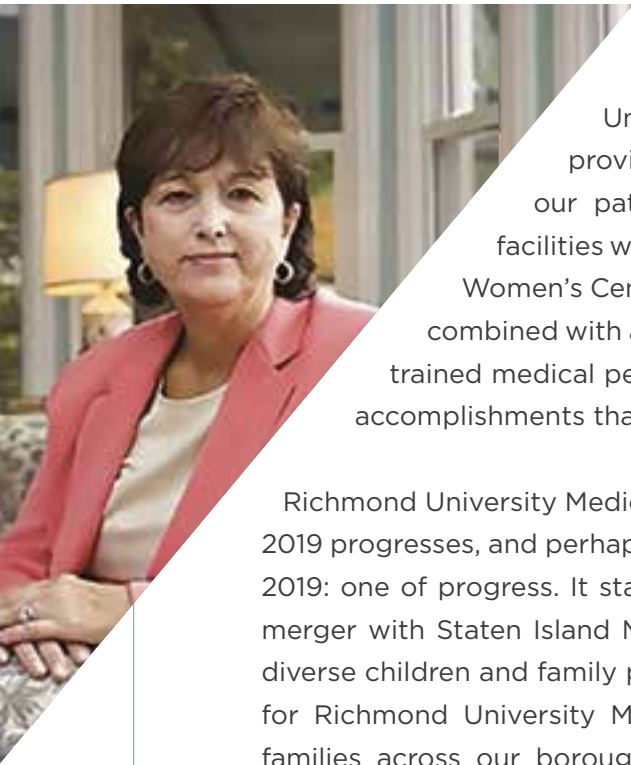


Richmond University Medical Center

2018 ANNUAL REPORT



MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHAIRPERSON



Each and every day we have one goal in mind at Richmond University Medical Center: to provide the highest quality of care for our patients and their families. The new facilities we opened in 2018, like our Breast and Women's Center and our Center for Cancer Care, combined with adding the most talented and highly trained medical personnel from around the world, are accomplishments that help us achieve this goal.

Richmond University Medical Center will look very different as 2019 progresses, and perhaps that is the best way to summarize 2019: one of progress. It started on January 1, with our official merger with Staten Island Mental Health Society. Adding their diverse children and family programs increases the opportunity for Richmond University Medical Center to help many more families across our borough and further positions us as the leading provider of integrative behavioral medicine for adults, children, adolescents, and their families.

Construction has begun on one of the most exciting developments for our hospital, a new 35,000 square foot emergency department. When completed, the new emergency department will feature increased private treatment rooms, state-of-the-art trauma bays, additional support space, and specialty areas for pediatrics and urgent care. The new emergency department would not be possible if not for the combined support of city

agencies, our elected officials, the many donors who pledged nearly \$12 million, and our own staff who contributed over \$2.5 million to the project.

Work has also begun on a new staff parking lot, located on our main hospital property. The parking lot will provide over 200 new parking spaces. While this will be convenient for our staff, more importantly, as a good neighbor to the community, it will take over 200 vehicles off local side streets.

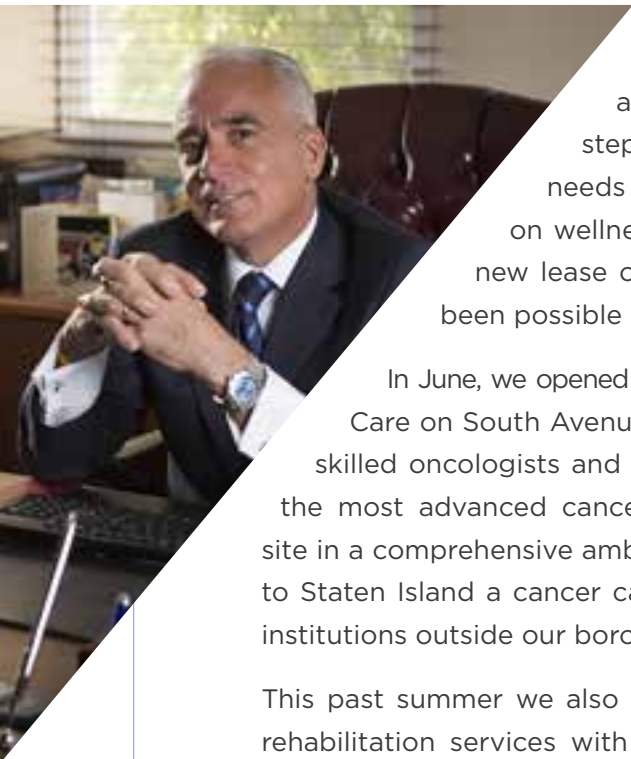
Lastly, in 2019 we will also begin construction of a new cogeneration power plant that will make the hospital self-sufficient for electricity. The new plant will provide a cost savings, remove us from the already stressed north shore power grid, and provide cheaper, cleaner energy.

These new developments are very exciting, but what is most exciting for me is seeing the life-changing, and lifesaving, difference being made every day by our medical staff. There are no words to capture how inspiring it makes me feel. They, along with our board, donors, volunteers, and employees, make me so very proud to part of the Richmond University Medical Center family.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Rooney', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Sincerely,
Kathryn K. Rooney
Chairperson, Board of Trustees

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT & CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



Looking back on 2018, Richmond University Medical Center was able to take bold and innovative steps to meet the growing community needs for health care services that focus on wellness and acute care, giving people a new lease on life. This growth would not have been possible without your support.

