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A TRADITION OF PHILANTHROPY LIKE NO OTHER

Celebrating 75 Years of The Valley Hospital

This year, Valley Health System celebrates the 75th anniversary of The Valley Hospital. For 75 years, our physicians, nurses, and clinical teams have cared for friends and neighbors in our community with a commitment to quality and excellence that is unmatched.

The Valley Hospital in Ridgewood opened its doors on August 8, 1951, beginning what would become a lasting legacy of exceptional, compassionate care for the people of Bergen County and northern New Jersey — and beyond.

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LETTER FROM DAVID J. BOHAN

Vice President & Chief Philanthropy Officer

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Celebrating 75 Years of Care Like No Other®



I hope the summer is offering you and your families an opportunity to relax, recharge, and enjoy quality time making memories with loved ones.

This year, Valley Health System is celebrating the 75th anniversary of The Valley Hospital – 75 years of caring, healing, and inspiring wellness in the communities we serve, always with safety, quality, and an exceptional patient experience as our highest priority.

Our patients and our community are at the heart of all we do at Valley, and we are honored to have earned your trust.

As the summer draws to an end and we look ahead to the fall, we welcome Nancy V. Bush as the new chair of The Valley Hospital Foundation Board of Trustees, and we recognize outgoing board chair Edward M. Rubin, who was elected as an Honorary Trustee of the Foundation Board following his tenure. We are grateful to both Nancy

and Ed for their leadership, stewardship, and commitment to Valley for many years.

In this issue of *Inside Valley*, you will read about Valley's decades-long role in our community and its growth from a single hospital to a robust healthcare network that provides inpatient, outpatient, and home care services to our community.

You will read about our recent Leadership Reception, where we honored our newest Lifetime Benefactors at their respective levels of support for the impact they have made on our organization.

You will read about Linda Schnell and the generous gift she made in honor of her late husband, Harvey, and in appreciation for the exceptional and compassionate care he received from Valley Home Care and Hospice.

Our community's efforts make a lasting impact on the patients who turn to Valley. In this edition, we also recognize supporters who have graciously hosted their own events to support Valley, including a group of young families who organized a fundraiser for our NICU's Family Support program at the Saddle River Inn. Separately, a grateful patient family hosted a third-party fundraiser and raised support for our NICU in honor of the care their newborn son received at Valley.

On behalf of The Valley Hospital Foundation and Valley Health System, I thank you for your generosity, support, and commitment as we celebrate 75 years of *Care Like No Other®* and look ahead to our future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Bohan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D" and "B".

Vice President & Chief Philanthropy Officer
The Valley Hospital Foundation

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Scan the QR code to make a gift
to The Valley Hospital Foundation.

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Celebrating 75 Years of The Valley Hospital

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As we celebrate 75 years of providing *Care Like No Other*®, we look ahead to Valley's bright future, but we also pause to celebrate and honor Valley's past and the dedication and support that helped us reach this point.

Even before The Valley Hospital was built in Ridgewood, members of our community came forward and offered their philanthropic support to make a healthcare facility in their area a reality. Over the more than seven decades that followed, philanthropy has supported the growth and expansion of our health system, enabled the development of new programs and services, supported the creation of Valley Medical Group and Valley Home Care and Hospice, and helped guide the way for Valley's future.

“Thank you for the role you play in building Valley's legacy – today, tomorrow, and for generations to come.”

Most recently, our community's generosity raised \$145 million through the *Serve. Care. Transform.* campaign. The campaign supported the construction of The Valley Hospital in Paramus, New Jersey, a premier, state-of-the-art hospital in our region.

Over time, Valley grew to include Valley Medical Group and Valley Home Care, creating a network that serves the inpatient, outpatient, and home care needs of our community, honoring Valley's commitment to care for people in our region when and where they need us.

Valley has evolved into a comprehensive healthcare system with locations across Bergen County and beyond, providing the highest level of care.



