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Heroic EMT, Richard McMahon, Celebrated With “Clap Out” Ceremony Upon Release From RUMC.



A hero's release: Richard McMahon greeted with support & cheers as he leaves RUMC.

Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Richard McMahon, 25, who wrestled a gun from an ambulance patient after being shot by him in the shoulder on Forest Ave., was discharged from RUMC on May 20, less than a day after the incident.

Richard McMahon was greeted as a hero, with applause from hospital officials, NYPD officers, fellow EMTs, and local law enforcement officials. McMahon was wheeled out in a wheelchair upon his release and was given a gift basket by RUMC staff. A number of motorcycle groups, including members of the Staten Island chapter of Bikers Against Child Abuse, were present at the ceremony. They drove off from the hospital behind McMahon and his family.

Retired NYPD detective Marty Graham and an off-duty Department of Sanitation Lieutenant, Joseph Perrone, who apprehended the shooter after the encounter, were at the clap-out ceremony and greeted McMahon when he left the hospital.

Staten Island District Attorney Michael E. McMahon was able to visit the 25-year-old EMT in his hospital room before his release and spent time with him and his family.

We are honored and happy to call Richard McMahon and his partner, Carrieann Dixon, who heroically drove him to RUMC after the shooting, part of our incredible team at RUMC.

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



Great progress is being made on our new state-of-the-art Emergency Department, with an estimated opening of late summer. I am also happy to announce the expansion and enhancement of our partnership with the Mount Sinai Health System. Adding Mount Sinai's emergency medicine expertise to our own team of experienced professionals will provide our community with expanded access to outstanding healthcare services in a setting that's close

to home. Under this agreement, Mount Sinai and RUMC will integrate care for emergency medicine, trauma, and critical care services provided at RUMC's Emergency Department and extend admitting privileges at RUMC to Mount Sinai medical specialists.

"We look forward to collaborating with the leadership of RUMC and their dedicated team of professionals to bring Mount Sinai's expertise in emergency medicine care to the community of Staten Island," said Margaret Pastuszko, president and chief operating officer of Mount Sinai Health System. "The preservation of the current RUMC Emergency Department's clinical and administrative leadership will also enhance a smooth transition for the patients and staff and drive optimally coordinated care. Mount Sinai's mission is to advance medicine and health through unrivaled education, research and discovery — and to deliver care that is the safest, highest quality, and most accessible and equitable to all."

RUMC's Emergency Department is equipped to handle all levels of adult and pediatric emergencies and is a New York State Department of Health designated Stroke and STEMI treatment center as well as Staten Island's only Sexual Assault Forensic Examiner (SAFE) Center of Excellence. Treating over 50,000 people annually, it is one of the busiest emergency departments

in the New York metropolitan area. It has been in the epicenter of the COVID-19 pandemic, caring for 9,000 COVID positive patients since the pandemic began.

The new Emergency Department will maintain its advanced Trauma Center while fostering strategic growth and academic excellence. It will have 35,000 square feet of space and will occupy the ground level of a new two-story pavilion connected to the existing hospital. Features include expanded emergency trauma, critical care and resuscitation unit and triage sections; enhanced specialty areas for pediatrics and urgent care; new Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SAFE) suites to ensure privacy and protection; behavioral urgent care; larger ambulance bays; and a patient friendly drop-off area with easier front entrance access. The second floor of the new pavilion will be used for upgrades and expansion, including ten new, high-tech surgical operating suites and perioperative space. I know we all look forward to the official unveiling of this great project with eager anticipation.

Soon summer will be upon us and I want to extend my thanks for everyone's hard work and dedication to Richmond University Medical Center, as well as take the opportunity to wish you a safe and restful upcoming summer. Happy Father's Day to all!

And thank you to the entire RUMC Family, **remember the Power of One – You Make A Difference!**

