Leadership Commitments to Kaleida Health and Millard Fillmore Suburban Hospital

Leadership of Ferguson Electric toured the new and renovated facilities at Millard Fillmore Suburban Hospital. A special contribution was presented to Kaleida Health President & CEO James R. Kaskie to help complete the $2 million renovation that will bring the existing hospital up to date with the newly expanded facility.

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Kaleida Ball Honors Two of WNY's Finest Leaders

Experience Napa Valley was the theme for the Kaleida Ball, sponsored by Maple-Gate Anesthesiologists, PC. The evening was filled with the wonders of Napa Valley, CA, featuring wines and cuisine from the region. It was a true celebration of the generosity of so many in the community and a tribute to two of our region’s leaders and outstanding philanthropists—Gerard T. Mazurkiewicz and Edward F. Walsh, Jr.—who received the Spirit Award.

“The supreme quality for leadership is unquestionably integrity. Without it, no real success is possible.”

– Dwight D. Eisenhower

From left to right: From Ferguson Electric: Ronald Markowski, vice president project operations; Jeffrey H. Lattimer, chief financial officer; James R. Kaskie, Kaleida Health president & CEO; Paul Reilly, president, Ferguson Electric Service Division; Angelo Veanes, president, Ferguson Electric Construction Division; David Pfalzgraf, Kaleida Health Foundation Board & Chris Lane, Millard Fillmore Suburban Hospital president

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Following a very competitive national search process, Kaleida Health named Larry Zielinski president, Buffalo General Hospital. He continues to lead the Visiting Nursing Association of WNY, Inc., retaining the title of president and oversees Family Pharmaceutical Services, LLC operations. Zielinski spent the previous 10 years as president of the VNA, where he and his team are credited with strong growth in the VNA’s home care business and unprecedented patient and doctor satisfaction scores. Prior to the Kaleida Health merger, he was vice president of ancillary and support services at Children’s Hospital of Buffalo, as well as president of Children’s Hospital Home Care.

Zielinski holds an MBA in finance and a BA in sociology from the University at Buffalo. In addition to his other responsibilities, Zielinski will serve as vice president for Kaleida Health.

Prior to his career in health and home care, Zielinski worked for Goldome Bank as senior vice president of retail services, vice president for strategic information systems, and divisional vice president in their retail bank.

Lawrence Zielinski Appointed President of Buffalo General

D. Eric Pogue Named Executive Vice President for Human Resources

In his role on Kaleida Health’s senior administrative team, Rick Pogue will set the direction for human resources in support of the organization’s mission, vision, values and business strategies.

Most recently, Pogue served as the national human resources executive for the American Red Cross in Washington, DC. During his tenure there, he worked with community and faith-based organizations and national political organizations to address a wide variety of service delivery issues.

Pogue brings a wealth of private sector experience from notable international companies such as Campbell Soup, Revlon, Marvel Entertainment, and Philip Morris. Following completion of his formal training, his first positions were with Case Western Reserve University and then Cleveland State University as a counseling psychologist and adjunct professor.

He earned a BS in Psychology from Heidelberg College (Ohio) and a Masters in College Student Personnel from Bowling Green State University. Pogue is a member of the Society for Human Resource Management and the Human Resource Planning Society. He serves on the board of directors for the William Appling Singers and Orchestra.

“We want to be a catalyst for the best and boldest initiatives in health care.”

– Great Lakes Health Board members
Buffalo General Hospital Teams Named WNY Heroes

Time Warner Cable honored Buffalo General Hospital's Emergency Department and Operating Room staff for the lifesaving care they provided as a team to the NHL Florida Panthers' player Richard Zednik earlier this year. The recognition took place during a weekly television show called "All That Matters," a program that recognizes Western New York heroes.

Members of the team who cared for Zednik were interviewed about the experience, most noting the incredible teamwork, skill and commitment the staff in each department demonstrated. The team was honored at the first-ever "All That Matters WNY Heroes Awards Ceremony," broadcast from the Buffalo Convention Center. In addition to the award, Time Warner Cable presented the winning team's hospital with a donation of $3,000.

