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# Lorena and Vincent Theurer Health Center



It's All About Family

Steady Support from the Theurers Secures RUMC's Future

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#### Welcome to the Theurer Family Health Center



Lorena (Lori) and Vincent Theurer are joined by medical residents in the lobby of the Theurer Family Health Center at 800 Castleton Avenue. The couple's generosity has improved patient experience at the center.

You could say Vincent Theurer has the Midas touch.

As president and CEO of Approved Oil Company, the Todt Hill resident knows how to bring success to a business, devoting 35 years to its growth as one of the largest independently owned residential energy companies in the metropolitan area.

And now, as a steady supporter of Richmond University Medical Center, Theurer is devoted to positioning the hospital through the next century as Staten Island's premier healthcare provider.

Theurer's generosity is focused on RUMC's outpatient facility at 800 Castleton Avenue, located at the corner of Davis Avenue, a few blocks from the main campus.

The Theurer Family Health Center provides comprehensive healthcare services ranging from pediatric and adolescent care to adult and geriatric care. Patients at the center benefit from subspecialties in endocrinology, gastroenterology, hematology, nephrology, neurology, nutrition and other areas.

Theurer appreciates RUMC as one of two community mainstays that serve all residents regardless of economic status

"Schools and hospitals are two places where your support can go to really good use," he explains. "They are perfect places to give back to the community."

A community hospital like RUMC helps people through all of life's ups and downs with care and compassion, Theurer points out. "The births of your children, your grandchildren — it's a beautiful time of life. At the other end of the spectrum, the hospital is there to help us through the challenges of illness and even loss."

Theurer's generosity is making possible improvements to the lobby and other areas of 800 Castleton Avenue to enhance the patient experience. He has also contributed to RUMC's 35,000-square-foot, state-of-the-art Emergency Department, which opened in January 2023.

#### **AN EARLY START**

Vincent Theurer began his journey in the oil business at the age of 10, when his father taught him the basics after school and on weekends, allowing him to develop a mastery of boiler/burner mechanics, equipment repair and installation, and the general structure of heating systems.

When old enough to drive, he moved on to oil delivery, rounding out his self-education by developing a keen knowledge of New York City logistics and routing. By the time he was 18, Theurer had taken over Approved Oil's daily operations.



The Theurers listen as Janet Scenna, RN, service leader at 800 Castleton Avenue, discusses subspecialties available at the health center.

He has grown the business, acquiring 10 more entities and firmly establishing Approved Oil as one of the largest heating oil and service companies in the metropolitan area. He spearheaded

the rollout of Approved Wholesale Group and Approved Energy, transitioning the company into a full-service energy provider across markets with over 300 employees.

"My progression was from the bottom up," he says. "It's important to understand what your employees are going through, what challenges they have out there."

He's pleased to work alongside his son, Vincent Jr., 33, who has joined the business. Theurer and his wife, Lori, have three more sons — Christopher, 26; Marc, 19, and Jack, 10. Three grandchildren complete the family circle.

Theurer praises RUMC President and CEO Daniel Messina, who has moved the hospital forward with \$250 million in transformative projects.

"Dan is a phenomenal leader, dedicated and hard-working. The hospital and the community are lucky to have him," the philanthropist says. "I believe that for any organization, whether it's my company or the hospital, it starts from the top. Staten Island owes Dan Messina a debt of gratitude."

He encourages Staten Islanders to support RUMC and secure its future.

"It's not the amount of money you donate — it's about helping the cause," he says with conviction.

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- Vincent Theurer

#### Compassionate care for the whole family

Steps away from the main campus of Richmond University Medical Center, the Theurer Family Health Center at 800 Castleton Avenue meets the needs of adults and children in a compassionate and caring environment. Services include:

- Pediatric / adolescent primary care, with pediatric subspecialties in allergy, endocrinology, hematology, nephrology, neurology, nutrition, pulmonary and surgery
- Adult and geriatric primary care, with adult subspecialties in endocrinology, diabetes nurse education, nutrition, neurology, vascular and surgery
- Addiction treatment programs, with men's rehab, women's rehab, teen and adolescent program, senior drug and alcohol rehab, opioid treatment, cognitive behavioral therapy, outpatient rehab, inpatient rehab, dual diagnosis and mental health

#### Message from the President and Chief Executive Officer



Our mission, "Partnering with Patients and Families for Better Health," is a message of hope for those who come to us in need of care. Despite the strong headwinds we face because of proposed healthcare reform measures, we remain optimistic. One of the drivers of this positive outlook is the support we receive from the community.

