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Robert Brenner, MD, is Appointed Valley Health System President & CEO

Robert Brenner, MD, MMM, FACHE, was named President and Chief Executive Officer of Valley Health System, effective July 1st. Dr. Brenner replaces System CEO Audrey Meyers, FACHE, who will assume the role of System CEO Emeritus after more than 44 years at Valley.

In his new role, Dr. Brenner will lead the System's overall vision, strategy, program and service expansion, and the operations of The Valley Hospital, Valley Home Care and Valley Medical Group. Audrey Meyers will continue to oversee the repurposing of Valley Health System's Ridgewood campus, including opportunities to expand the continuum of healthcare services in Ridgewood.

We congratulate Rob on his new role and thank Audrey for her many years of leadership. Scan the QR Code to read the full announcement.



LETTER FROM DAVID J. BOHAN

Chief Development Officer

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The Future is Bright



It's hard to believe that summer is here, and three months have passed since the doors of The Valley Hospital opened in Paramus. In that time, our physicians, nurses, and clinical teams have seamlessly transitioned to the new facility and continued to provide Valley's compassionate, high quality care to our patients in our new, state-of-the-art facility.

At this pivotal time in our history, we also celebrated the promotion of Robert Brenner, MD, to the role of President and CEO. We look forward to Dr. Brenner's leadership in Valley's next chapter, and thank Audrey Meyers, who will assume the role of CEO

Emeritus, for her years of dedicated service and great support of the Foundation's efforts.

In this issue of *Inside Valley*, you will read about Valley's move to the new hospital on April 14th, and the early days of providing care in our new facility. You will also read about our annual Leadership

Reception celebrating our leadership donors and recognizing the Foundation's newest Lifetime Benefactors. And lastly, you will read about generous gifts from the National Mah Jongg League and the Mannino family to support Valley's future for generations to come.

When we launched the *Serve. Care. Transform.* campaign to support our new hospital, we asked for your confidence in this new facility's value to our community and the lifesaving and lifechanging impacts it would have on our friends, families, and neighbors.

I am pleased to share with you that thanks to your generous philanthropic support so far, the Foundation has already surpassed the \$125 million goal, with nearly five months left to go in the campaign! With your help, The Valley Hospital has become the premier health-care destination for our region, and a trusted caretaker for all who rely on Valley for care.

The future is bright for Valley Health System, and the support of our generous donor community enables Valley to continue to grow and thrive to meet the changing needs of our community. The campaign will continue through the end of 2024, and with your support, we look forward to further exceeding our goal.

On behalf of The Valley Hospital Foundation, I wish you a safe and enjoyable summer, and we look forward to seeing you soon at a future Valley event.

Sincerely,



Vice President & Chief Development Officer
The Valley Hospital Foundation

“I am pleased to share with you that thanks to your generous philanthropic support, the Foundation has already surpassed the \$125 million goal, with nearly five months left to go in the campaign!”



Scan the QR Code to learn how you can support the *Serve. Care. Transform.* campaign for The Valley Hospital.

Raising the Bar in Valley's Next Chapter

The April 14th opening of The Valley Hospital on our Paramus campus was the culmination of more than a decade of advocacy, planning, construction, and collaboration by our teams and our community. More than that, it marked the beginning of a new era in healthcare for our entire region.

The hospital, with its 370 private rooms, state-of-the-art technology, and focus on patient safety, comfort and sustainability, combines leading-edge technologies and the expert, compassionate care that has been synonymous with Valley from the very beginning.

"The Valley Hospital's move to Paramus marks an exciting new chapter for Valley," said Audrey Meyers, CEO Emeritus. "All those who come through our doors will continue to be well-served by Valley's compassionate staff in this outstanding facility for generations to come. We thank our patients for entrusting their care to Valley, and our staff for all they do to serve and care for our patients, their families and our community."

The move from Ridgewood to Paramus was a once-in-a-lifetime experience, and one made possible with the help of more than 400 volunteers working alongside Valley's clinicians and staff. On this day, Valley safely and efficiently moved almost 200 patients from Ridgewood to our new home in Paramus in less than eight hours.

"The Valley Hospital is now at the heart of a 40-acre health and wellness campus that offers our patients the opportunity to receive

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**— Audrey Meyers
CEO Emeritus, Valley Health System**



virtually every healthcare service they may need in one location, including inpatient care, outpatient procedures, and cancer care, as well as the ability to see many of Valley's doctors," said Robert Brenner, MD, MMM, FACHE, President and CEO of Valley Health System.

Opening the doors of The Valley Hospital and beginning to provide care in our new home is a tangible representation of the impact of your support. The Foundation's \$125 million *Serve. Care. Transform.* campaign is now in its final year, and it has been deeply enriched by the generosity and support of our donor community, which has been instrumental in charting the course for Valley's next chapter.

