For the second consecutive year, Valley has once again earned designation as an LGBTQ Healthcare Equality Leader from the Human Rights Campaign Foundation. As an LGBTQ Healthcare Equality Leader, Valley has once again earned the top score in each of the four areas that are evaluated: Non-Discrimination and Staff Training, Patient Services and Support, Employee Benefits and Policies, and Patient and Community Engagement.

The Valley Hospital is proud to announce that all four adult critical care units – Intensive Care, Coronary Care, Cardiac Surgery, and Intermediate Care – have once again received the Beacon Award for Excellence from the American Association of Critical-Care Nurses (AACN) in 2019. Valley’s Neonatal Intensive Care Unit also holds Beacon distinction, earning the three-year designation in 2017. For patients and their families, the Beacon Award signifies exceptional care through evidence-based practice and improved outcomes.

The Valley Hospital has been ranked the sixth best hospital in New Jersey and achieved an overall ranking as the 20th best hospital in the entire New York metropolitan area by U.S. News & World Report for 2019-2020. In addition, Valley achieved the highest possible rating – high performing – in six areas of care: orthopedics, heart failure, hip replacement, and lung cancer surgery.

The Valley Hospital has been recognized by the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) as the national 2018 Non-Profit Organization Partner of the Year. Every year, the EPA recognizes 10 organizations in various categories who report the best overall improvement in waste prevention and recycling achievements when compared to the previous year. The award reflects waste prevention and recycling activities for 2017. In that year, Valley diverted more than $30,554 pounds of material from landfills and incinerators and increased its single-stream recycling by 10 tons by improving access to bins, creating a special sort center, and focusing more on employee education and engagement.

For a fourth consecutive year, Valley Health System has received platinum-level recognition from the US Department of Health and Human Services’ Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) for promoting enrollment in state organ donor registries as part of a national campaign. Valley partnered with the NJ Sharing Network, a local organ procurement organization, to conduct awareness and registry campaigns that educated staff, patients, visitors, and community members on the critical need for organ, eye, and tissue donors, thereby increasing the number of potential donors in the state’s donation registry.

The Valley Hospital Emergency Department (ED) has been selected as a recipient of the Lantern Award from the Emergency Nurses Association. Valley is one of only 28 hospitals nationwide to earn this award for 2019, and is the first and only hospital in Bergen County to receive this recognition since the program’s inception in 2011.

The Valley Hospital has been named to the Top 100 Consumer Loyalty list for 2019 by NRC Health, the leading provider of in-depth customer intelligence in healthcare. Valley was the only hospital in Bergen County to be named to this prestigious list.

The Valley Health System has been re-credited as a CEO Cancer Gold Standard employer for 2019 by the CEO Roundtable on Cancer. This distinction recognizes healthcare organizations whose work to fight cancer among their employees is exemplary in five areas: prevention, including maintaining a tobacco-free workplace, nutrition, and physical activity; screening and early detection; access to clinical trials; access to quality treatment; and health education and promotion.

For the better part of two decades, Ellen and Vince Forlenza have long been known throughout the community for their dedicated time and volunteerism toward many organizations, including Valley. Ellen has been a member of Women For Health, while Vince has taken on several leadership roles as a trustee of The Valley Hospital and Valley Health System and is currently serving as Chairman of Valley Health System Board of Trustees.

Ellen and Vince recently committed $1,000,000 to The Valley Hospital Foundation. Vince explained, “Ellen and I are excited to support the creation of The New Valley Hospital in Paramus, which will enable Valley’s staff to continue to provide world-class care but now in a world-class facility with all of the exciting possibilities that bring patients and the community.”
Life-Saving Care Inspires Bequest from a Grateful Saddle River Couple

Even though the emergency coronary artery bypass surgery took place over 3 years ago, Margery and Steve Honig recall that day vividly because Valley saved Steve’s life. That’s why they are remembering The Valley Hospital Foundation in their estate planning.

Back in June of 2016, Steve was a real estate and trial attorney from Saddle River, New Jersey, who rushed into Valley’s Emergency Room complaining of chest pains. Within minutes, he was being wheeled into the operating room for emergency surgery.

“Being at The Valley Hospital was an amazing experience,” Steve says, recalling the attentive nursing staff, reassuring cardiologists, expert surgeons, and the individualized treatment he received. “I felt so connected to these human beings, and hugged them. I told them ‘Thank you! You saved my life!’ Steve is retired now, and he and Margery are spending most of their time relaxing in San Miguel, Mexico. To demonstrate their enduring appreciation for the life-saving care Valley provided, they recently named Valley in their estate planning.

For more information on making a bequest, visit https://www.valleyhospitalfoundation.org/give/ways-to-give

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Innovation is not limited to hospital design – it translates to philanthropy as well. Implementing the most modern equipment and technologies as well as adopting new medical techniques and programs is often aided by philanthropic support. Philanthropy many times allows Valley to think outside the box in developing new programs that bring innovation in patient care to Valley patients – it supports an idea becoming a reality.

The New Valley Hospital in Paramus is inspired by innovation and will count on philanthropic support for the project. You can have a powerful impact on making our health and wellness campus the most innovative setting for optimal patient care in the region.

Thank you for your enduring support, especially at this exciting point in Valley’s history. I hope that you are enjoying fall and all the beauty that comes with the season. As always, please feel free to reach out to me with your thoughts, comments, or ideas. You can contact me via email at dbohan@valleyhealth.com or by phone at 201-291-6300.

With great appreciation,

David J. Bohan
Vice President and Chief Development Officer
The Valley Hospital Foundation

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To learn more about supporting a program or service through an endowment, please contact Bettina Daly at bdaly2@valleyhealth.com or 201-291-6193.

Did you hear the good news about your IRA?

If you are 70½ and older, you can directly transfer up to $100,000 per year of your IRA to The Valley Hospital Foundation. This transfer counts toward your required minimum distribution (RMD), and you do not have to pay federal tax on it. You can satisfy your RMD without reporting additional income, while supporting Valley.

This provision may be especially attractive for retirees who don’t need all the income from their IRA to meet current living expenses. By donating the money to Valley, you can enjoy the satisfaction of knowing that you are contributing to a worthy cause while effectively lowering your tax bill.

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The next #GivingTuesday falls on December 3, 2019. GivingTuesday is a worldwide event of positive change through philanthropy: a global day of giving that harnesses the collective power of individuals, communities, and organizations. This GivingTuesday, be the change you wish to see in the world through a gift to The Valley Hospital Foundation. Help Valley make a difference in the health and well-being of our patients through your generosity.

The Valley Ball
Thursday, October 24, 2019
The Rainbow Room
Proceeds benefit the Valley Auxiliary’s 75th Anniversary Auxiliary Grant Program.
Ticket Information:
Tickets available at The Valley Ball website.
Register & Pay Online: http://bit.ly/39mmAL19
Information: 201-447-3160 or bdaly2@valleyhospitalfoundation.org

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