In this newsletter, you will read about several individuals whose gifts have helped transform Richmond University Medical Center. Through their generosity, combined with the support of many others, we have been able to advance and grow. Our success in expanding services and building new facilities to better serve the community is due in large part to the funding we receive through grants and philanthropic support from those who live and work in our community.

Two priorities for our current fundraising efforts are projects that will benefit those in need of specialized and lifesaving care:

- The renovation of the Wayne Zenna Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU). Countless newborns start life here and go on to thrive.
- Expansion and renovation of Inpatient Psychiatry. With the support of our care team, patients give themselves reasons to hope and continue their journey, overcoming life's setbacks.

The expression of gratitude is powerful in overcoming challenges and drives many of the quiet triumphs we experience daily at RUMC. Whether you write a check, attend one of our fundraising events, or just spread the good news about RUMC, we are grateful for your support.

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

## A Message from the President of the Foundation Board



Leading our Foundation Board has provided me with the opportunity to meet many of the extraordinary people who support Richmond University Medical Center. The common link our donors share is a strong desire to make an impact on the healthcare provided for the Staten Island community now and into the future.

RUMC continues to invest in enhancing and expanding facilities, advancing technology, upgrading equipment and providing innovative care. Ensuring that the most vulnerable have access to the quality healthcare they deserve is a centerpiece of our mission.

There are new challenges ahead as we enter a period of uncertainty. Hospitals like RUMC will have to optimize all available resources to continue their advancement and ability to care for all members of the shared community.

Philanthropy plays a critical role in RUMC's vision of setting new standards of patient-centered care. I ask that you join us in making a gift to support RUMC. Together, we can shape modern and innovative healthcare for the people of Staten Island.

Robert Urs

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President, RUMC Foundation Board of Directors Member, RUMC Board of Trustees

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#### **Foundation Board Welcomes Four New Members**



Charlotte Sciarrino

Charlotte Sciarrino has always enjoyed pitching in. After moving to Staten Island in 2005, she became involved in her children's school, Building Blocks Montessori. She volunteered as her son's Cub Scout leader and CYO basketball coach for five years, in addition to the girls high school basketball coach at Staten Island Academy for five years.

Charlotte has devoted her time to the Eger Harbor House and is a member of the Staten Island Giving Circle, serving as leader of its Literacy Group. A teacher by trade, she recently became a health coach with her own practice.

In her free time, Charlotte enjoys spending time with her family, cooking, and exercising. She is developing a health coaching workshop for non-profits and any organizations looking to help clients feel their best naturally.



Vincent Theurer, Jr.

Vincent Theurer, Jr. pursued a career in his family's business, Approved Oil, at a young age. Approved provides a wide array of products and services including biofuels, renewables, energy management, high efficiency heating and domestic hot water equipment, as well as local law compliance.

He currently serves as a manager in operations and marketing, while participating in and overseeing real estate ventures.

Vincent sits on the Approved Oil Company Board of Directors and is a former board member at Bishop Kearney High School in Brooklyn. He is a proud alumnus of Xaverian High School, Class of 2009, and holds a BBA from Hofstra University and an MBA from Wagner College.



Lisa Lonuzzi

With over three decades of experience in the real estate industry, Lisa Lonuzzi is a seasoned broker dedicated to helping individuals and families find their perfect homes. Her journey in real estate has not only been about transactions but about building lasting relationships and creating positive experiences for her clients.

She is passionate about giving back to the community, believing that small acts of kindness can make a big difference. Whether it's volunteering at local shelters, participating in fundraising events, or lending a hand to community projects, Lisa is committed to making a positive impact in the community.

"It's not just about closing deals; it's about making genuine connections, fostering relationships, and leaving a positive mark on the lives of those around me," Lisa says with conviction.