Meanwhile, our Ridgewood campus will transition to an outpatient healthcare destination, housing an outpatient laboratory; outpatient diagnostic imaging; Valley's Wound,

Ostomy, and Continence Center; The Valley Breast Center; an expanded wellness and recovery unit, a family care center and more.

The Ridgewood campus will also be the home of Valley's new Graduate Medical Education (GME) program, which welcomed its first class of 15 residents in internal medicine and OB-GYN this summer. The addition of our GME program will enhance Valley's ability to attract premier physicians in their fields and support the retention of the highest quality providers, right here in our community.

We are grateful for the support of our generous donor community as we continue on this journey together. ■



Scan the QR Code to watch a video of Valley's exciting move day!

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In Lisa's Memory

Mannino Family's Gift Supports The Valley Hospital

Ron and Sue Mannino met as kids in the halls of Hackensack High School. Both are lifelong residents of Bergen County with firm roots in Hackensack and backgrounds in healthcare.

Ron, a licensed pharmacist, owns a pharmaceutical company, and Sue spent almost 30 years as a critical care nurse at a Bergen County hospital.

One day in 2019, Sue was rushed to the emergency department at The Valley Hospital when she found herself unable to breathe. The care she received from the emergency department staff and from pulmonologist Daniel Suffin, DO, was genuine and compassionate.

"The doctors and nurses take their time and listen to you. I felt safe and comfortable," said Sue. "And that's how it should be."

In October of 2020, the Mannino family once again crossed paths with Valley, when their daughter Lisa, 40, who suffered from Lupus, was rushed to the hospital in cardiac arrest. By coincidence, it was comforting for them to see a familiar face in the emergency department, Dr. Suffin.

"I knew that my daughter was not going to make it, but the doctors and nurses did everything they could," Sue said.

“This is a state-of-the-art facility that is large enough to offer top notch care, but still makes sure patients feel like people and not a bed number.”

Unfortunately, Lisa did not survive, but the compassionate end-of-life care that Lisa received and the warmth with which the family was treated – especially with COVID-19 restrictions in place – made a lasting impact on them.

Lisa was outgoing, fun, and creative – she was a talented cosmetologist and photographer, and had a beautiful singing voice.

She enjoyed spending time outside and walking along the beach, collecting “treasures.”

“Lisa’s greatest joy and love in life was her son, Evan,” Ron said. “She was a beautiful person, inside and out, and we wanted to honor her life in some way.”

The Manninos toured the new hospital just days before it opened its doors on April 14th. Seeing the hospital firsthand and understanding the unique needs of critical care patients and their families, the Manninos made a generous gift to Valley, where the hospital’s

Intensive Care Unit is named in Lisa’s memory.

“What differentiates The Valley Hospital from other hospitals is that it has a personal, caring atmosphere and a community feel,” Ron said. “This is a state-of-the-art facility that is large enough to offer top notch care, but still makes sure patients feel like people and not a bed number.”

“Valley is part of our hearts,” Sue said. “We’re happy to support it.” ■



Ron and Sue Mannino

Lisa Mannino

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Supporting Our Community, One Tile at a Time

National Mah Jongg League makes \$3 million gift to benefit new hospital



David Unger (left), Vice President, and Larry Unger, President, of the National Mah Jongg League

The game of Mah Jongg brings people together in the spirit of friendship, camaraderie, and healthy competition.

In 1937, the National Mah Jongg League was founded to standardize the rules across America for the ancient tile and card game, and the league's membership now exceeds 350,000 people.

The National Mah Jongg League aims not only to serve its members, but also to support the communities in which they live and play. Brothers David and Larry Unger place philanthropy and service to their communities at the forefront of their efforts, generously

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**— Larry Unger
National Mah Jongg League**

giving to organizations that support women and children, as well as education access and healthcare across the country.

In this same spirit of philanthropy, David and Larry recently made a \$3 million gift to support The Valley Hospital in Paramus. Their significant leadership gift supports Valley's \$125 million *Serve. Care. Transform.* campaign, which will continue through the end of the year.

In honor of the National Mah Jongg League's tremendous generosity, a post-partum floor in the new hospital will be named in the league's honor.

“We toured the new hospital and were very impressed with what we saw. We know it will be a great addition to the community and we're proud to be a part of it,” said Larry. “Our organization supports women's and children's health and other issues, so this space was a natural fit for us.”

In addition, the National Mah Jongg League also made an earlier gift to support *Butterflies*, Valley Home Care's pediatric palliative care and hospice program.

For David, a resident of Allendale, the connection to Valley is a personal one, as well. He has been a patient at The Valley Hospital many times, and in fact, his children and grandchildren have all been born at Valley. Knowing firsthand the care that is provided at Valley, he says supporting the new hospital was important to him.