Sincerely,

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

Patient Satisfaction: A Note of Thanks

- ▶ The nurses were patient, polite & knowledgeable. They helped me in my post-op time working with me to control my pain. They were so supportive & outstanding!
- ▶ Everyone was very attentive, listened to concerns and were there when needed.
- ▶ Labor and delivery nurses were attentive and went above and beyond.
- ▶ The lactation consultants are amazing.
- ▶ Nurse was very kind, attentive, and very knowledgeable of her profession.
- ▶ All the doctors were great. The pediatricians and neonatal team were the best.
- ▶ Saw doctor once a day & answered any questions I had.
- ▶ The staff in the emergency room was very nice and took care of my son like if it was their own. I am very happy with the services provided all the nurses and doctors in RUMC ER are outstanding thank you.
- ▶ My experience was very positive. All staff worked to assess and treat timely limiting time spent in ER to minimal.
- ▶ My experience was excellent! I especially appreciated how it seemed that I was segregated from the COVID-19 patients during my ER stay. I am SO grateful for the care I was shown by everyone.
- ▶ Everyone I dealt with was down to earth, warm and professional. As always the hospital has a neighborhood feel. Both my sons were born there and even if we moved I would still go there.
- ▶ I just want to say there was a male nurse named Eric working in the ER last night around midnight and he was so incredibly wonderful to my son. He said he was a superhero here to make my little boy better. We have COVID and my son is autistic and this nurse was amazing. Please recognize him and thank him. There should be more nurses like him working there.

Richmond University Medical Center to Mark May is Mental Health Awareness Month

Hospital Leadership, Community Leaders Tied Ribbons in Recognition of Those Struggling with Mental Illness



Left to right: Chairman and Medical Director of Department of Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences, Dr. Joel A. Idowu, Assistant Vice President for Behavioral Health Services, Joanne Pietro, RN, RUMC President and Chief Executive Officer, Daniel J. Messina, PhD, MPA, FACHE, and Dawn Clarity, from Congresswoman Nicole Malliotakis's office.

Since 1949, America has observed May is Mental Health Month. On May 17, Richmond University Medical Center leadership, staff, and community leaders tied ribbons around trees on hospital property to bring attention to the needs of individuals who struggle with mental health illness.

"Many individuals struggle with mental illness in silence and alone. Mental illness affects people of all ages, ethnicities, socio-economic status, and professions," RUMC president and chief executive officer, Daniel J. Messina, PhD, MPA, FACHE, said. "The COVID-19 pandemic has had a tremendous impact on the mental health of people of all ages. Over the past year we have seen an increase in people seeking assistance for mental and behavioral health issues, including depression, anxiety, and substance use. May is Mental Health Awareness Month and is an opportunity to show the connection between physical and mental health; one doesn't exist without the other."

According to the National Alliance on Mental Health (NAMI), 1 in 5 adults in the United States and 1 in 6 youth between

the ages of 6 and 17 experiences a mental health condition in a given year. Richmond University Medical Center is the leading provider of behavioral health and substance use treatment programs on Staten Island for adults, adolescents, and children. RUMC operates a dedicated and comprehensive outpatient Center for Integrative Behavioral Medicine located at 1130 South Avenue. The comprehensive psychiatric emergency department at RUMC is Staten Island's only psychiatric emergency room with a Mobile Crisis program. The hospital's inpatient psychiatric child and adolescent program is the island's sole source for acute inpatient psychiatric services for children and adolescents, and the hospital administers numerous programs for children and their families through the Staten Island Mental Health Society, which is a division of RUMC.

"This year's theme for mental health awareness month is 'Together for Mental Health.' Together we can bring our shared vision where those afflicted with mental illness can have access to the treatment and support they need to lead healthy lives," assistant vice president for Behavioral Health Services, Joanne Pietro,

RN said. "We at RUMC stand together with our patients experiencing mental health issues and renew our commitment to improving access to care, treatment, and services as well as providing the support they need."

"Mental health awareness should not be a celebration once a year, but should be recognized every day of the year," chairman and medical director of the department of Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences, Dr. Joel A. Idowu, said. "The more we raise awareness about mental health, the more people are able to recognize mental health issues and seek treatment. The RUMC department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Science is fortunate to have well-trained, qualified, and skilled clinicians and physician staff who provide high quality mental health treatment to those who come to RUMC to address their mental health issues."

Joining RUMC leadership and staff to tie ribbons commemorating May is Mental Health Month was Dawn Clarity from Congresswoman Nicole Malliotakis's office.



RUMC leadership and staff along with Dawn Clarity.

Annual Jack Sipp Golf, Tennis and Bocce Outing A Great Success!



Fred Limeri, Brian Gomez, Joe Labita, and Rev. Tony Baker



The bocce courts were full of RUMC supporters.