In June, we opened our state-of-the-art Center for Cancer Care on South Avenue in Bloomfield. Our team of highly skilled oncologists and radiation oncologists are providing the most advanced cancer care and therapies available on site in a comprehensive ambulatory program setting, delivering to Staten Island a cancer care center that rivals many leading institutions outside our borough.

This past summer we also reestablished our cardiopulmonary rehabilitation services with a new center located behind the main hospital. Returning this service to Staten Island was a focus of Borough President James Oddo, who was instrumental in making the center a reality. Now a service that had been missing in the borough for several years is once again available, giving cardiopulmonary patients the opportunity to build strength, stamina, and new, healthier lives.

More and more focus is on the problem of obesity across our country and community, so Richmond University Medical Center took immediate action on this front as well. In the summer, we launched our Bariatric and Metabolic Institute under the direction of Dr. Alex Barkin; the physicians here perform leading surgical

interventions utilizing the latest technology. Similar to our cardiopulmonary rehabilitation services, our new facility makes top medical care available locally, right here in our community.

We closed out the year by cutting the ribbon on our new Breast and Women's Center in Sunnyside. Located at the corner of Clove Road and Victory Boulevard, the center is designed to provide high quality care to those who are experiencing breast pain, have found a lump, or have been diagnosed with breast cancer. Under the stewardship of our new chief of breast surgery, oncoplastic surgeon Dr. Tiyesha Wilson, this center will offer early intervention, as well as comprehensive breast care for many years to come and will change the perception of breast cancer treatment on Staten Island.

This expansion in services and locations increases Richmond University Medical Center's footprint on Staten Island, advancing our ambulatory strategy by providing essential care right in the community. We are delivering innovative and effective health care services across our borough in larger, more advanced ways than ever before. This is possible only because of the support and commitment of our board, donors, foundation, our incredible team of elected officials, volunteers, and staff, to whom we give our sincere gratitude.

Together we are building on our exceptional history of caring for our community, and forging a bright future for Richmond University Medical Center for years to come.

Daniel J. Messina, PhD, FACHE
President & Chief Executive Officer

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Throughout Staten Island, Richmond University Medical Center continues to grow and expand to meet the increased need for our services. In December, 2018, the New York City Economic Development Corporation (NYCEDC) finalized the provision of \$132 million in tax-exempt bonds to our hospital to help support the construction of our new emergency department, co-generation power plant, and additional modernization projects. Not only will these projects greatly enhance our ability to provide quality health care, but also, as we are one of the leading employers in Staten Island, these projects will also support the growth of jobs in our borough.

The new ED will be 35,000 square feet. It will consist of 20,000 square feet of new space, along with the renovation of the 15,000 square feet where our current ED exists. An additional 20,000 square feet will be built above the new ED and will be home to new surgical suites, a surgical recovery area, and additional support services. The new ED will be completed in approximately 18 to 24 months.

Our state and city elected officials helped us obtain over \$42 million in grant funding from the city and state for the new ED. We also received almost \$12 million from donors, including \$2.5 million from our own physicians.

While work begins on the ED, we will also commence construction of our \$29.5 million co-generation power plant. It will provide our campus with quieter, cheaper, and cleaner energy. One fuel will be used to create both electrical and thermal energy, making Richmond University Medical Center a more environmentally friendly facility while also alleviating many of the air conditioning and heating issues. The co-gen plant will make our hospital self-sufficient, taking us off the overstressed power grid that serves the North Shore of Staten



Island. As the borough's only hospital not located in any of Staten Island's flood zones, we cannot afford to be without power should the grid fail during a major disaster such as a hurricane or blackout. The co-gen plant construction is expected to begin in summer 2019 and take about 12 months to complete.

Expansion is not only happening inside our campus. We opened the doors on our Center for Cancer Care at 1000 South Avenue. According to New York State data, Staten Island has the highest rate of all cancers combined compared to the other boroughs. This \$4.5 million center is home to the most sophisticated tools and technologies available to diagnose and treat cancer.

In October we cut the ribbon on our new \$6 million Breast and Women's Center. Located at the corner of Victory Boulevard and Clove Road, this state-of-the-art center is bringing Staten Island comprehensive breast care, starting with the latest in breast imaging diagnostics through survivorship. Surgical services include consultation, diagnosis, oncoplastic surgery, and breast cancer navigation services.

None of these advancements would have been possible without the continued support of our state and city elected officials as well as our foundation and our donors. We are extremely grateful for their support and generosity.

PATIENT EXPERIENCE



learned, we are really lucky that we caught the auto-brewery syndrome within 48 hours after the antibiotic was administered.

“Maria and her amazing staff went above and beyond to make the testing required successful.”

My husband, Donato Giannotto, was treated at your hospital for auto-brewery syndrome. Donato was re-admitted to RUMC the week of March 11. This was because another hospital in New Jersey gave him antibiotics as a precaution, without prior collaboration with your medical staff. As a result, his auto-brewery syndrome restarted. Based on lessons

When my husband was admitted to RUMC, I called Maria Falzone and told her, “We are here again.” Maria was ready for the unique demands of Donato’s diet. Maria and her amazing staff went above and beyond to make the testing required successful. They made such a stressful week less stressful. They were responsive to the needs of each test. The employees that should be commended are Maria as well as Ginny Potter and Alberta Muse.