Valley
Health
System

75 YEARS
1951–2026



In our new home in Paramus, Valley has enhanced its capabilities with state-of-the-art facilities, expanded services, and implemented the very latest technologies. Our clinical teams

continue to raise the bar to meet the healthcare priorities of our region, and to anticipate and plan for future healthcare needs.

The support of our friends and neighbors is just as critical in Valley's next chapter as it has been to date, and we are grateful for your ongoing commitment to being a part of Valley's story.

Thank you for the role you play in building Valley's legacy – today, tomorrow, and for generations to come. ■

2026 Leadership Reception: Celebrating The Valley Hospital Foundation's Lifetime Benefactors

The spirit of philanthropy has been woven into the fabric of Valley Health System since its earliest days. At The Valley Hospital Foundation, we are grateful for all our donors, whose collective gifts are transformative for Valley.

The Foundation was honored to celebrate Valley's donors and recognize its newest Lifetime Benefactors at their respective giving levels (as of December 31, 2025) at the annual Leadership Reception held in June at the Indian Trail Club. Thank you to Valley's dedicated supporters — at all levels — for making a difference in our community.

Gold Level (\$1 million+)

Isabel and Barry Knispel

Silver Level (\$500,000+)

Dr. and Mrs. Henry Kaufman

Nickel Level (\$250,000+)

Richard and Barbara Angerame
Cannstatter Foundation, Inc.

The Walter Henry Freygang
Foundation

Frank L. Kardos, M.D. and
Barbara A. Kardos

Mr. and Mrs. Steven M. Silverstein

Mr. and Mrs. Brian T. Zino

Bronze Level (\$100,000+)

Batska Consulting Group

Karen Braverman

Mr. Robert J. Coughlin

Joseph Richard Currier Foundation

Goldman Sachs Critical
Health Solutions

Scott and Susan Jacobs, in memory
of Selwyn and Marjorie Jacobs

Jordano Electric, Inc.

Mr. Joseph R. Marion and
Ms. Sandra Sanders

William T. Morris Foundation, Inc.

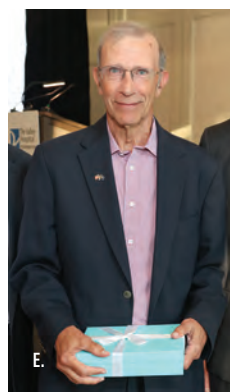
Mount Sinai Health System

Mr. and Mrs. Anthony J. Nikolich

Estate of Walter Russell

Michael Scognamiglio, M.D.

Dr. Patricia Verduin and
Mr. Douglas Verduin



Members of Valley's donor community gathered to celebrate the power of philanthropy at Valley and celebrate the Foundation's newest Lifetime Benefactors.

A. Joseph Pfeifer, on behalf of the
Cannstatter Foundation, Inc.

B. Steven Silverstein

C. Janet Olsen, M.D. and
Michael Scognamiglio, M.D.

D. Ryan Barlow, on behalf of
Batska Consulting Group

E. Robert Patti, on behalf of
William T. Morris Foundation, Inc.

F. Joseph Marion and Sandra Sanders

G. Joseph Letteratis, on behalf of
Jordano Electric

H. Karen Braverman

I. David Bohan, Vice President and Chief
Philanthropy Officer, welcomed guests at
the Foundation's 2026 Leadership Reception.



In Harvey's Memory

Throughout his life, Harvey Schnell never met a stranger. Friendly, warm, and full of joy, he had a gift for making everyone feel welcome — often within minutes and usually with a joke not far behind. His smile came easily, his laugh was contagious, and he believed that even on difficult days, there was always room for a little levity.

His wife of nearly 50 years, Linda, lovingly calls him her “idol.” She reflects on the grace and dignity with which he lived his life until his passing in 2024. She is just as quick to remember his humor, playful comments, and the way he could lighten even the heaviest moment with perfectly timed wit.