The winners were chosen through a nomination submitted to the "Medical Miracle Makers" category of Time Warner's "Celebrating WNY Heroes contest." The WNY Heroes series, designed to honor ordinary people who accomplish extraordinary deeds, was launched in May with a call for nominations in five categories: "Guarding the Greater Good," "Advancing Art," "Community Crusader," "Medical Miracles," and "Cultivating Children."
**Cathie Rice Scott Waiting Room Dedicated at Millard Fillmore Gates Circle Hospital**

Family and friends of the late Cathie Rice Scott gathered on the fourth floor of Millard Fillmore Gates Circle Hospital in November to dedicate a waiting room in her honor. Cathie Rice Scott passed away after an accident-related brain aneurysm at just 42 years of age. Her family and friends wanted to honor the care she received at the Stroke Care Center (located at Gates) by holding an annual walk in her memory. Proceeds from the walks held in 2006 and 2007 made it possible to furnish this waiting room.

The annual Cathie Rice Scott Stroke Walk will be held on Thursday, September 17, 2009 in Delaware Park. Contact the Kaleida Health Foundation directly at 881-8248 if you would like to walk or volunteer for this event.

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**The White Coat Program Continues with a Visit by Mayor Brown**

Buffalo’s own Mayor Byron Brown got a first-hand look at the nationally recognized Stroke Care Center at Millard Fillmore Gates Circle Hospital. UB Neurosurgery Chief and world renowned surgeon, L. Nelson Hopkins, III, MD, invited the Mayor to be a “neurosurgeon for the day” through the White Coat Program. Anyone interested is welcome to tour the nationally recognized Stroke Center and learn about the unique aspects of the stroke, spine and neurosurgery programs. Participants dress in surgical scrubs and stand alongside our world-renowned neurosurgical team, observing a live surgery, as well as a minimally invasive procedure performed in the state-of-the-art angiography suites.
Women's Summer Spectacular

Thanks to LP Ciminelli, host sponsor of the Women's Summer Spectacular, a golf tournament presented by the Millard Fillmore Suburban Women's Board. Dollars generated from this event support Women's Services at the hospital.

6th Annual Rick Shanor Memorial Golf Tournament a Big Success

Over 150 golfers joined the Shanor family at Diamond Hawk Golf Club on July 28, 2008 to honor the memories of Rick and Genelle Shanor, and to raise funds for the memorial fund that bears their names and benefits individuals in need of organ transplants.

This tournament raised more than $30,000, and over the course of six years, has raised more than $145,000 for the Kaleida Health Multi-Organ Transplant Center at Buffalo General Hospital.

Friends and family established the Rick & Genelle Shanor Memorial Transplant Fund to continue their goal of sharing the benefits of organ donation within our community, to provide support to patients and families who have received or are awaiting transplant services, and to disadvantaged families who need assistance with paying travel expenses, lodging, or medical bills.

Kaleida Health has been ranked as the top transplant program in the region and one of the strongest in the nation by The Scientific Registry of Transplant Recipients.

Tee Off for Tots a Hit

The annual Tee Off for Tots Golf Tournament benefits the pediatric unit in the Deaconess Skilled Nursing Facility. The Deaconess Women's Board underwrote the event this year as the Platinum Hole-in-One Sponsor. Previous tournaments have provided specialized equipment, adaptive devices, sensory stimulation items and toys. Thanks to the efforts of all who participated.

Team TotalKare was represented by Randy Gerlach, Steve Bergstraesser, Paul Hettich & Patrick Rimar

Kaleida Health Chief Financial Officer, Joseph Kessler; Aramark Vice President David Feldman; Kaleida Health Executive Vice President & COO, Connie Vari and Millard Fillmore Gates Circle Hospital Chief Medical Officer, Andras Vari, MD
WHO'S WHO OF THE KALEIDA BALL
The Walsh family, generations of support
Kenneth Pearsen, MD, and guest
Women & Children’s Hospital of Buffalo Chief Nursing Officer LuAnne Brown, RN, gets to keep a memento of the evening
Guests enjoying the cuisine of Napa Valley, CA
Kaleida Executive Vice President & Chief Operating Officer Connie Vari, RN, acted as Master of Ceremonies
Kaleida Health’s own Rosary Reichart entertained the crowd with fellow entertainer Harry Stewart from Crystal Blue
Working together & leading the way in health care for our community—Members of Maple Gate Anesthesiologists, PC gather together to celebrate and remember the evening
The Gerard T. Mazurkiewicz family
The Edward F. Walsh, Jr., family
Kaleida Health Executive Vice President of Human Resources Eric D. Pogue offers the invocation
A sampling of wines from the Napa Valley was a highlight of the cocktail hour
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The Committee charged with leading the $2 million Extreme Makeover received an additional welcoming surprise when the Women’s Board, a long-time volunteer support group, announced their renewed support with a $250,000 pledge to renovate the Mother/Baby Unit.