I would also like to add that all of the doctors and nurses attended to Donato’s needs. Despite other patient challenges, they were attentive to the needs of my husband. It makes us feel so comfortable and cared for that we have a team that “gets” this crazy yeast reaction and the challenges it brings. We understand that we are a “high maintenance” situation, and the staff makes it look like it’s just a normal day at RUMC.

— Michelle G.

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Foundation Board Welcomes New Members — On January 11, the Richmond University Medical Center Foundation Board welcomed three new members: William D'Angelo, a registered representative and financial advisor with National Life Group; Robert S. Cutrona, a veteran of 50 years in the Staten Island business community and president of Project One Services, Inc.; and Joseph Ferrara, principal of BFC Partners, the developer of Empire Outlets and other high-profile projects across New York City.

1 ▶ RUMC Welcomes Dr. Inna Tubman — After years of providing care to the residents of Staten Island, Inna Tubman, MD, joined the RUMC family of physicians and began practicing her OB/GYN services at the 4360 Hylan Boulevard location.

Director of NYC Poison Control Addresses Medical Staff — On January 12, our medical staff was addressed by Dr. Mark Su, director of New York City's Poison Control Center. In addition to his duties with the Poison Control Center, Dr. Su is an attending physician in the NYU/Bellevue Hospital Center Emergency Department. Dr. Su spoke to the medical staff on topics including common drugs of use such as opioids and methamphetamines, the latest trends, emerging issues, and challenges facing the medical community.

2 ▶ RUMC Participates in the Borough President's "Direct Connect Sunday" — On January 28, Richmond University Medical Center participated in Borough President James Oddo's annual outreach fair held at the Michael J. Petredes complex. The networking event also provided attendees with an opportunity to learn more about the programs and services offered by RUMC.

3 ▶ District Attorney Michael McMahon Visits 1130 South Avenue — This visit to the Center for Integrative Behavioral Medicine gave the district attorney an overview of the range of mental health and substance abuse services provided at Richmond University Medical Center. The district attorney also discussed the substance abuse and mental health programs administered by his office and the opportunities for collaboration.



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FEBRUARY

1 ▶ SI PPS Hosts DSRIP Learning Symposium on Staten Island — The members of the Staten Island Performing Provider System (SI PPS) came together to discuss tools, technology, and resources to serve patients in a more efficient way. As part of the symposium, over 700 state and international guests gathered to collaborate, learn from experts, and showcase successes. After the symposium, representatives from city and state health agencies and foreign dignitaries from Ireland toured Richmond University Medical Center's Behavioral Health and Primary Care Integrated Clinic located at the Center for Integrative Behavioral Medicine at 1130 South Avenue. The goal of the SI PPS is to strengthen and expand outpatient services including home care, ambulatory detox, behavioral health/substance abuse, and primary care while seeking to reduce avoidable admissions, readmissions, and ER visits.

2 ▶ BUP Training for Physicians — Richmond University Medical Center continues to be at the forefront of supplying critical answers to the opioid addiction crisis that has impacted so many families in our community. In February, the hospital hosted buprenorphine certification training, conducted by the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (NYCDOHMH), Staten Island Performing Provider System's (SI PPS), Behavioral Health Infrastructure Project (BHIP), and Staten Island Partner for Community Wellness (SIPCW). Studies have shown that buprenorphine is highly effective in treating opioid use disorder. While previous training sessions only reached a handful of Staten Island-based healthcare professionals, our training included 34 clinicians from various backgrounds and departments.

3 ▶ Joint Commission Recognition — Accreditations from The Joint Commission are the “gold standard” when it comes to a patient's reassurance they are receiving exceptional patient care. These certifications are earned after an extensive on-site survey and review to ensure that best practices and standards are being met and exceeded. Richmond University Medical Center saluted its nursing leaders responsible for ensuring its Joint Commission certification in the treatment of COPD, heart failure, chest pain, and providing perinatal care. Accreditation ensures high quality outcomes to the patients and communities the hospital serves.