A Brooklyn native, Harvey built a life rooted in connection, loyalty, and kindness. Linda, a lifelong Bergen County resident, shared that life and love with him for five decades. Together, they turned to The Valley Hospital for their healthcare needs over the years — from routine appointments to critical surgeries. But it was the care Harvey received

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from Valley Home Care and Hospice during the final 11 months of his life that left the deepest and most lasting impression.



Harvey and Linda Schnell

“Angels really do walk this earth, and the team at Valley Home Care and Valley Hospice were our angels,” Linda said. “I am so grateful for the way they took care of Harvey.”

Even during his final months, Harvey remained unmistakably himself. He formed real bonds with his caregivers — learning their names, asking about their families, and making them feel like old friends. Linda recalls moments when members of his team would leave the room smiling, having been uplifted by the very person they were there to care for.

On several occasions — both before and after Harvey's passing — members of the team shared how much they appreciated who he was and what he taught them about living fully, even in life's most difficult chapter. His

“The compassionate care that Harvey received at the end of his life meant so much to me. I want other families going through this experience to feel the same support and love we did. The hospice team touched my heart on such a personal level that I wanted to help ensure they can continue their remarkable work.”

humor did not minimize the seriousness of his illness; rather, it reminded everyone around him of the joy that still existed.

In gratitude for the extraordinary care he received, Linda honored Harvey's memory and legacy with a \$500,000 gift supporting Valley Hospice and the *Butterflies* pediatric palliative care and hospice program. She also established a charitable remainder trust naming Valley Hospice and *Butterflies* as beneficiaries.

“The compassionate care that Harvey received at the end of his life meant so much to me,” Linda shared. “I want other families going through this experience to feel the same support and love we did. The hospice team touched my heart on such a personal level that I wanted to help ensure they can continue their remarkable work.”

Through her generosity, Linda is extending Harvey's spirit — his warmth, his kindness, and yes, even his sense of humor — to countless families, leaving a legacy not only of compassion, but also of joy.

To learn more about giving through a charitable trust or your estate plans, call Bettina Daly at 201-291-6193. ■

Rockland Family Raises \$19,000 for Valley's NICU in Honor of Son's NICU Care



The Hiep Family with Dr. Carly Pané, Director of Neonatology, at The Valley Hospital's annual Camp NICU fundraiser.

A Rockland County family who experienced the compassionate care of The Valley Hospital's Marron-Manginello Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) firsthand hosted a fundraiser and made a generous gift to benefit future NICU families.

At 27 weeks pregnant, Hannah Hiep was diagnosed with preeclampsia and HELLP (Hemolysis, Elevated Liver Enzymes and Low Platelets) syndrome, dangerous conditions that can cause serious complications for both mother and baby. For the safety of both, Hannah and her husband, Robby, welcomed their son, Baby Robby into the world early on August 15, 2025, weighing only 1 lb., 11 oz.

Shortly after birth, Baby Robby began having trouble with his lungs and experienced multiple medical challenges in the weeks that followed — including a bout of pneumonia and multiple surgeries.

The Hieps spent the next three months in the NICU, standing by Robby's side each day.

They went home a few days after Thanksgiving, and Baby Robby has been doing great ever since.

"You never want to need this experience for your child, but if you have to go through it, I wouldn't want to be anywhere but Valley," Hannah said. "They did not just take care of Robby — they took care of all of us."

Grateful for the care they received, the Hieps were eager to give back and support other NICU families walking the same path.

This spring, the Hieps planned a private fundraiser at one of their favorite restaurants, Norcina in New City, and gathered their friends and family to support Valley's NICU in honor of the care Baby Robby received and the compassion his family experienced throughout their journey. The fundraiser raised more than \$19,000 to support the NICU's Family Support Program.

“You never want to need this experience for your child, but if you have to go through it, I wouldn't want to be anywhere but Valley. They did not just take care of Robby — they took care of all of us.”

Baby Robby during his NICU stay. Robby was born early at 27 weeks weighing only 1 lb. 11 oz.



