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NYCEDC Facilitates Over \$130M in Bonds for Richmond University Medical Center

Tax-Exempt Build NYC Bonds will Help Fuel Major Modernization
Efforts, Including New Emergency Department



New York City Economic Development Corporation (NYCEDC) announced the Build NYC board approval of \$132 million in tax-exempt bonds to help fuel the modernization of Richmond University Medical Center. The project, which has received funding from the City, Borough President James Oddo, Council Member Deborah Rose, Council Member Steven Matteo, and other local stakeholders, will include the addition of a 21st century emergency department and further positions the medical center to meet the growing health care needs of Staten Island residents.

RUMC's project is part of a long-term facility improvement plan which will first include a new emergency department, followed by future expansion of its operating suites, energy infrastructure enhancements, and accompanying modernization plans. Scheduled for construction to begin in spring 2019, the new emergency department will cover 35,000 square feet and feature increased private treatment rooms, state-of-the-art trauma bays, additional support space, and specialty areas for pediatrics and urgent care.

Borough President James Oddo said, "Staten Islanders want and deserve state-of-the-art healthcare, and allowing RUMC to continue its mission to deliver a new Emergency Department facility is critically important to our borough."

"Richmond University Medical Center is a critical component of our Staten Island health care infrastructure," said City Council Member Debi Rose. "In the absence of a city hospital in our borough, Staten Island's health care system has been severely underfunded for decades. The approval of these tax-exempt bonds, combined with funding from the City Council, take us a significant step toward providing Staten Islanders with the state-of-the-art health care facility we need and deserve."

"Updating RUMC's emergency department and modernizing its other facilities is critical to the long-term viability of Staten Island's two-hospital healthcare system, and thus critical to the quality of life of our residents," said City Council Minority Leader Steven Matteo.

Also scheduled for 2019, the medical center will begin construction of its new co-generation power plant. This new plant will not only be cost-efficient, but will also supply cleaner energy. When operational its daily output to the hospital will include over 3,000 kilowatts of electricity in addition to air conditioning and heat.

NYCEDC's Strategic Investments Group (SIG) helped facilitate the access of bond financing through the Build NYC Resource Corporation (Build NYC). Build NYC assists 501(c)(3) organizations and other exempt facilities operators in accessing capital through tax-exempt and taxable bond financing.

From the President & CEO:
Daniel J. Messina, PhD, FACHE, LNHA



I want to begin by wishing everyone a happy and healthy start to 2019. I hope you had time to enjoy the past holiday season with family and friends. May this new year be one of promise and fulfillment for you.

I am excited to announce that Richmond University Medical Center and Staten

Island Mental Health Society, two non-profit health care providers who have each served Staten Island for over 100 years, formally merged, effective January 1, 2019. Services, and programs operated by the mental health society will continue under the administration of our medical center.

A private, not-for-profit mental health services agency serving Staten Island children with special needs and their families since 1895, the Staten Island Mental Health Society provides services through more than 18 programs operated at locations throughout the borough.

Adding the diverse children and family programs of Staten Island Mental Health Society to Richmond University Medical Center increases the opportunity for us to help many more families across our borough.

This merger positions Richmond

University Medical Center as a leading provider of integrative behavioral medicine for adults, children, adolescents, and their families.

Throughout the merger process, senior administration and the board of trustees for both the medical center and Staten Island Mental Health Society worked collaboratively to guide the process. The primary goal for all involved was to ensure there were no disruption in services to the mental health society's patients and their families. We also wanted to ensure that the 124 year legacy of Staten Island Mental Health Society serving the community was preserved.

Employees of the mental health society will now be part of our medical center family and we are excited to welcome our new colleagues aboard.

Remember the Power of One—You Make a Difference!

Patient Satisfaction: A Note of Thanks

I wanted to let you know I was treated at RUMC for an endoscopy and colonoscopy in October. To begin with I was greeted with a smile at the information desk and then went on to register for my outpatient tests.

The receptionist was very informative and pleasant. I then went to visit with the charge nurse Geri Coscia in endoscopy and was treated with respect, kindness, and compassion. I was nervous and Geri told me exactly what to expect and calmed my fears. Geri was exceptional at her job. It was obvious she went above and beyond her normal duties to get me through what I expected to be a difficult day. I can't thank Geri enough. She then took

me to the changing room and made sure I had the proper size gown. I am overweight and felt embarrassed so that meant the world to me.

Once I was in the procedure room, I was greeted by Lil the nurse, the anesthesiologist, another nurse, and Dr. Fazio. They were all kind, informative, and compassionate. After the procedures, the discharge nurse was efficient and showed consideration for my well-being.

I want to applaud you for leading an exceptional staff and department. Thank you all for making the day of my procedures as pleasant and professionally run as possible.