Lynne Conhagen Persing's successful career began with Alfred Conhagen Inc./USMP Co., the industrial pump, turbine and compressor business founded in 1942 by her father. At Conhagen, she rose from office manager to director of human resources, manager of payroll and pensions and corporate secretary. Lynne served on the Board of Directors of the Conhagen corporations in New Jersey, Texas, California, Louisiana and Florida.

During a break from the family business to be more accessible to her young children, Lynne worked for the YMCA Counseling Service and several brokerage firms.

She joined the South Shore Rotary in 2018, and is active in the Staten Island Philharmonic, the Cross Road Foundation, the Staten Island Giving Circle, the Friends of CSI and the Richmond Evergreen Garden Club. She was named a Staten Island Advance Woman of Achievement in 2024.



Jill and Pankaj Patel believe strongly in the importance of treating behavioral health patients with dignity and respect. "We both know mental illness is a very serious disease, just like heart disease or cancer, and patients deserve the same level of clinical excellence and compassionate support."

Their generosity is helping to expand and upgrade the inpatient psychiatric services at Richmond University Medical Center. They share close ties to the hospital and especially to the behavioral health programs.

Dr. Patel spent his medical career at St. Vincent's and RUMC and retired in 2017 as Chairman of the Department of Psychiatry. Born and raised in Mombasa, Kenya, he went to medical school in Mumbai, India, and came to Staten Island for his psychiatry residency in 1981. In 2002, he was appointed Director of Residency Training and in 2008 he became Chairman of the Department. In addition, Dr. Patel maintained a private practice for many years before he retired. He is now a member of the RUMC Board of Trustees and the RUMC Foundation Board. He also gives considerable time and energy to other Staten Island organizations including Meals on Wheels, the Sisters of Charity Housing Board, and the Carmel Richmond Advisory Board.

Jill grew up in the South and holds AB, M.Ed., and MBA degrees from Harvard University. She opened the first day-care center at Harvard University, taught early childhood education and healthcare administration courses at Lesley College and Auburn University, and has significant hospital administration experience at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital, St. Vincent's Staten Island, Maimonides Medical Center, and New York Presbyterian Hospital. She has chaired the Board of the Jacques Marchais Museum and Integration Charter Schools and

gives hours of pro bono consulting as a volunteer with the Harvard Business School Club Community Partners.

They met as colleagues at the former St. Vincent's Hospital and got to know each other at departmental meetings. The relationship progressed when Lawrence Miller, MD, longtime Department of Psychiatry Chair, encouraged them to attend the hospital gala together.

"Larry decided that since we were both single, Pankaj should pick me up and take me home," Jill recalls with a smile. "When I found out Pankaj had season tickets to the ballet, that really piqued my interest and we've been together ever since, still going to the ballet."

The Patels, who will celebrate their 30th anniversary in September, are delighted to support increasing and improving psychiatric services on Staten Island. They both know there is a serious shortage of inpatient beds on the Island and patients who really need to be admitted sometimes have long waits in the emergency room. This project will add 10 more beds and remodel the existing unit to offer an attractive and therapeutic atmosphere.

Jill is proud of her husband's dedication as a psychiatrist and a Board member. "He worked very hard and took excellent care of his patients, even taking patient calls in the middle of the night or during intermission at the ballet." she recalls. He knows firsthand the pain that's caused when treatment is delayed because there's no room to admit one more patient.

Dr. Patel said, "I feel very grateful to RUMC; the hospital was very welcoming when I began as a resident. There was so much warmth among the staff and the hospital became a home for me. Jill and I will do whatever we can to help those who need psychiatric services."

#### **Jack Sipp Golf, Tennis & Bocce Outing Breaks All Records**







Richmond University Medical Center's annual Jack Sipp Golf, Tennis & Bocce Outing at the Richmond County Country Club on May 19 broke all records when a whopping 350 guests enjoyed a round of golf, bocce or tennis competition.

The event lauded community champions Frank A. Oswald, who received the John L.F. Sipp Distinguished Service Award, and Marino Poliseno, DO, MBA, FACOG, who was presented with the Stanley Stillwell, MD, Memorial Award.

Joseph Burt, RUMC vice president for development, welcomed the crowd before introducing Daniel J. Messina, PhD, FACHE, president and CEO of the hospital.

"We've been doing amazing things and there's more ahead in the area of cardiology and internal medicine," Messina said. "A big thank you and congratulations to our honorees."