“The Valley Hospital is a place where people will continue to get the great service that Valley has always been known to give the residents of Bergen County,” David said. “Valley's always been the centerpiece of the health program in Bergen County, and we're proud to be part of The Valley Hospital family.” ■





David Bohan, Vice President & Chief Development Officer, The Valley Hospital Foundation; Janet E. Hunt, Esq., Honorary Trustee of The Valley Hospital Foundation; and Audrey Meyers, CEO Emeritus, Valley Health System



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Honoring Valley's Newest Lifetime Benefactors

The Valley Hospital Foundation is honored to be the recipient of tremendous philanthropic support from our generous donor community. The Foundation celebrated its donors at the annual Leadership Reception held at the Indian Trail Club in Franklin Lakes in June.

The event included recognition of the newest Lifetime Benefactors at their individual giving levels (as of December 31, 2023). Thank you to all of our Lifetime Benefactors, and to our donors at all levels of support.

Platinum Level (\$5 million+)

Janet E. Hunt, Esq.
Edward W. & Stella C.
Van Houten Memorial Fund

Gold Level (\$1 million+)

Anonymous
Karen and Kevin Keyes
Mr. and Mrs. Vincent J. Lewis
Valley Home Care
Valley Medical Group

Silver Level (\$500,000+)

The Abrams Family
Bernard S. Berkowitz, Esq.
The Martin Family Fund
Surya and Valli Mohapatra
Anonymous
Anonymous
Torcon, Inc.
Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Van Cleef, on behalf
of the Stanley Lee Charitable Foundation

Nickel Level (\$250,000+)

Biosense Webster, Inc.
Boston Scientific Corporation
Anonymous

Rajinder Gandhi, MD, and Jyoti Gandhi
Isabel and Barry Knispel
The O'Shea Family Foundation
Leonard J. and Gloria Phillips Foundation
Ridgewood Pathology Group, P.A.
Janet Shapiro
Mr. and Mrs. Rodney T. Verblauw
Mrs. Kathryn A. Yeomans

Bronze Level (\$100,000+)

Cannstatter Foundation, Inc.
Anonymous
The Jeremiah & Yolanda Cancia
Family Foundation
Arlette & William J. Coleman
Family Foundation, Inc.
Concord Healthcare Development, Inc.
Major Products Company and the
DeRose & Leimer Families
Estate of Irving and Corinne Friedman
Robin Goldfischer, Esq. and
Paul Hollander, Esq.
Mr. Robert Hekemian, Jr.
Larry and Beverly Hinman
Cindy and David Ludwig
Jeff and Samantha Seidler
Estate of Jon. G. Sinkway

Pictured Above:

A. Karen Keyes
B. Barbara and Vincent Lewis
C. Gertrude Martin and Alan Martin
D. Surya and Valli Mohapatra
E. Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Van Cleef
F. Jyoti and Dr. Raj Gandhi

G. Drs. Robert Mazziotta and Metin Taskin
H. Rod and Gerry Verblauw
I. Valerie and Matthias Leimer
J. Robin Goldfischer, Esq. and Paul Hollander, Esq.
K. Cindy and David Ludwig
L. Ed and Deany Rubin

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New NICU Dedicated in Honor of Marron and Manginello Families



Valley's new, expanded, Level III NICU at The Valley Hospital was recently dedicated in honor of two families' significant contributions to its past and to its future – the Marron family and Dr. Frank Manginello, who led Valley's neonatology program for more than 40 years before his retirement.

Dr. Manginello, who served as Valley's Director of Neonatology and Medical Director of the Kireker Center for Child Development, was celebrated at the ceremony by current and former NICU staff members, and even patients who he cared for many years ago.

The 22-bed Marron-Manginello NICU cares for Valley's tiniest and most vulnerable patients and supports them and their families through their earliest and most challenging days. Nearly 450 newborn infants are cared for in Valley's NICU each year.

Thank you to Peter and Martha Marron; Edward and Patricia Marron; and Dr. Frank Manginello and Barbara Manginello for their tremendous impact over many years. ■

Families Gather for Camp NICU Celebration



NICU graduates and their families reunited with staff and former patients to celebrate the third annual Camp NICU event on June 2nd. The day-long event at Ringwood's Spring Lake Day camp included camp games, ziplining, pony rides, ropes courses and more fun for the whole family. The event raised funds for the Valley NICU's Family Support Program. ■

Women For Health



Valley's Women For Health, a philanthropic group of women who pool their resources and collectively support a Valley program or service each year, celebrated the annual Spring Luncheon at The Venetian in Garfield on May 8th. More than 200 women enjoyed an inspirational keynote speech by Liz Murray, author of *Breaking Night: A Memoir of Forgiveness, Survival, and My Journey from Homeless to Harvard*. ■

Step Up for Valley



Mark your calendar for the 3rd annual Step Up for Valley fundraiser! This year's week-long virtual fitness challenge will encourage our community to move, have fun, and raise money to support advancements in cancer treatment at Valley through the Valley-Mount Sinai Comprehensive Cancer Care Center.