"We didn't expect this to be our path, but this experience was given to us for a reason," Hannah said. "I have said since the day Robby was born that NICU babies are so resilient and incredible, and we were happy to give back to help others who find themselves in the NICU after us."

Scan the QR code to learn more about how you can plan a fundraiser of your own to support an area of Valley that is close to your heart. ■



IMPACT

Camp NICU Event Raises \$32,000 for NICU Family Support Program

Former NICU families, staff, and community members came together in May to celebrate the annual Camp NICU fundraiser, a beloved event benefiting the NICU's Family Support Program. This year's event raised approximately \$32,000 to support Valley's Level 3 Marron-Manginello Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU).

The event, held at Spring Lake Day Camp in Ringwood, featured pony rides, games, water sports, camp activities, music, raffles, and fun for the whole family.

The Family Support program offers NICU families the services of a dedicated Family Support Specialist certified in perinatal mental health. The specialist is an integral part of the NICU's developmental care team, allowing opportunities for parents and families to talk, share advice, celebrate milestones, and create special experiences for patients, siblings, and families during and after their hospital stay. The program also provides bereavement support services and connects families with resources long after their NICU graduation. ■



NICU staff members joined NICU graduates and their families for the annual Camp NICU event.

A Night for Tiny Fighters

Members of Valley's supportive community hosted A Night for Tiny Fighters, a successful fundraiser at the Saddle River Inn, raising nearly \$100,000 for Valley's Marron-Manginello Level 3 Neonatal Intensive care Unit (NICU).

This special evening, coordinated by local families committed to making a philanthropic impact in our community, supports the NICU's Family Support Program and the lifechanging services it provides.

The event featured a delicious dinner, silent and live auctions, and a commitment to supporting Valley's tiniest and most vulnerable patients and their families. Thank you to this network of young families committed to making a difference for our community. ■



Event organizers Justin Green, Liza Abrams, Erica Gralnick, and Valley Hospital Foundation Trustee Corey Friedberg

HONORING ROBERT W. LUCKOW

Family members and friends of the late Robert W. Luckow gathered at Valley's Robert and Audrey Luckow Pavilion in June to unveil a portrait honoring Bob's legacy in the building's lobby. Bob, a longtime supporter and friend of Valley Health System, passed away in September 2025.

Bob served as a member of The Valley Hospital Board of Trustees, and was a past Chairman of The Valley Hospital Foundation Board of Trustees, where he was recognized as an Honorary Trustee following his tenure.

Bob and his wife, Audrey, have supported Valley for decades, benefiting not only the Robert and Audrey Luckow Pavilion, but also the Michael R. Luckow Heart Center in Ridgewood named in memory of Bob's nephew, Michael, as well as the Hawkinson-Luckow second floor lobby in The Valley Hospital in Paramus.

The Luckow Pavilion, along with other facilities across Valley, is a reminder of the Luckow family's commitment to their community and their dedication to the health and well-being of the people of our region. The portrait's prominent location in the Luckow Pavilion lobby serves as a reminder to patients that their community supports and encourages them as they navigate their healthcare journeys. ■



Dr. Robert Brenner, President & CEO, Valley Health System; Audrey Luckow; Stefanie Luckow Hawkinson and Adam Hawkinson with their children, James and Erik; and David Bohan, Vice President and Chief Philanthropy Officer, The Valley Hospital Foundation.

Nancy V. Bush Named Chair of The Valley Hospital Foundation Board of Trustees



Nancy V. Bush was recently elected Chair of the Board, bringing more than three decades of dedicated service, leadership, and philanthropy to Valley. Nancy's longstanding commitment to Valley began in 1995 as a volunteer with the Valley Hospital Auxiliary, where she chaired numerous successful fundraisers and later served as Auxiliary President and Co-Chair of the Saddle River Branch.

Nancy is also a founding member of *Women For Health* and has served in several leadership roles within the Foundation, including Secretary and Vice Chair of the Board. Nancy and her husband Jim, a Trustee of Valley Health System, are Lifetime Benefactors at the Gold level.

