/Baby Unit.

GOOD SAMARITAN NURSES REMEMBER PATIENT
At Good Sam, patients are treated like family, and that can make saying “good-bye” even more difficult. The nurses of B-Unit experienced this recently when a longtime patient with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (commonly known as ALS or Lou Gehrig’s disease) succumbed to the disease after a decade long battle. The B-Unit staff had a special relationship with the patient and his family and worked together not only to provide exceptional care, but also to throw him a 60th birthday party at Good Sam during one of his hospitalizations. Following his passing, staff on the Unit collected money to purchase a memorial brick in the hospital’s Sandmann Meditation Garden.

Stephanie Berkowitz, RN, a former nurse on the Unit who now works in Good Samaritan’s Open Heart Unit, shared that the staff felt it was important for the family to know how much they were appreciated.

If you are interested in honoring or memorializing someone special, please contact the Foundation Office at (631) 376-4365 for more information about the commemorative brick program.
A new technology being performed at Good Samaritan Hospital will significantly reduce hospital re-admissions for patients with Class III heart failure, who have been hospitalized within the past year for the condition.

The CardioMEMS system is a device implanted in the wall of the pulmonary artery. It requires no batteries or replaceable parts. It is capable of monitoring and assessing the pulmonary artery pressures and heart rate in patients with heart failure while improving their quality of life by reducing the need for hospital re-admission by delivering data through electronic media while the patient is at home. Theresa Adair, RN, MBA, BSN, Director of Cardiovascular Services for Good Samaritan says there are a number of patients that can benefit from the device while also reducing the number of patients coming into the Emergency Department in heart failure, decreasing the frequency of office visits and saving millions on hospital re-admissions.

“This is a new tool to monitor patients and optimize their care while they are living their lives. It’s about quality of life for these patients,” says Adair.

DONOR SPOTLIGHT

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“I recently read the story of fellow Brave Hearts member Diana Walch and was brought to tears because the exact same thing happened to me on March 28, 2014. The same surgeon, Dr. Rovensky, even performed my quadruple bypass. At that time the Open Heart Program was only two months old, but even then it performed like a Swiss watch. I have the highest praise and respect for all involved. I am a 79 year old widower and I love to fish on the Captree boats. Because of all of the wonderful people in this program I am still able to care for myself and continue fishing. I am so moved by my care that I am pledging to make a donation to Good Samaritan’s Brave Hearts on a monthly basis to help support the program and make it grow.”
Rotary and Lions Clubs in Babylon Splash Peds Center

The Rotary Club of Babylon and the Babylon Lions Club recently partnered to donate four murals and eight ceiling tiles designed by Splashes of Hope to Good Samaritan’s Center for Pediatric Specialty Care. Splashes of Hope employs the well-established theory that positive energy contributes to the healing process. With funding provided by Babylon Rotary and the Lions Club, Splashes of Hope painted local images in “I-Spy” murals to brighten the Center’s exam rooms and enhance the healing environment. Patients can identify animal shapes in the clouds, hunt for objects beginning with each letter of the alphabet or simply find some peace and serenity while enjoying familiar scenes from the Great South Bay, Argyle Park, and the Fire Island Lighthouse.

St. Anthony’s Supers Provide Pillows for Pediatric Patients

A group of students from St. Anthony’s High School, made their way into the hearts of children in the Department of Pediatrics at Good Samaritan by making and donating superhero pillows. The St. Anthony Supers was established in the 2015-2016 school year by Hannah McGowan, President, and Paige Bottari, Vice President, with the support of Mr. Nicholas Vasiliades, a teacher at the school and the Club Moderator. Members of the Club, which is sanctioned by St. Anthony’s High School, use the dues contributed by the 50-75 students who participate, to buy supplies to make the pillows. They meet once a week to make the superhero-themed pillows, with their personal sewing machines then deliver them to the children in the Department of Pediatrics at Good Samaritan. The pillows are used by Good Sam’s Child Life team, doctors and nurses.

“These pillows celebrate our ‘superheroes’ that had surgery and are encouraged to be out of bed and moving to assist in healing. The pillows can be seen throughout the hospital being hugged by the children as they walk to the playroom and off the unit for tests and procedures.”