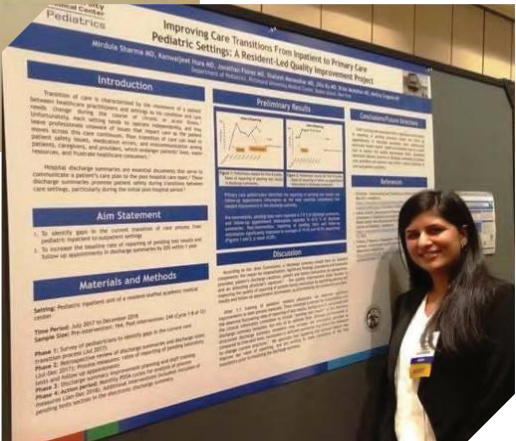
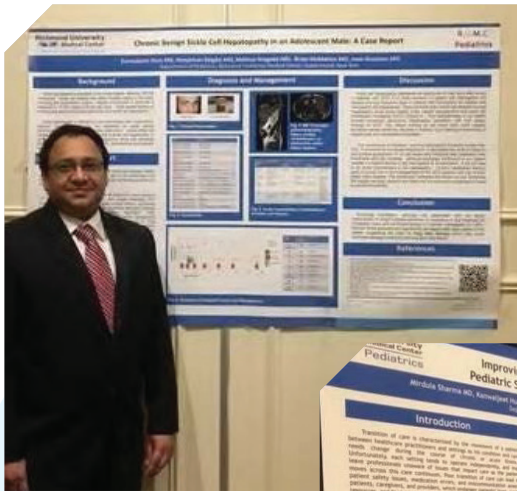
— Jeannine L.

I would like to recognize Tami Nieroda who went above and beyond in the treatment of my father. When my father's health took a turn for the worse, she was on top of it and seamlessly navigated the situation to ensure that all who needed to be at the patient's bedside were there ASAP. It is apparent that she is not only a skilled RN, but she has a heart of gold with both her patients and their families' well-being in mind. Rita Doku, NA, is soft spoken and compassionate and Civarani Sinnathambly, NA, was amazing and went the extra mile.

— Anurag G.

Congratulations to Dr. Hura and Dr. Sharma

Recently, Dr. Kanwaljeet Hura (top) presented on the case of a chronic benign sickle cell hepatopathy found in an adolescent male patient at Richmond University Medical Center. Dr. Hura made his presentation at the Richmond County Medical Society Past Presidents' Dinner. A week later, Dr. Mirdula Sharma presented on a Richmond University Medical Center resident-led quality improvement project. The project's focus was on improving care transitions from inpatient to primary care pediatric settings. Dr. Sharma presented at the American Academy of Pediatrics National Conference and Exhibition (NCE) in Orlando, Florida.



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), has earned Perinatal Care Re-Certification from The Joint Commission.

The certification program recognizes Joint Commission accredited hospitals, like RUMC, that are committed to achieving integrated, coordinated and patient-centered care for mothers and their newborns.

The medical center underwent a rigorous two-day onsite review to assess its compliance with certification standards for perinatal care. The certification program uses standards, guidelines, and The Joint Commission's perinatal care core performance measures for managing



and monitoring aspects of perinatal care critical to improving and maintaining the health of newborns and their mothers. The review included interviews with staff and patients, auditing of charts and records, review of policies and procedures addressing risks to mothers' and newborns, and

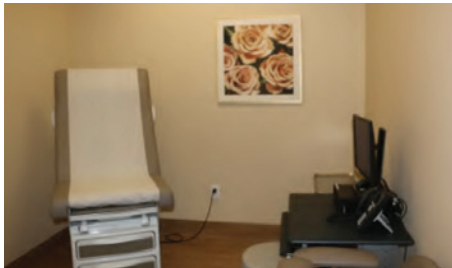
quality practices in place for early identification of high-risk pregnancies and births. Perinatal Care Certification is awarded for two-year periods. Richmond University Medical Center first received certification two years ago.

"This re-certification is a testament to the efforts of all of our disciplinary team members," said Assistant VP of Women and Children Services and Nursing Education Victoria Orleman.

"It is a true collaborative effort which starts with the support of our COO and Chief Nurse Officer Rosemarie Stazzone. This recognition demonstrates to new families that RUMC is committed to providing them with high quality care, an enhanced experience, and the very best outcomes for our mothers and newborns."

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 Interior 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. Located at the corner of Victory Boulevard and Clove Road, the state-of-the-art center is under the direction of Dr. Tihesha Wilson, MD, FACS, the medical center’s new chief of breast surgery.



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.

Photo: Samantha Telle, Shoprite Retail Dietician; Mary Santoro, Shoprite Training Supervisor; Jennifer Dominguez, Adopt-A-Family Administrator/CME Coordinator; Keisha Daniels-Murrell, Dept. of Medicine Residency Coordinator; and AnnMarie Cazzetta, Administrative Coordinator, Dept. of Medicine.



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.

Waddell started at the medical center on April 18, 1967, when it was St. Vincent’s Hospital. She started in the critical care unit as a nurse. She continued working in critical care for 13 years. In 1973, she was the first nurse from the hospital to be trained in hemodialysis, becoming the hospital’s first dialysis nurse. In 1988 she graduated from CSI with a bachelor in science in nursing (BSN) degree and began managing the hospital’s 22 bed step down unit. In 1990, she was then assigned to manage the hospital’s 28 bed telemetry unit. She was promoted again in 1994 to managing the medical center’s 50 bed cardiac unit. Then in early 2000, Waddell was asked to cover the nursing office as night supervisor for a few months. This role has since turned into her current position and over 15 years later, she can still be found covering the hospital from 8pm to 8am, two days a week, as an assistant director for nursing.