According to former Board President Marsi Rohde, “We have always had a soft spot for the Labor & Delivery Unit here at Suburban. We are all mothers, aunts, grandmothers or sisters, and we understand how important it is for women to be in a comforting and private environment during those first days after the birth of their child.”

In addition to the Women’s Board, First Niagara announced their gift of $50,000 toward completion of this project.

According to Regional President, Daniel Cantara, III, “First Niagara is more than a full service financial institution in Western New York. We are committed to the communities we serve by offering our time, talent and treasure to the various agencies and activities that are important to keeping them strong and vital. We believe this contribution, the second of two totaling $100,000, will ensure that Millard Fillmore Suburban Hospital has the resources to complete this important project and address the many and varied health needs of families in this northtown community.”

Investing in Our Own

On behalf of the Kaleida Health Medical/Dental Staff and its leadership (James L. Budny, MD, president; Kathleen T. Grimm, MD, president elect; and Kevin J. Gibbons, MD, secretary), Michael R. Ferrick, MD, treasurer, announced a three-year $255,000 commitment. Funding will support the nursing scholarship endowment program; the medical libraries throughout the Kaleida system for resources like journals, textbooks and electronic subscriptions—all of which will empower our entire medical staff with access to the latest treatments, techniques and research.

Dr. Ferrick, speaking on behalf of the medical staff commented, “We, as a medical staff, can think of no better way to make a difference in our community than by investing in our own workforce through the sharing of knowledge and resources.”
Chamber Clambake Gets “Kicked Up a Notch” for DeGraff

When it comes to fast-paced fun, local Auctioneer Cash Cunningham seems to be everywhere! Thanks to Cash for taking time from his busy schedule to kick up some good old fashioned bidding at the annual Tonawandas Chamber of Commerce Clambake. Over 500 people came to Shores Restaurant on the banks of the Niagara River for the 11th annual event, which helped to raise more than $12,000 for the Department of Surgery at DeGraff Memorial Hospital.

DeGraff Auxiliary Year-End Gift

Members of the Board of Directors for the DeGraff Auxiliary have found numerous ways to provide funding for improvements throughout the hospital and Skilled Nursing Facility. A year-end, $30,000 gift was presented to hospital President Tamara Owen for new equipment in the Department of Surgery. These monies were made possible by community events, including a spaghetti dinner, chicken dinner and special sales in the hospital. In addition, all dues collected from the membership are turned into scholarships for high school and college students seeking healthcare careers. Founded in 1946, the DeGraff Auxiliary continues to be vital to the growth and success of DeGraff Memorial Hospital.

Deaconess Women's Board

The Deaconess Women's Board continues its work in service to the Deaconess Center. Friends and family enjoyed a wonderful holiday meal, courtesy of the Board, and plans are already in the making for a spring celebration. Residents are moving about with greater ease thanks to a donation of handmade daypacks for those with wheelchairs and walkers to carry their personal belongings. Everyone is already looking forward to a touch of spring when the group presents its flowers to residents, and when summer months arrive, the hydration program will get into full swing once again. Volunteers staff the gift shop, which is open six days a week, to serve the needs of residents, staff and visitors. The next time you're at the Deaconess Center, please be sure to stop by the Gift Shop and thank our volunteers with your purchase.
The Kaleida Health Educational Series Continues

The Kaleida Health Foundation is proud to continue its series of educational seminars, featuring leading physicians and scientists at Kaleida Health hospitals that offer the latest information on important medical issues affecting our community and what treatments are available in Western New York.