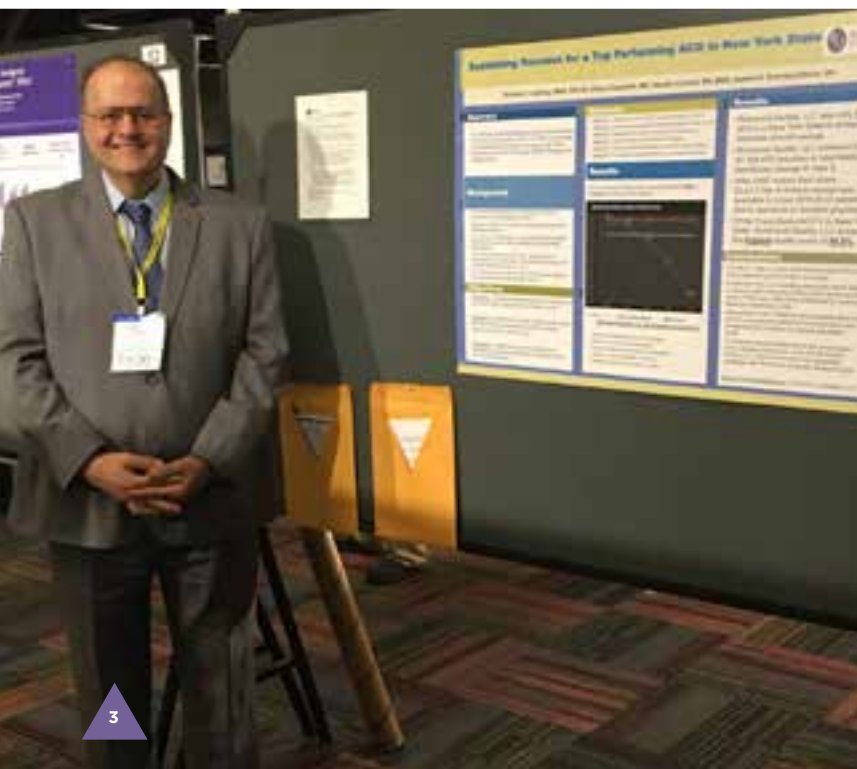
4 ▶ Medical Center Hosts Briefing for Elected Officials on Budget Issues — We have always been able to count on the support of Staten Island's elected officials to advocate for the best interests of our community's health and wellness. Richmond University Medical Center hosted a legislative briefing in February conducted by the Greater New York Hospital Association (GNYHA), Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Local 1199, and the New York State Nurses Association (NYSNA). Topics of discussion included the impact of proposed cuts to healthcare funding from the federal and state governments on hospitals and other healthcare providers in New York State. Joining us were State Senator Diane Savino and State Assembly Member Michael Cusick.



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MARCH

1 ▶ Echo Lab Receives Prestigious Accreditation — The Echocardiography Laboratory received prestigious accreditation from the Intersocietal Accreditation Commission (IAC). The IAC accredits imaging facilities and hospitals specifically for echocardiography. IAC accreditation is a means by which facilities can evaluate and demonstrate the level of patient care they provide.

2 ▶ Mayor de Blasio Visits Campus for Opioid Announcement — On March 19, 2018, Mayor de Blasio and First Lady Chirlane McCray visited the hospital to announce a \$22 million enhancement to the HealingNYC program in the hopes of saving as many as 400 lives by 2022. Their program is intended to address the city's opioid epidemic. The mayor was joined by dozens of elected officials, advocates, and medical professionals from Richmond University Medical Center and other institutions.

3 ▶ Richmond Quality, LLC ACO Success Story Hits Chicago — Richmond University Medical Center's president, Richmond University Medical Health Network, and chief administrative officer, Richard J. Salhany, MBA, FACHE, attended the prestigious 2018 American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE) Congress held in Chicago, where he participated in the Management Innovations Poster Session. Data from the Richmond Quality, LLC Accountable Care Organization (ACO) was presented. Mr. Salhany's presentation was on the topic, "Sustaining Success for a Top Performing ACO in New York State." The abstract provided data on the sustained success of the ACO, which included reducing the Medicare beneficiary costs and improving the population health quality metrics. Richmond Quality ACO was only one of five ACOs in New York State that earned Medicare Shared Savings Dollars.

OB-GYN Department Publishes Research Journal — Under the leadership of Dr. Nisha A. Lakhi, FACOG, director of research, the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology published its 2018 research journal. In the last two years, the department has acquired over \$1 million in funding for clinical and translational research. The department spearheads several investigator-initiated clinical trials and has established a research laboratory to encourage translational research and innovation.

4 ▶ Colon Cancer Prevention Awareness Event — March was Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month and our cancer services department, along with our GI nurses, hosted an awareness event in our main lobby to encourage screening and healthy diet. Each year, colon cancer claims more than 53,500 lives.



APRIL

1 ▶ City Council Speaker Corey Johnson Tours Hospital — Richmond University Medical Center was honored to host City Council Speaker Corey Johnson. Along with Staten Island City Council Member Debi Rose and Minority Leader Steven Matteo, Speaker Johnson toured the emergency department, the critical care unit, and surgical care areas.

2 ▶ SIEDC Business Conference — As the second largest employer on Staten Island, Richmond University Medical Center is an integral part of the business community and participates in many events intended to promote economic growth on Staten Island. On April 17, Krista Desiderio, senior public relations and marketing specialist, and Lorraine Scanni, community outreach specialist, represented the medical center at the Staten Island Economic Development Corporation's annual Staten Island Business Conference. Held at the Hilton Garden Inn in Bloomfield, they were on hand to network with other attendees and to provide information on Richmond University Medical Center's services and health programs.

3 ▶ Richmond Town BBQ Cook Off and Chili Cook Off — At Richmond University Medical Center, we view participating in community benefits as a major part of our role. This year we were again a major sponsor of the events at Historic Richmond Town. At their BBQ Cook Off and Chili Cook Off, held on April 7 and April 21, respectively, our community outreach specialist, Lorraine Scanni, interacted with attendees to ensure the Staten Island community knows Richmond University Medical Center is here for all of their medical needs.

Stroke Team Recognition — For the fourth consecutive year, Richmond University Medical Center was awarded the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association Get With The Guidelines® (GWTG) Stroke Gold Plus Performance Achievement Award & Target Stroke Elite Plus Honor Roll. This award represents the highest category of stroke center awards given by the AHA.

4 ▶ St. Mary's Church Food Pantry — Richmond University Medical Center teamed with St. Mary's Church and City Harvest to host a monthly food pantry for the families of RUMC pediatric patients diagnosed with obesity.