Roberts Urs (Chair, Foundation Board), Vincent Theurer (recipient of the Jack Sipp Distinguished Service Award), Ron Purpora (Vice Chair, Board of Trustees), and Tom Sipp (nephew of the late Jack Sipp)



Robert Urs (Chair, Foundation Board), Dr. Samala Swamy (recipient of the Dr. Stanley Stilwell Memorial Award), Dr. Anne Marie Stilwell, (sister of the late Dr. Stanley Stilwell), and Ron Purpora (Vice Chair, Board of Trustees)

Richmond University Medical Center held its annual Jack Sipp Golf, Tennis and Bocce Outing on May 9 at the Richmond County Country Club raising over \$237,000 from the event. Over 300 people enjoyed a round of golf, a bocce tournament, or a Round-Robin tennis competition. This year's outing honored Samala Swamy, MD, who received the Stanley Stilwell, MD, Memorial Award, and Vincent Theurer, who received the John F. L. Sipp Distinguished

Service Award. Theurer serves as marketing director and the credit and collections director for Approved Oil Co., a Brooklyn-based energy company that services the five boroughs. Over the years, the Theurer family gladly and humbly participates in many religious, educational, medical and philanthropic organizations. He currently sits on the board of directors for Approved Oil Co. Vincent is a former board member for Bishop Kearney High School

in Brooklyn, NY. Dr. Swami was a leading cardiologist for over 42 years and he witnessed profound advancements in his field, helping to shape its progression. Dr. Swamy was one of the first cardiologists on Staten Island to use cardiac catheterization for the diagnosis of coronary heart disease for the benefit of his patients. For over a decade, Dr. Swamy served at Richmond University Medical Center as the director of its Cardiac Catheterization Lab.

Career Day

Nancy Rooney spoke with over 100 6th and 7th graders about the dangers of vaping and smoking along with encouraging smoking parents to have a lung screening.

Principal Kuzaliwa "KO JO" Campbell, Lung Nurse Navigator Nancy Sayegh-Rooney RN, ONN-CG, CTTS



Lung Force Walk: We raised over \$3300 for Lung Force. Thank you all who supported our team.



Back row (left to right) -Carolyn Hodnik, Ed Rooney, Thomas Rooney
Front row: Nancy Rooney, International United Miss New York 2021-2022, Alexandria Hodnik, and Vincent Caruso



Joanne Luliucci, lung transplant survivor and Nanch Rooney RN, ONN-CG, CTTS, RUMC's Lung Nurse Navigator.

RUMC Celebrates the 100th Anniversary of the St. Philips Baptist Church

On Friday, May 20, Board Member Dr. Tony Baker, Sr., and his parish church celebrated their 100th Year anniversary. The event was held at the Hilton Garden Inn, where parishioners and members of the community came together to celebrate this milestone in history. Dr. Baker and his wife have been vital to the Port Richmond community in serving the spiritual and

physical needs of the people. Their extension into the community is well known and supports their mission to Impart the Word of God, Impact the Community of God and Empower the People of God. Our best wishes for another 100 years.

Left to right: Richard Salhany, Chief Administrative Officer, Rev. Tony Baker, Pastor and RUMC Board Member, Mrs. Baker, Daniel J. Messina, RUMC President & CEO, and Brian Gomez, RUMC Foundation Board Member.



Saving the Lives of Our High School Athletes

On May 14 and May 21, Richmond University Medical Center partnered with Protecting One Young Heart at a Time to provide cardiac screenings for high schools boys about to join a sports program. Fran and Frank Reali spearhead the Program and 501(c)(3) Foundation in memory of their son Frank J. Reali, III, who died from an undetected cardiac condition while in a sports program.



Left to right: The RUMC Team Ilse Hernandez, EKG Tech, Noelle McCarthy, Echo-Tech, Francesco Rotatori, M.D., Michelle Pecoraro, Regional Director, Frank Reali, Jessica Rosario, EKG Tech, Richard J. Salhany and Wael Eshak, Echo-Tech.



Left to right: The RUMC Team David Branch, Jessica Rosario, Theresa Dombrowski, AVP, Lenny Magnavita, and Fran Reali, Sponsor.

The Quality and Patient Safety “Q Corner”

From Joan Gleason Scott, PhD, RN, NEA-BC, CPHQ, CPPS
Vice President Quality, Infection Prevention, Patient Experience, Language Services



Joan Gleason Scott

RUMC teamwork demonstrates that it truly “takes a village” to provide safe quality care. We receive such thoughtful notes from our patients, families, and other visitors every day. These expressions of gratitude are shared with staff, and recognized as gifts of grace.

Here are some recent comments from your patients that came through this past month’s survey responses.....

- The Physician Assistant and RN worked together and were knowledgeable and professional.
- The Labor & Delivery Nurse was the epitome of what a nurse should be...she provided compassionate care to my baby and me.
- The lactation consultants are amazing.
- The housekeeper was always pleasant while completing her work.