"We are thriving because of each one of you, beginning with our CEO, Dan Messina," added Board Chair Timothy Harrison. "We are treating more patients than ever before, and with better quality outcomes than ever before."

Both honorees are steady supporters of the hospital. Oswald is managing partner of Togut, Segal & Segal LLP, a nationally recognized restructuring law firm. He serves on the RUMC Foundation Board and is an executive committee member of Catholic Renewal, which supports food pantry programs across New York City.

A lifelong Staten Islander, Dr. Poliseno has served as director of Labor and Delivery at RUMC since 2017. He is also the OB/GYN Residency Program director and is vice chairman for the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

# 5K Run/Walk Remembers Lives Lost and Supports RUMC's Neonatal Unit







Despite a wet and windy morning, 450 participants gathered at Silver Lake Park on April 12 for the Arnie O. and Rory Bea 5K Run/Walk, sponsored by Richmond University Medical Center.

Nearly 230 runners and 200 walkers navigated the 3.1-mile course around the park, and a kids dash was run by close to 30 children. Last year's men's second-place finisher, Jose Morales, took the men's division title while the women's division title went to defending champion Melissa Kraker.

Proceeds will support the Level III Wayne Zenna Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) at RUMC.

The event was held in memory of Rory DeCristoforo and Arnold Obey. The youngest child of Mark and Meg DeCristoforo, Rory died on New Year's Day 2024 when a fire broke out in her home.

She was rushed to RUMC where, despite the best efforts of the hospital's medical staff, she succumbed to her injuries.

Born at RUMC, Rory spent her first few days in the hospital's NICU. Her father serves as the athletic director and head football coach for St. Peter's Boys High School in New Brighton.

Obey, who died in 2020, had a stand-out basketball career at Wagner College where he was a player and later an assistant coach. He ran in 38 consecutive New York City Marathons.

"Thank you so much to everyone who registered and volunteered," the DeCristoforo family said in a statement. "We are grateful for such a supportive community that stands with us in honoring Rory."

### Ed Meckeneck: Paying it Forward is His No. 1 Priority



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The greatest wealth is health.

No one knows that better than Ed Meckeneck, a Staten Island business owner who has faced his fair share of health issues. Celebrating 10 years since a liver transplant cured his cancer, the 81-year-old is grateful to be alive.

"I was very sick and prayed to Jesus, Muhammad and Moses" when diagnosed with liver cancer in 2015, he recalls. "I was dying."

An organ donation from a car accident victim was the match that made transplant surgery at University of Pennsylvania Hospital in Philadelphia possible on May 26 that year.

Ed's life-threatening experience and miraculous recovery have given him a new lease on life and inspired an appreciation for the healthcare field. As proprietor of a successful tax preparation business, Ed is also focusing his attention on philanthropy.

His generous gift to Richmond University Medical Center has made possible the renovation of a room in the Mother-Baby Unit named for Candace "Candy" Sussman, a family friend who passed away. Ed has also been a steady contributor to RUMC's annual fund for many years.

His generosity has touched a dozen other charities and medical facilities, including the GRACE Foundation,

Meals on Wheels, Mount Sinai Hospital, the American Parkinson Disease Association, the Tunnel to Towers Foundation, and the Jewish Community Center.

His empathy for young patients has manifested itself in donations to Shriners Children's Hospital, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, and the

Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.

"When I see a child with cancer, I cry," he shares. "And I feel for the children who are blind or hungry."

He faced his own health struggles while growing up in Brooklyn in a one-bedroom apartment with two brothers. At the age of eight, Ed was sent to a Denver hospital for asthma treatment — and ended up staying there for more than two years while his parents were unable to visit because of their financial struggles.

"Other mothers took me out" for holidays, he recalls.

Today Ed lives in a comfortable home in Great Kills with his wife, Rosemarie, as he enjoys the fruits of a bountiful career and wise investments. He's dealing with cataracts, but is grateful to be alive and able to share his wealth.

"I'm a very lucky man," he says. "God wants me to do well because he knows what I'm doing to help people who are suffering. Being generous makes me feel good."

## Psychiatric Unit Dedicated to 'A Great Man and Doctor'



Dr. Chol Lee's widow, Young S. Lee, at center, is joined by family members at the dedication ceremony.