MAY

4th Annual Patient Safety and Quality Improvement Symposium — The Patient Safety and Quality Improvement Symposium took place on May 3. It is designed for healthcare professionals involved in patient safety and quality, including chief executives, medical and nursing officers, and other leadership team members. These presentations help Richmond University Medical Center to reflect upon and improve patient safety and quality. This year's keynote speaker was Nancy Landor, RN, MS, CPHQ, senior director at Strategic Quality Initiatives – Healthcare Association of New York State (HANYS).

1 ▶ Jack Sipp Golf and Tennis Outing — On May 14, the Richmond County Country Club once again served as the venue for our Jack Sipp Golf and Tennis Outing. The 2018 Honorees were Dr. Richard Fazio and Brian Farley.

2 ▶ National Nurses Week — The theme for National Nurses Week 2018 was, "Nurses: Inspire, Innovate, Influence." To that end, Richmond University Medical Center hosted their 2018 Nurse of Distinction Award Ceremony. President & CEO, Daniel J. Messina, PhD, FACHE, and Chief Operating Officer and Chief Nurse Officer Rosemarie Stazzone, RN, MSN, NEA-BC, were on hand to present awards to some of the exceptional nurses here at RUMC.

3 ▶ HPV Outreach — The community outreach team visited Stapleton U.A.M.E. Church on May 15, where literature was distributed about our HPV and breast health services. Attendees were able to speak with our physicians and sign up for free PAP smears and HPV testing.

4 ▶ National Stroke Awareness Month — May was National Stroke Awareness month, so the community outreach team of Richmond University Medical Center co-sponsored a Senior Wellness and Health seminar at the Old Bermuda Inn on May 24. Our Stroke Team Coordinator Patricia Abbruzzese, RN, LNC, delivered a lecture on FAST, which is an acronym used to help detect and enhance responsiveness to the needs of a person having a stroke. The acronym stands for Facial drooping, Arm weakness, Speech difficulties and Time to call emergency services.

5 ▶ Subaru Check Presentation — Subaru of America, through their national "Share the Love" campaign, gives back to charities and non-profits around the country. With deep gratitude, Richmond University Medical Center received a \$42,324 check for our new ED.

Spring Review — An integral part of the graduate medical education program at the medical center is the spring review. During the week of May 21, the medical center hosted the 42nd annual Spring Review in Internal Medicine. Speakers included experts in the areas of cardiology, neurology, psychiatry, infectious diseases, gastroenterology, and ambulatory medicine.



JUNE

1 ▶ Center for Cancer Care Grand Opening — On June 7, the new Center for Cancer Care, located at 1000 South Avenue, officially opened its doors. The new state-of-the-art center is home to the most sophisticated tools and technologies available to diagnose and treat cancer. Staten Island experiences some of the highest cancer rates in New York State and the highest rate in the five boroughs.

2 ▶ PSA Event at Staten Island Yankee Stadium — On June 22, our community outreach team was joined by members of our Information Technology Department and RUMC Public Safety Officers. Ball game attendees were offered free prostate-specific antigen (PSA) blood tests.

3 ▶ Summer Celebration at the Vanderbilt — Our annual celebration that honors the legacy of Dr. Anantham Harim was held on June 27, 2018. This year's honorees were Dr. Joan Graziano, Carol Olsen, and the Randazzo family.

4 ▶ Teen Leadership — For almost a decade, Teen Leadership has provided about 400 Staten Island high school students with a chance to serve the hospital's patients and community. A record 80-plus students participated in 2017 and 2018. Students have the option of working with employees in the Ambulatory Surgery, Radiology, Pharmacy, Physical Therapy, Biomed, Interventional Radiology, Pediatrics, Outpatient Oncology, Emergency, Labor & Delivery, Maternity, Laboratory, or Information Technology departments. The program is supported financially by the TD Charitable Foundation.



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JULY

1 ▶ NICU Donation from Grateful Family — Gaspare and Melissa Randazzo presented the medical center with a check for \$8,484, the proceeds from a fundraiser they hosted to benefit the hospital's Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU). In March 2017, their son Gaspare Randazzo, Jr., was born almost three months premature and weighing just three pounds. He spent over a month of his new life in the NICU. Today Gaspare is doing well, and he joined his parents and grandparents at the check presentation.

RUMC Cancer Program Earns Accreditation with Commendations — The American College of Surgeons' Commission on Cancer awarded three-year accreditation with five commendations to the cancer program of Richmond University Medical Center. This latest accreditation marks 81 consecutive years of approval from the Commission.

2 ▶ Over 100 Police Officers and Children Learn to Handle Bleeding Emergencies — During a 24-hour period, RUMC's Trauma Team trained police officers and children in how to handle a bleeding emergency through the hospital's "Stop The Bleed" program. Over 25 police officers from the 121st Police Precinct and over 75 children from the Police Athletic League's summer camp at the Petrides School complex participated.

Dr. Marianne La Barbera Named President of Medical Staff — Dr. La Barbera became the first woman to hold the position in the hospital's 115-year history. In her role, Dr. La Barbera serves as the direct link to the hospital's senior management for the thousands of physicians, nurses, and medical staff members at RUMC.

3 ▶ Blanket Donation from Subaru — Representatives from Subaru of America and the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society delivered over 80 blankets along with arts and crafts kits to pediatric patients. The donation was part of the "Subaru Loves to Care" program.