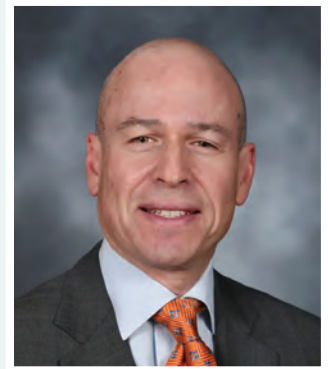
As Chair, Nancy looks forward to continuing to work alongside the Board, Foundation staff, and hospital leadership to advance Valley's mission, strengthen community impact, and support the future of exceptional healthcare in our community. ■

Edward M. Rubin Recognized as Honorary Trustee of The Valley Hospital Foundation

Outgoing Chair of The Valley Hospital Foundation Board of Trustees Edward M. Rubin was recently named an Honorary Trustee of the Foundation in recognition of his leadership, expertise, and dedication to Valley Health System.

Ed served on the Foundation Board of Trustees for 12 years, most recently as the Chair of the Board from 2023 to 2026, following his service as Foundation Treasurer. He is also currently Vice Chair of Valley Health System's Investment Committee.

As Lifetime Benefactors, Ed and his wife, Deany, an active member of Valley's *Women For Health*, have supported Valley for many years, and the Foundation is grateful for their invaluable contributions. ■



Philanthropy Highlights



Valley Home Care Butterfly Release Ceremony

Valley Home Care's *Butterflies* program, a palliative care and hospice program for children with life-limiting or life-threatening illnesses, hosted its annual butterfly release event to honor the memory of children who have been part of the program.

Family members and staff spent time together and participated in a variety of activities, including releasing butterflies to remember and honor their loved ones. To learn more about the *Butterflies* program, scan the QR code.

Julia's Butterfly

The Julia's Butterfly Foundation generously donated art carts to hold supplies in the playroom of The Valley Hospital's Pediatric Unit, enhancing the experience for Valley's pediatric patients.

Pictured, left to right: Lee Russeth, Child Life Specialist; Christine Callahan, Julia's Butterfly Foundation; Daniela Anderson, Senior Experience-Bergen County Academies; and Carol Albano, RN.



Show Me Your Heart Foundation

The Show Me Your Heart Foundation presented a check for \$15,000 to the Valley Hospital Foundation. Pictured (left to right): Heather Won Choi, SMYH Foundation Chairman; Jinha Park; Sandy Carapezza, Executive Director of Development, The Valley Hospital Foundation; Connor Hong; Grace Joung; Madeline Oh; David Bohan, Vice President & Chief Philanthropy Officer, The Valley Hospital Foundation; and Audrey Kim.



Student Nurses' Association

Fairleigh Dickinson University's Student Nurses' Association hosted a collection drive to support Valley Home Care's *Butterflies* program. Donations included diapers, hygiene items, and other assorted baby items and essentials. Pictured: Rose Ranuro, Valley Home Care; Sherleen Yunes, Fairleigh Dickinson University Student Nurses' Association Treasurer; and Carmen Makino, Valley Home Care.

Hands-Only CPR Training

Valley Hospital Foundation Trustee and Board Secretary Jeff Seidler and his wife, Samantha, hosted a free hands-only CPR training session at Valley open to members of the community. Attendees learned lifesaving CPR techniques and received training on the proper use of an AED to empower our community members to provide lifesaving support in an emergency situation. ■



2026 Women For Health Luncheon

Women For Health, Valley's women's giving circle, celebrated its annual Spring Luncheon at the Edgewood Country Club in River Vale in May.

The event drew nearly 300 women and featured Peloton instructor, author, and wellness expert Emma Lovewell as the guest speaker. Moderated by Women For Health member Donna MacPhee, the event focused on holistic wellness and challenged attendees to focus on "progress, not perfection" in their lives and wellness journeys.

Women For Health is a philanthropic group of women whose members pool their resources and gather to review and consider a variety of cases for support each year. Collectively, the women select one recipient of the group's annual gift.