Participants will create their own fundraising pages and earn points for getting those steps in through activities including walking, running, biking and more. Participants will record their activity between September 7 and September 14 and have a chance to win exciting prizes! ■

Scan the QR code above to learn more or register today!

THE VALLEY HOSPITAL AUXILIARY

Supporting Valley This Spring



The Valley Hospital Auxiliary's third annual **Vegas Night** fundraiser on May 1st, held at Seasons in Washington Township, drew more than 100 attendees for an evening of casino-style games, food, tricky trays and a silent auction.



On June 3rd, the Auxiliary hosted the **51st Annual Golf Outing** at the Ridgewood Country Club. Thank you to Presenting Sponsors Torcon and Cushman & Wakefield, and all of the event's generous sponsors and donors for making this event a tremendous success!



The Auxiliary's Employee Branch marked Flag Day with the annual **Honor Ceremony** on June 14th, held for the first time at the new hospital in Paramus. The ceremony's featured speakers were Karteek Bhavsar, Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer; David Bohan, Vice President and Chief Development Officer; and Peggy Becher, Chair of the Auxiliary's Employee Branch. ■

SAVE THE DATE 2024 – MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

AUGUST 26 – 4th Annual Sporting Clays Classic

The Auxiliary's Employee Branch will host the fourth annual Sporting Clays Classic on August 26th. Come enjoy a day of sporting clays, lunch, cocktails, and a delicious dinner, all on the beautiful grounds of the exclusive Hudson Farm Club in Andover, NJ. For more information, please contact auxiliary@valleyhealthnews.com.

OCTOBER 20 – Terri Roemer Paramus Run

The Valley Hospital Auxiliary will once again partner with the Terri Roemer organization on the Paramus Run. The run will take place on Sunday, October 20th by the Fairfield Inn and Suites in Paramus. The run will include a 10K, 5K and a Kids' Fun Run. Be sure to join us for this family-friendly event!

NOVEMBER 2 – The 76th Annual Valley Ball

This year's 76th Annual Valley Ball will be held on November 2nd, at The Lighthouse at Chelsea Piers. The black-tie affair will offer a fun evening of cocktails, dinner and dancing. Entertainment will be provided by the Remember Jones Band.



For more information,
scan the QR code or visit:
www.ValleyHealth.com/Auxiliary

Proceeds from Auxiliary events support the Auxiliary's pledge of \$3.1 million to establish the Pediatric section of the Emergency Department at The Valley Hospital, and to support an endowment for Valley Home Care's *Butterflies*, a pediatric in-home palliative and hospice care program for seriously ill children.

Awards and Accolades

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Valley Health System is proud to be recognized locally, nationally, and internationally for the exceptional care provided by our physicians, clinical staff, and employees each and every day. Please scan the QR code to read more about our most recent accolades.



The Valley Hospital earned an “A” hospital safety grade from **The Leapfrog Group** for the 22nd time in recognition of its achievements in protecting patients from preventable harm and errors. Valley was one of the 30 hospitals in New Jersey, and among the 29% of hospitals graded nationwide, to receive an “A” grade.



Valley leaders **Robert Brenner, MD, MMM, FACHE, President & CEO**; **Eric Carey, Vice President and Chief Information Officer**; and **Suneet Mittal, MD, Chair, Cardiovascular Service Line**, were recently selected as **INNOVATE100** honorees, representing the most innovative professionals in various sectors from across New Jersey. These leaders were chosen for their accomplishments in driving innovative solutions and care for our community.



The Valley Hospital was recently recognized for its dedication to healthcare environmental sustainability with two awards – **The Partner for Change Award** in recognition of Valley’s performance in environmental sustainability programs and activities, and the **Greening the OR recognition**, highlighting Valley’s progress in reducing the impact of the surgical environment.



The Valley Hospital was named as one of **America’s Best Maternity Hospitals** for 2024 by *Newsweek* in recognition of Valley’s longstanding tradition of providing exceptional labor, delivery, and postpartum care.



Audrey Meyers, CEO Emeritus of Valley Health System, was recognized with the **Lifetime Achievement Award** from the New Jersey Hospital Association (NJHA) in recognition of her 44 years of dedicated service to Valley and her visionary leadership in delivering the highest caliber healthcare. Audrey received her award at the NJHA’s annual “Best of the Beach” celebration this summer.



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