Dr. Francesco Rotatori Named New Associate Chief of Cardiology — Dr. Rotatori attended Università degli Studi in Milan, Italy, graduating with a degree in medicine and surgery in 2001. He trained in internal medicine at RUMC between 2007 and 2010, and served as chief resident from 2009 to 2010 prior to his appointment.



AUGUST

1 ▶ Cardiopulmonary Rehabilitation Center Ribbon Cutting — On August 7, President and CEO Daniel J. Messina, PhD, FACHE; Chair of the Board of Trustees Kathryn K. Rooney; Staten Island Borough President James Oddo; and elected officials from across the borough cut the ribbon on the hospital's new cardiopulmonary rehabilitation center. Located on the ground floor of the residents' building behind the hospital, this facility promises patients easier access to the programs, equipment, and medical personnel essential to their lasting recovery.

2 ▶ National Night Out — National Night Out took place August 7 at Midland Beach and Richmond University Medical Center was there, meeting the community and sharing information on the programs we offer. Literature was distributed on smoking cessation and proper prevention and screening for HPV, PSA, skin cancers, and colonoscopies.

3 ▶ World Breastfeeding Week — To mark World Breastfeeding Week, on August 8, lactation experts provided information in the hospital's main lobby about breastfeeding. The goal was to provide information on how to help new moms make informed decisions about their choice of feeding.

Department of Surgery Welcome Breakfast — On August 13, Richmond University Medical Center held a breakfast to welcome three new doctors to the medical staff: Chief of Breast Surgery Tiyesha Wilson, MD, FACS; Chief of Joint Replacement Surgery James St. Ville, MD, MBA, MS; and Chief of Bariatric Surgery Alex Barkan, MD, MBA, FACS, FASMB.

Jaime's LILAC Foundation Donates Cancer Care Packages — Jaime's LILAC Foundation is a nonprofit organization founded in 2014 in memory of Jaime Moltisanti Cucuzza, a young woman who succumbed to lung cancer at the age of 38. The foundation provides care packages to patients who are fighting cancer. On August 22, Jamie's father and husband delivered 30 cancer care packages that were distributed to patients at Richmond University Medical Center. The packages included hats, blankets, gloves, scarves, water bottles, lozenges to help with nausea, and additional items to help patients undergoing treatment. Some of the packages were intended specifically for children and also contained teddy bears and games.

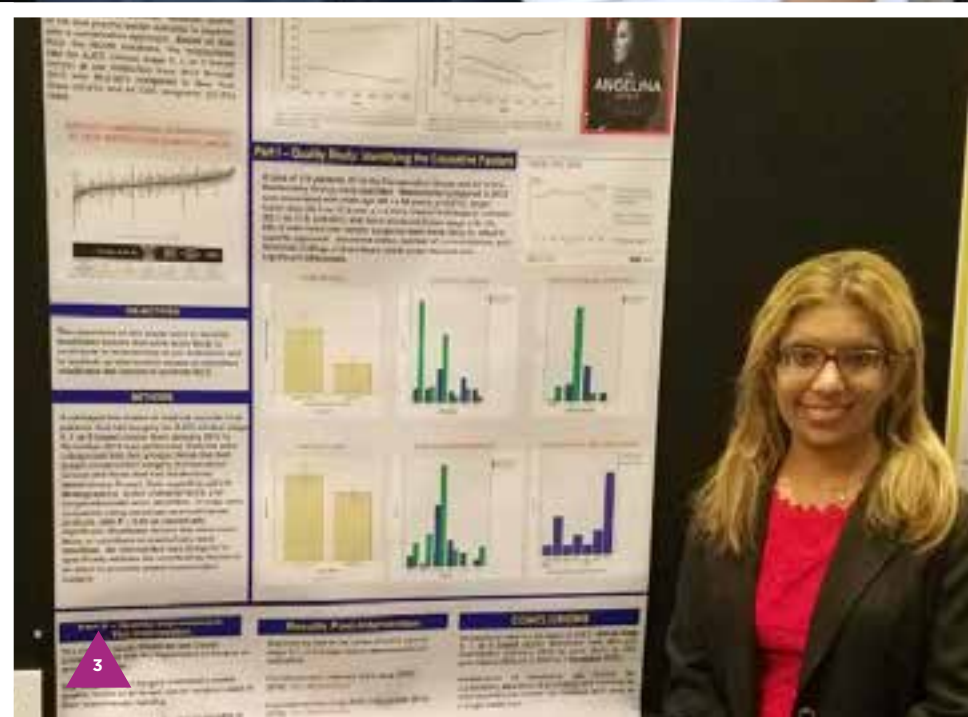
4 ▶ Lunch and Learn with Dr. Mark Brandon — On August 24, Richmond University Medical Center held a Lunch and Learn focusing on advances in total joint replacement. Dr. Mark Brandon spoke to over 20 guests about the latest techniques and procedures available to people in need of knee, hip, and additional joint replacement surgery.



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SEPTEMBER

1 ▶ Second Annual RUMC 5K Run/Walk A Success — More than 200 people stepped off on September 8 for Richmond University Medical Center's second annual 5K Run/Walk in Clove Lakes Park. Proceeds from the event helped to support the pediatric unit of the hospital's new Emergency Department.