When Dr. Chol J. Lee passed away in 2019 at the age of 84 after a long career as a child and adult psychiatrist on Staten Island, a patient posted a heartfelt condolence at the bottom of his obituary: "In memory for a great man and doctor who helped me through the darkest times of my life, and to find light at the very end of a dark tunnel."

For Dr. Lee, behavioral health was more of a calling than a career as he helped thousands of patients through dark times in private practice and as director of the psychiatric emergency room and later, director of inpatient psychiatry, at Richmond University Medical Center.

And so it was fitting that the West Brighton hospital dedicated its Child and Adolescent Psychiatric Unit to Dr. Lee with a ceremony and reception on August 26, 2024, that was attended by 75 family members, friends, colleagues and hospital leaders.

"There are quite a lot of people whose lives have been touched by Dr. Lee," Dr. Daniel J. Messina, RUMC president and CEO, told guests gathered outside the first-floor unit. "We are truly grateful to Dr. Lee and the clinicians who are following in his footsteps."

"Dr. Lee's patients adored him because he took the time to listen, to hear them, because he truly cared about them," said Timothy C. Harrison, chair of the RUMC Board of Trustees. "And because he helped them in profound and profoundly effective ways. His approach to psychiatric care was uniquely personal."

#### A GROWING NEED

RUMC is planning a major construction project to build a state-of-the-art facility that will house a total of 50 inpatient beds to serve the needs of children, adolescents, and adults.

The city and state have earmarked \$20 million toward the total estimated project cost of \$25-\$28 million.

The expansion plan addresses a growing need for psychiatric services on Staten Island. According to Mental Health America, nearly a quarter of all American adults experienced a mental illness in the past year, and the year 2022 had the highest number of deaths by suicide ever recorded in the U.S.

"The RUMC plan assures access to mental health for all Staten Islanders," said Dr. Joel A. Idowu, chairman of the RUMC Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences and director of residency training. "We are dedicated to providing the best care everyday with happiness and joy. There is no health without mental health."

RUMC currently operates a 30-bed adult psychiatric unit and 10-bed child and adolescent psychiatric unit, as well as the borough's only Comprehensive Psychiatric Emergency Program.

#### **ABOUT DR. LEE**

Born in 1935 in Seoul, Korea, Dr. Lee earned a medical degree from Yonsei University and completed his internship and psychiatry residency training at Medfield (Mass.) State Hospital and had a child psychiatry fellowship at New York University.

He married Young S. Lee in 1963, and the couple raised three daughters, Mimi, Doris and Helen, on Grymes Hill.

Dr. Lee joined the staff of then-St. Vincent's Hospital in 1971 as director of the psychiatric emergency room, and later became director of an acute 35-bed unit, while maintaining a private practice on Staten Island. He also trained medical students and residents as a clinical instructor at NYU and as a clinical assistant professor at New York Medical College.

Colleagues appreciated his passion and professionalism; patients admired his expertise and bedside manner, guests at the dedication ceremony agreed.

He served on the Staten Island Mental Health Committee, the Minority Advisory Council for the Office of Mental Health for the State of New York, and the Asian-American Mental Health Task Force of the National Institute of Mental Health.

Dr. Lee also served as president of the Korean American Medical Association (KAMA) of Greater New York and as national KAMA president. He was a member of the board of trustees for Hamilton-Madison House, a nonprofit agency on the Lower East Side that offers behavioral health services for vulnerable populations.

He was awarded America's Top Psychiatrist by the American Psychiatric Association in 2006.

"No one has done more for mental health on Staten Island than Dr. Lee," Dr. Pankaj Patel, chairman emeritus of the RUMC Department of Psychiatry, said during the ceremony.

"Dr. Lee taught us not only how to be clinicians and how to treat patients, but how to be a person of principle and honor," he added. "All of us are grateful for his extraordinary impact on the lives of his patients and those who worked with him."

## **Auxiliary's Generosity Benefits RUMC Patients**



Debra Messina and Sharon Mineo greet guests during the Designer Purse Bingo event at the Historic Old Bermuda Inn.



Auxiliary members and guests welcome spring with colorful hats during the annual luncheon at LiGreci's Staaten.