- KATE FENTON, MBA, CCLS, Director, Child Life Program

GOOD SAMARITAN HOSTS SAFE DRIVING EVENT FOR TEENS AND FAMILIES

Some 34 teens and their parents had an opportunity to test their driving skills during the Good Samaritan Hospital Medical Center and Aram R. Chowdhury Memorial Foundation-sponsored “Keeping Teens Safe on The Roads” event. The free seminar, which is the second held by Good Samaritan and the Chowdhury Memorial Foundation, provided students from ages 15-18 and their parents with a five hour program that focused on the importance of safe and distraction-free driving. Utilizing two cars donated by Atlantic Hyundai, teens experienced high-tech, state-of-the-art automobile simulators to experience the effects of distracted driving. Information was provided by Paul D. Failla, a retired 27-year veteran of the Suffolk County Police Department, and Chris Memoli, who – as a teen – suffered an accident-related traumatic brain injury. The event was underwritten by the Chowdhury Memorial Foundation, established by Dr. Faizur and Ellen Chowdhury in honor of their son Aram who died in 1994 at the age of 18 in a car accident.
Local Family Raises Money for Good Samaritan’s Child Life Department

The DiLorenzo Family of Hauppauge paid a visit to Good Sam’s Pediatric Unit to say “thank you” for the care that their daughter, Sofia, received while in the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit this past June. After raising money for Good Sam’s Child Life Department, a close friend, Brian Kiley of Davidson, North Carolina, matched the funds through his private foundation. Haven’s Foundation is a not-for-profit organization founded to help children that are sick or in need and to support the families and facilities that care for them. Brian and his wife, Janice, founded the organization earlier this year in memory of their daughter. Brian made a special trip up from North Carolina to present Good Samaritan’s pediatric staff with a check for $5,000 to fund a new “musician in residence” program for the Unit.

SHOWERS OF JOY CONTINUE FOR GOOD SAM’S MOTHERS AND BABIES THANKS TO LOCAL KIWANIS CLUBS

This past spring, the Kiwanis Clubs of Amityville and Lindenhurst held baby showers to support the needs of our Mother/Baby and Neonatal Intensive Care patients. More than 400 items were donated to the hospital. The Kiwanis Club of Amityville followed up their spring donation of newborn essentials with a very special fall donation of $4,000 to further support Good Samaritan’s Neonatal Intensive Care program.

GOOD SAMARITAN RECRUITS TOP-RANKED GYNECOLOGIC ONCOLOGIST

Pankaj K. Singhal, MD, MS, MHCM, FACOG has been named Chief of Gynecologic Oncology for Good Samaritan Hospital Medical Center and Chairman of Obstetrics & Gynecology/Women’s Health Initiatives for Catholic Health Services. He brings extensive experience to this newly appointed role.

Before joining Good Samaritan and CHS, Dr. Singhal was the System Director of Gynecologic Oncology at Catholic Health System in Buffalo, NY. At the same time, Singhal directed Western New York’s busiest gynecologic oncology physician practice, where he personally performed more than 500 major surgeries a year.

Gilds Continue Tradition of Generosity

In June, the Guilds of Good Samaritan generously donated $42,500 to purchase a St. Jude Mapping Module for Good Samaritan’s Electrophysiology program. This module will assist in left-sided ablations, giving the hospital the ability to perform two ablations at the same time, while also improving patient safety and care. In September, the Guilds donated $55,000 to fund a white board project at the hospital. New white boards will be installed in all patient rooms throughout the hospital. The new boards will improve patient, family and staff communication.

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Good Samaritan Hospital Medical Center hosted its 19th annual Golf Classic and Tennis Tournament at the Glen Oaks Club in Old Westbury on May 16, and raised more than $260,000 to benefit the neurosciences program at the hospital.

This year’s honoree was Kevin J. Mullins, MD, FAANS, FACS, Chief of Neurosurgery and Director of Neurological Services at Good Samaritan. For the 19th consecutive year, Astoria Bank provided top level support. Other major sponsors included Long Island Neurosurgical & Pain Specialists, Dr. Kevin and Mrs. Stacey Mullins, the Good Samaritan Hospital Medical Staff, Good Samaritan Hospital Administration, and Physicians Endoscopy.

“The proceeds of this year’s Classic will benefit the Neuro-Intervention Program at Good Samaritan, a key program that will enable us to provide cutting edge care for the community.”

—THOMAS OCKERS, Executive Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer
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