Seminars are free and open to the public, with complimentary valet parking and light refreshments. For more information, contact the Kaleida Health Foundation at (716) 881-8260 or visit the Foundation website at: foundation.kaleidahealth.org/EducationalSeries

EDUCATIONAL SEMINAR # 9
Diagnosis and Care of Alzheimer’s Patients

An estimated 26 million people worldwide were afflicted by Alzheimer’s in 2006, and this number may quadruple by 2050. In October, Frederick Munschauer, III, MD, and Kenneth Garbarino, MD, leaders in the diagnosis, treatment and study of Alzheimer’s, were able to provide guests with a better understanding of the symptoms and progression of this disease. While the cause and progression of Alzheimer’s are not well understood, medical management of patients is essential.

Buffalo Bill Derrick Dockery Shows Heart with Kaleida

Buffalo Bills Offensive Lineman Derrick Dockery has a history of heart disease in his family, and being the spokesperson for the Chest Pain Center at Buffalo General Hospital is an important calling that he and his wife believe in.

Dockery and his wife Emma received an educational tour of Buffalo General Hospital’s Chest Pain Center and met with many doctors, nurses, medical staff and patients. They saw clogged arteries on x-rays, witnessed a patient having a stress test, and observed patients in the emergency room and cardiac unit.

“It’s imperative for us to get involved with Buffalo General and Kaleida. People assume because I’m an athlete that heart disease is the farthest thing from my mind—but that’s not exactly true. Heart disease runs in my family, so I need to be as concerned about heart health as you do,” said Dockery.

Prevention of heart disease is at the core of the Chest Pain Center’s cardiac team, and this was evident throughout conversations with the Dockerys and medical staff. Emma Dockery put things into perspective and said, “It’s time to be proactive instead of reactive.”
Because of you the Kaleida Foundation Invested:

- $250,000 to renovate patient rooms
- $12,006 for the purchase of an Electric Mat Table
- $18,000 to redecorate patient rooms at the Skilled Nursing Facility
- $20,000 to refurbish the Stroke Care Center Family Waiting Area
- $30,400 to renovate the Lent Urology Library
- $65,000 to improve the heating & cooling system in the Surgical Unit
- $41,310 to purchase two bedside hemodialysis systems
- $47,310 to purchase 20 Leonard Dialysis Machines
- $49,835 for anesthesia equipment
- $30,000 to purchase an esophageal manometer
- $12,000 for an infant warmer for the Mother/Baby Unit
- $150,000 in emergency services

When patients enter one of the five Kaleida Health hospitals, they are given outstanding, expert care and have access to some of the most sophisticated and technologically advanced equipment available today to treat a variety of conditions.

Many items that directly impact a patient’s stay, comfort, and satisfaction are made possible by contributions from individuals, organizations, groups, businesses, foundations and grateful former patients.

We cannot say “Thank You” enough to each of you who contribute your time, talent and resources to our family of Kaleida Health hospitals. Because of you, we are able to invest critical dollars that keep our patients comfortable while they receive the very best care in an environment designed to meet their individual needs.

Thank you.
APRIL
Educational Series Seminar #11
Thursday, April 23, 2009
5 - 7 p.m.
Buffalo General Hospital
100 High St., Buffalo, NY

JUNE
Kaleida Classic
Monday, June 8, 2009
7:30 a.m. Tee off & 12:30 p.m. Tee off
Park Country Club
4949 Sheridan Dr., Williamsville, NY

JULY
Celebrity Server Restaurant Rally
Date TBA

AUGUST
Women’s Summer Spectacular
August 10, 2009

SEPTEMBER
Educational Series Seminar #12
Thursday, September 17, 2009
5 - 7 p.m.
Buffalo General Hospital
100 High St., Buffalo, NY

Kaleida Ball
Saturday, September 26, 2009
6 p.m. - Midnight
Buffalo Niagara Convention Center
153 Franklin Street, Buffalo, NY

NOVEMBER
Educational Series Seminar #13
Thursday, November 5, 2009
5 - 7 p.m.
Buffalo General Hospital
100 High St., Buffalo, NY

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