Lucille Forlenza, incoming Auxiliary president, joins Sharon Mineo, outgoing president.



The Auxiliary's grant program committee includes Lydia Parker, Lucille Forlenza and Emily Vallelong.

Newborns suffering from jaundice are benefiting from blue light, or phototherapy, thanks to a donation from the Richmond University Medical Center Auxiliary.

Phototherapy is a treatment for the common condition where a baby's skin and eyes appear yellow due to high levels of bilirubin. The blue light helps the baby's body break down bilirubin, making it easier to eliminate.

The donation of a portable blue lamp was made through an in-house grant program established by the Auxiliary in 2024, enabling departments at the hospital to apply for specific equipment.

"The Auxiliary's mission is to support the patients," explains Sharon Mineo, immediate past president. "These donations go directly to patient care."

Sharon serves on the grant committee with Lucille Forlenza, current Auxiliary president, and Lydia Parker.

In December 2024, the Auxiliary donated warming blankets to the Cardiac Catheterization Lab, a portable ultrasound machine to the Medical Intensive Care Unit.

and a Hillrom Vest Airway Clearance System for use by pulmonary patients.

It also made possible the purchase of 10 bassinets in the Mother/Baby Unit. Members knit beanie hats for newborns and donate coloring books to the Pediatrics Unit.

The RUMC Auxiliary is a dynamic group of 60 community members who devote their free time to supporting the hospital's mission. It was established one month before the opening of the former St. Vincent's Hospital in 1903.

Over the years, the Auxiliary has provided thousands of volunteer hours supporting the hospital. Meetings are held at noon on the first Monday of the month, and fundraising efforts include raffles, cake sales, teas, and luncheons.

In April, the Auxiliary hosted Designer Purse Bingo, a fundraiser that drew more than 200 guests to the Historic Old Bermuda Inn.

"We love what we do," Sharon Mineo says. "We love giving back and helping the hospital take care of the community."

#### The Transformation Continues



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The Capital Campaign Cabinet includes Joseph Burt, Robert Urs, Marcello Sciarrino, Jay Chazanoff, Joseph Torres, Daniel J. Messina, PhD, FACHE, President and CEO of RUMC, and Dom Famulari.

Through a combination of philanthropic gifts, private foundation support, and public grants, Richmond University Medical Center has dramatically reshaped its campus. Major construction projects, expansions, and renovations have added up to the most sweeping changes in our history.

Our fundraising campaign to "Transform Healthcare for Staten Island" has overachieved, surpassing the original goal of \$15 million by securing \$18 million in current gifts and pledges.

This summer, work began on the new Joan and Alan Bernikow Heart and Vascular Institute. The Bernikows' leadership gift of \$1 million — combined with support from the Staten Island Foundation, a New York City capital grant, a federal HRSA grant and an appropriation sponsored by the Staten Island borough president — has the project fully funded at more than \$11 million.

Design plans are being completed and fundraising continues for the Wayne Zenna Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU). Doctors and nurses in the NICU make miracles happen every day and operate at a success rate higher than the national average. The Zenna family gift of \$1 million and naming in memory of their son, Wayne, continues to inspire others to give.

Another major project in development is the expansion and renovation of our Inpatient Psychiatry Unit. The full cost to construct a unit housing 10 additional beds has been realized through awards made by the New York State Office of Mental Health and in collaboration with Managed Care Organizations through the Center of Excellence funding program. Fundraising continues to support the full cost to renovate the existing 30-bed unit.

Our strategic growth is directly tied to our ability to secure funding from a variety of sources. In these times of uncertainty, gifts from donors like you enable us to continue on our path to advance the level of care for the people of Staten Island. To learn more about giving opportunities, contact Joseph Burt, Vice President, Development at 718-818-2103.



# St. George Theatre Supports the Wayne Zenna NICU

A special screening at the St. George Theatre celebrating the 50th anniversary of "Jaws" doubled as a fundraiser for the Wayne Zenna Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at RUMC. Gathered in the majestic theatre for the donation presentation are, from the left, Daniel J. Messina, PhD, FACHE, President and CEO of RUMC; theatre co-founders Doreen Cugno and Luanne Sorrentino; and Joseph Burt, RUMC Vice President for Development.



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