Since its inception in 2011, Women For Health has funded nearly \$2 million in worthwhile programs and services across Valley Health System. The group's Annual Meeting, open to members only, will take place on October 6th. To join Women For Health and begin making a difference today, scan the QR code. ■



5th Annual Step Up for Valley

The Valley Hospital Foundation's 5th annual Step Up for Valley virtual fitness challenge is back September 26 – October 3! This year's event will track steps only, and participating is easier than ever. Join our challenge and turn your daily steps into a meaningful impact.

This year's event benefits CPR training offered by Valley to our community, ensuring that more people have the lifesaving skills they need to respond in an emergency.

Grab your friends, track your steps, and compete to win exciting prizes while making a difference in your community. This year's prizes include a Hypershell X Pro S Hiking Exoskeleton, a Center 1 Home Gym Functional Trainer, sports watches, biometric scales, Oura rings, Apple watches, and more.

Together, we'll get moving, have fun, and save lives. Walk, run, or move at your own pace and make every step count!

Visit www.valleyhospitalfoundation.org/stepup to start your team or register today. ■





Coming Together to Make a Difference in Our Communities

The Valley Hospital Auxiliary's members — more than 500 across 10 branches — volunteer their time in the hospital and host exciting fundraisers throughout the year to support Valley Health System's programs and services. Scan the QR code to find an Auxiliary branch near you and learn more about the Auxiliary's events and fundraising efforts.

53rd Annual Golf Outing Raises \$263,000



Presenting Sponsor, Torcon. Golfers left to right: Nand Patel, Joe Torcivia, Jr., Caitlin Youngster, and Nate Cornman

The Auxiliary's 53rd Annual Golf Outing held on June 1 at the beautiful Ridgewood Country Club raised \$263,000. More than 200 golfers enjoyed a day on the club's championship golf course with perfect weather conditions making it a memorable experience.

A special thank you to Presenting Sponsor **Torcon, Inc.** for their generous support of this year's Golf Outing.

SAVE THE DATE

6th Annual Sporting Clays Classic

The Employee Branch of The Valley Hospital Auxiliary will host its 6th Annual Sporting Clays Classic on Monday, August 31 at the exclusive Hudson Farm Club in Andover, NJ. The day will feature a Morning VIP Session followed by the traditional afternoon clay shoot. For more information and registration details, please scan the QR Code.



Join Us for the 78th Annual Valley Ball

**Friday, November 13 –
Pleasantdale Chateau, West Orange, NJ**

Celebrate an unforgettable evening of timeless elegance at the stunning Pleasantdale Chateau.

The evening will begin with a lavish cocktail reception and full open bar, followed by an award-winning three-course dinner. Guests will enjoy dancing and entertainment provided by the Russ Bennett Band. Black-tie attire is encouraged for this memorable night of

exceptional cuisine, music, and sophistication. Tickets and sponsorships at four levels are available. Registration is limited, so get your tickets soon!

All proceeds benefit the Auxiliary's \$1.6 million pledge to support and enhance patient care and comfort in the treatment of cancer, pregnancy-induced hypertension, and the *Butterflies* program for critically ill children.

Tickets and sponsorships are available. Space is limited. RSVP by November 2.

Please scan the QR code for more information.



SAVE THE DATE – 2026

**AUGUST 31 – 6th Annual
Sporting Clays Classic**

**OCTOBER 18 – 47th Annual
Terri Roemer Paramus Run**

NOVEMBER 13 – The Valley Ball
Pleasantdale Chateau, West Orange, NJ

DECEMBER 6 – Tree of Light
The Valley Hospital

For more information please visit
www.ValleyHealth.com/Auxiliary

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The Valley Hospital Foundation was awarded a *Silver Seal* by *Candid* in recognition of its transparency and efforts to go above and beyond in sharing information about the Foundation's work and programs. To view The Valley Hospital Foundation's GuideStar profile, which enables our donors to see the impact of their generous gifts, please scan the QR code at right.



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