- The dietary personnel were so courteous, and offered my husband food as well.
- I had confidence in my surgeons.
- Excellent MDs and RNs.
- My husband could not get to the hospital, but I soon realized with everyone helping me I was not alone.
- Best experience—best nurses—they saved my life—“Thank you.”

On behalf of the Leadership and Quality and Patient Experience Department, I would like to say, “Thank you for all that you do!”



New Hires — Welcome to RUMC!

Samuel Adjei-Badu — *Central Sterile Tech*
Joshua Agosto — *Respiratory Therapist*
Lyndsay Barila — *RN*
Cristina Cazares — *EMT Driver*
Natalie Cusick — *RN*
Michael Garcia — *Building Service Worker*
Frank Gentile — *Supervisor*
Nathan Hill — *Security Guard*
Saarah Hussain — *Financial Counselor*
Paqize Klobucishta — *Building Service Worker*
Martha Koocha — *RN*
Szymon Kucharek — *Project Manager*

Edgar LaSalle — *Building Service Worker*
Kumwon Lee — *Surgical Tech*
Ardijana Lekperic — *RN*
Michael Lombardi — *RN*
Adeniran Makusota — *Security Guard*
Giovanny Marquez Ruiz — *Security Guard*
William Medina — *Security Guard*
Alyssa Meeker — *RN*
Thomas Migdalen — *Security Guard*
Victoria Moreno — *EMT Driver*
Cristina Orlando — *RN*
Dalia Othman — *Classroom Sub*
Mosunmola Oyeyiga — *RN*
Tyanna Robinson — *RN*

Sara Rosario — *Unit Clerk*
Joseph Russo — *RN*
Jenifer Sacaccio — *LMHC*
Mariham Sediah — *Lab*
Tatyana Serezhchenkova — *Respiratory Therapist*
LaDonna Small — *Nursing Assistant*
Adriana Velez — *Medical Assistant*
Christopher Vella — *Security Guard*
Matthew Walsh — *RN*
Evelina Wisniewska — *LMHC*
Lauren Wright — *RN*
Janice Zakers — *Surgical Tech*

June Observances

Please join us in acknowledging the following health-related observances for the month of June:

Month-Long

Alzheimer's & Brain Awareness Month
Cataract Awareness Month
Men's Health Month
Myasthenia Gravis Awareness Month
National Aphasia Awareness Month
National Congenital Cytomegalovirus Awareness Month
National Migraine and Headache Awareness Month
National Scleroderma Awareness Month
PTSD Awareness Month
Scoliosis Awareness Month

Week-Long Observances

Men's Health Week: June 13 to 19
Helen Keller Deaf-Blind Awareness Week: June 21 to 27

Recognition Days

National Cancer Survivors Day: June 6
World Brain Tumor Day: June 8
Family Health and Fitness Day: June 11
World Blood Donor Day: June 14
Autistic Pride Day: June 18
World Sickle Cell Day: June 19
World Vitiligo Day: June 25
National HIV Testing Day: June 27

Employees of the Month

Congratulations to the Employees of the Month for May 2022!



ICR #073-22

Security Supervisor Michael Hendrick
Security Supervisor Rich Nielson

ICR #078-22

Security Officer Mike Pellington
Security Officer Andrew Barone
Security Officer Wadner Narcisse
Security Officer Matthew Weah

ICR #080-22

Security Supervisor Doug Cain
Security Joshua Cintron
Security Richard Leath
Security Officer Alexandra Sanzone
Mental Health Tech. Gbenga Odunaike

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THE FUTURE OF HEALTHCARE IS NOW!

NEW MEDICAL INTENSIVE CARE UNIT



- ▶ Increasing from 10 to 14 private patient rooms.
- ▶ New isolation/negative pressure rooms.
- ▶ Larger family visiting areas in each room.

NOW OPEN!

A NEW, STATE-OF-THE-ART EMERGENCY TRAUMA DEPARTMENT



- ▶ More than doubling in size to 35,000 sq. ft.
- ▶ Expanded emergency trauma unit and triage sections.
- ▶ Specialty areas for pediatrics and urgent care.
- ▶ New ambulance bays and patient drop-off area.

RUMC/MT. SINAI EMERGENCY SERVICES | Coming July 1, 2022

NEW SURGICAL DEPARTMENT



- ▶ 10 new advanced and fully equipped operating suites.
- ▶ Increased preoperative and recovery space.

Late Fall 2022

FULLY RENOVATED RICHMOND COUNTY SAVINGS FOUNDATION MOTHER/BABY CENTER



- ▶ All rooms converted to single occupancy private rooms.
- ▶ Remodeled bathrooms, flooring, windows, and lighting.

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