Photo (l-r): Ron Musselwhite, VP of human resources; Rita Magnuski, AVP of medical/surgical, ICU, and psychiatric services; Wilhelmina Waddell; Daniel J. Messina, PhD, FACHE, president and CEO; and Rosemarie Stazzone, RN, MSN, NEABC, COO and chief nurse officer.

December New Hires—Welcome to RUMC!

- Deniz Arsian-Aguilera, *RN*

Michelle Attarian, *MHT*

Ashley Barbosa, *Clinical Systems Analyst*

Michael Brent, *Registrar*

Valerie Brooks, *Clinical Data Specialist II*

Monifa Cannady, *Nursing Assistant*

Peter Carpenito, *EMT Driver*

Beatrice Davis, *Legal File Coordinator*

Victoria Elperin, *Unit Clerk*

Michelle Gagliardi, *RN*

Lisa Galasso, *RN*

Doreen Gorman, *RN*

Andrea Kaba, *Pharmacy Tech*

Sherina Langdon, *MHT*
- Brittany Leon, *Building Service Worker*

Kimberly McCrystal, *Clinic Coordinator*

Amanda Pellegrino, *Ophthalmic Tech*

Miguel Pina, *RN*

Theodora Reese, *Building Service Worker*

Jessica Ribaudio, *Registrar*

Matthew Rivera, *Building Service Worker*

Olivia Roper, *Nursing Assistant*

Francesca Santangelo, *Building Service Worker*

Maxhide Sela, *Building Service Worker*

Kimberly Sosa-Almanzar, *Nursing Assistant*

Jennifer Vazquez, *Nursing Assistant*

Diane Wagernik, *EMT Driver*

EMPLOYEES OF THE MONTH:
Sharrise Andrews, *Nursing Assistant*
Christine Ortega, *Nursing Assistant*



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TD Five Boro Bike Tour: May 5, 2019

Join the Richmond University Medical Center Team!



All cyclists enjoy:

- 40 miles of car free biking through all five boroughs
- A commemorative medal and access to the post-race festival
- Fully stocked rest areas along the route

Registration is \$110 per cyclist

To register visit: www.bike.nyc. Select “RUMC Riders” as your team during registration.

For information contact Harry at ext. 2054 or hkoplovich@rumcsi.org

LET US HELP YOU KEEP YOUR NEW YEAR’S RESOLUTION!

KICK THE HABIT!

FREE 5 WEEK SMOKING CESSATION COURSE
JANUARY 2019: 2ND, 9TH, 16TH, 23RD AND 30TH



Richmond University Medical Center’s Lung Nurse Navigator Nancy Rooney, RN, CTS, will be hosting a free 5 week course for tobacco dependence to help you keep your new year’s resolution and kick the habit. Sessions will be January 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, and 30th from 6pm – 7pm. Seats are limited. Participants will receive patches on completion.

Call (718) 818-2391 for more information or to register.
Sessions will be held in the Allan Weissglass Pavilion, located in the Main Lobby.

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NEW YEAR, NEW YOU!



“I lost 30 pounds and lowered my triglycerides, cholesterol, and A1C in six months as a result of the National Diabetes Prevention Program and Lifestyle Coach Theresa. Saying thank you doesn’t even begin to express the appreciation and gratitude I have for this program.”
—Jeannine Ciccioppo

FREE National Diabetes Prevention Program

217 ROSE AVENUE (NEW DORP), STATEN ISLAND, NY 10306

Tuesdays beginning January 15 from 6:30pm through 7:30pm.

The program runs every Tuesday for four months.
Monthly maintenance sessions will follow.

Workshop Topics:

1. Core principles of getting active and increasing physical activity.
2. Core principles of healthy eating, tracking food, and caloric balance.
3. How to reduce and deal with stress.
4. How to stay motivated.

RSVP:

Certified Lifestyle Coach of the National Diabetes Prevention Program
Theresa A. Catania 718-818-1274

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RUMC Join Us!



SOUP COOK-OFF
THURSDAY, JANUARY 24
11am–1pm

Cheer on your department as they show off their culinary talents in the RUMC Soup Cook-Off. Sign up below and bring in your perfect pot of soup for judging on January 24. Event takes place in the RUMC Cafeteria.

REGISTER FOR THE FUN
www.rumcsi.org/Soup

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VITAL
Our Campaign to Transform Pregnancy Care



'Tis the Season for Giving

Throughout December, numerous local organizations took time to visit our pediatric department to deliver presents and good cheer to young patients undergoing treatment at Richmond University Medical Center. Among the organizations playing Santa and his helpers were members of the NYPD, NYC Department of Sanitation, students from the College of Staten Island, Kids Against Cancer, and St. Rita's Elementary School. On behalf of everyone at the medical center, thank you for your generosity and for bringing smiles to our young guests this holiday season.