Healthy Eating Event at 800 Castleton Avenue — On September 20, our dietary department held a Healthy Eating Event at our 800 Castleton Avenue location. Nutritional games and snacks were available.

2 ▶ RUMC Marks September 11, 2001 — RUMC marked the 17th anniversary of the September 11th attacks that changed our city and our country. As part of the ceremony, which took place at the hospital's September 11th memorial, administration recalled the lives lost with tributes and prayer. Over 100 people who attended the ceremony also gave thanks to first responders and to the men and women in our armed forces.

3 ▶ RUMC Doctor Presents on Reduced Mastectomy Rates — Dr. Nisha A. Lakhi, MD, FACOG, presented in September at the American College of Surgeons (ACS) 2018 Cancer Programs Conference in Chicago. She discussed her initiative, which successfully reduced mastectomy rates for early stage breast cancer.

Trauma Department Supports Tunnel to Towers Run — On September 30, the Trauma Department participated in the annual Stephen Siller Tunnel to Towers Run. Mary Siller-Scullin, Injury Prevention Coordinator at RUMC, is Siller's sister and treasurer of the Stephen Siller Tunnel to Towers Foundation. Over 30,000 runners participated in this nationally renowned event.



OCTOBER

1 ▶ RUMC Co-Sponsors SIEDC Health & Wellness Expo — The SIEDC Health and Wellness Expo was held October 3 at the Hilton Garden Inn. In addition to providing health care information to attendees, several departments provided free screenings. Over 100 people were screened throughout the day.

2 ▶ Hats and Peas Donation — Maria Carter from the Hats and Peas, Inc. organization visited our Labor and Delivery unit on October 12. The organization made a thoughtful donation of handmade items including 15 hat and blanket sets, 15 extra hats, and 4 bereavement sets.

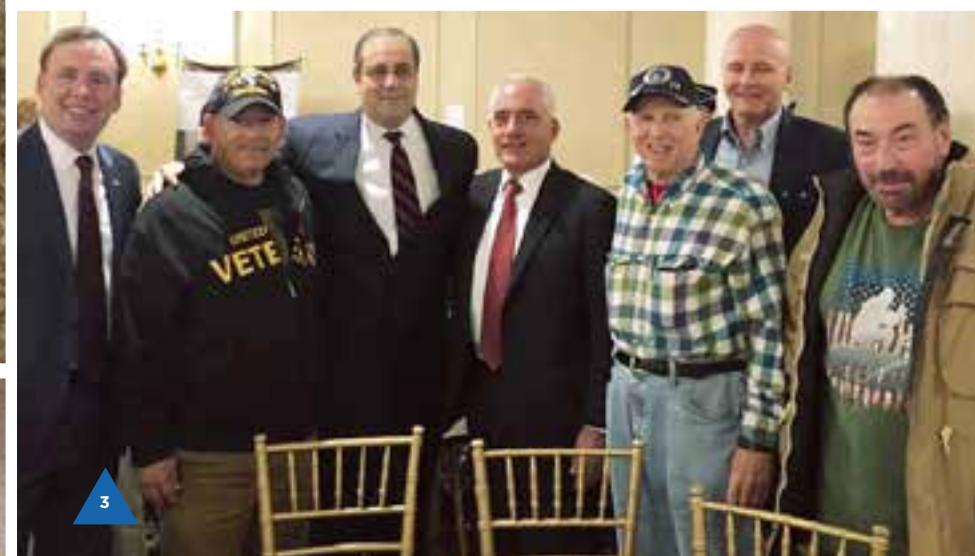
3 ▶ Reali Foundation Donation to New ED — On October 15, Fran and Frank Reali presented a \$25,000 check as part of their \$250,000 pledge to Richmond University Medical Center to support construction of the hospital's new emergency department. The Reali family founded the Protecting One Young Heart At A Time Foundation following the death of their son from undiagnosed cardiac disease.

Lunch and Learn with Dr. Tihesha Wilson — On October 16, new Chief of Breast Surgery Tihesha Wilson, MD, FACS, discussed breast cancer prevention, diagnosis and treatment with over 40 attendees as part of the medical center's monthly Lunch and Learn series. An experienced oncoplastic breast surgeon who has practiced for more than 10 years, Dr. Wilson received her doctor of medicine at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey's Robert Wood Johnson Medical School.

Elks Lodge Donation — Richmond University Medical Center was the recipient of a \$5,000 check donated to the hospital's Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) by members of Elks Lodge #841 in Eltingville. The donation was a way of giving back for one lodge member, Helen Fontanarosa. Her grandson, Syris, was born in 2014 over two months' premature and weighing only 2 pounds, 14 ounces. Syris spent two months in RUMC's NICU before going home. Today, he is a healthy five-year-old boy.

4 ▶ Richmond University Medical Center Unveils New Breast and Women's Center — On October 25, Richmond University Medical Center officially opened its new state-of-the-art, \$6 million Breast and Women's Center, located at 1161 Victory Boulevard in Sunnyside. Over 150 people, including elected officials and community leaders, attended the event. The new center will provide comprehensive breast care, including the latest, most advanced services and access to research and clinical trials.

5 ▶ Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk — On October 21, Richmond University Medical Center was proud to participate in the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk. Our new chief of breast surgery, Tihesha Wilson, MD, FACS, was a featured speaker at the kick-off festivities. Over 3,000 people attended.



NOVEMBER

1 ▶ Richmond University Gala Celebrates Recent Successes with a New Orleans Flavor — Richmond University Medical Center held its 12th annual gala on Saturday, November 3 at the Hilton Garden Inn. This year's theme was "A New Orleans Celebration." Almost 600 people attended the event, which featured New Orleans style cuisine and music and a Mardi Gras atmosphere. This year's honorees were John and Debra Santora and the Richmond University Medical Center's cardiac physicians.

Lunch and Learn About Nicotine Use — On November 7, Lung Nurse Navigator Nancy Sayegh-Rooney, RN, addressed tobacco addiction and the importance of lung screenings. Sayegh-Rooney's presentation included a history lesson on the tobacco industry and a discussion on tobacco cessation programs.

RUMC Awarded Perinatal Care Re-Certification by Joint Commission — Richmond University Medical Center, Staten Island's only "Baby Friendly" hospital designated by the World Health Organization (WHO) and United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), earned perinatal care re-certification from The Joint Commission. The certification program recognizes Joint Commission accredited hospitals committed to achieving integrated, coordinated, and patient-centered care for mothers and their newborns.

2 ▶ Turquoise Takeover and Shining a Light on Lung Cancer — Richmond University Medical Center recognized November as Lung Cancer Awareness month with a series of events on November 5 and November 6. In addition to a bake sale that was held in the cafeteria, where proceeds went to support the American Lung Association, the hospital hosted "Turquoise Takeover," where a ceremony and a moment of silence were held for those who have succumbed to lung cancer.

MS Symposium — On November 12, Richmond University Medical Center hosted a symposium, "What's New In Multiple Sclerosis." Physicians, medical students, families, and people living with MS attended. A series of speakers discussed various topics associated with MS. Dr. Allan B. Perel started it off by providing the latest medical news and updates on research and treatments aimed at curbing the effects of MS.

3 ▶ Richmond University Medical Center Salutes Veterans — On November 15, Richmond University Medical Center was at the Historic Old Bermuda Inn for the 2018 Salute to Veterans. The hospital provided information about its services available to veterans.

4 ▶ Movember Raises Awareness — The medical center's IT and Security Departments participated in a Movember campaign to raise money for men's health issues. The annual event involves the growing of moustaches during November to raise awareness of issues such as prostate cancer and men's suicide. Over \$1,500 was raised.



DECEMBER

1 ▶ Breast and Women's Center Wins Staten Island Chamber of Commerce Building Award — Richmond University Medical Center was presented with a 2018 Building Award by the Staten Island Chamber of Commerce. The award was for Excellence in Interior and Exterior Decorating at the new Breast and Women's Center, located at 1161 Clove Road. It is the third consecutive year that the medical center has won a building award.

2 ▶ Richmond University Medical Center Honors Wilhelmina Waddell for 50 Years of Service — For Wilhelmina Waddell, Richmond University Medical Center is more than just where she works: it has become her second home. Waddell, an assistant director for nursing, has been providing service and compassionate care to the hospital's patients since 1967. She was honored recently at the medical center's annual service awards ceremony on December 13.

3 ▶ RUMC Teams with ShopRite, Mannix Family to Bring Cheer to Needy — In December, ShopRite and the Mannix Family donated over 50 turkeys, holiday wrapped gifts, and gift cards to Richmond University Medical Center for our Adopt-A-Family Program. These donations, coupled with generous donations from RUMC staff, were distributed to over 50 needy families that utilize RUMC clinics and programs.

2018 KEY STATS

EMPLOYEES

2,415

EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT VISITS (TREATED AND RELEASED)

48,878

BIRTHS

2,962

LICENSED BEDS

473

PHYSICIANS ON STAFF

635

RICHMOND UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER'S AWARD-WINNING QUALITY CARE

Accreditations

- American Association of Blood Banks (AABB)
- American College of Radiology
- American College of Surgeons' Commission on Cancer
- College of American Pathologists (CAP)
- Intersocietal Accreditation Commission (IAC)
- New York State Dept of Health (NYSDOH)
- The Joint Commission (TJC)
- United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF).
- World Health Organization (WHO)

Certifications

- The Joint Commission – Gold Seal (disease specific)
- Chest Pain
- Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD)
- Heart Failure
- Pediatric Asthma
- Perinatal

Verifications

- American College of Surgeons: Trauma Services- Adult Level I & Pediatric Level II

Awards

- American Heart Association / Get With The Guidelines Stroke Gold Plus- Target Stroke Honor Roll Elite Plus
- American Heart Association
- New York State Perinatal Quality Collaborative Safe Sleep Projects 2017 Quality Improvement award

Designations

- NYS Department of Health
 - Level I Adult Trauma & Level II Pediatric Trauma
 - Primary Stroke
 - Trauma
- "Baby Friendly Hospital"

Recognition

- International Board Certified Lactation Consultant (IBCLC) Excellence in Lactation Care
- National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) Patient Centered Medical Home - Level 3
- Sexual Assault Forensic Examiner (SAFE) Program Center of Excellence

Resident Education

- Sponsoring Institution for Graduate Medical Education by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME)
- Continued Accreditation in Internal Medicine, Obstetrics and Gynecology, Pediatrics, Psychiatry, and Radiology programs by the ACGME
- Fully Accredited Council on Podiatric Medical Education (CPME) Podiatry Program
- Accreditation of Advanced GI Minimally Invasive Fellowship
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