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## A Thank You—And A Look Ahead

As we head into 2018, I wanted to thank you for helping make 2017 such a successful year for fundraising at Burke. We were able to meet and then exceed our annual goal, thanks in no small part to your efforts. Whether you wrote letters, made phone calls, let those of us in Development know about a giving opportunity, attended or volunteered at an event, or simply continued to take wonderful care of our patients, you've helped make the case as to why it's so important to support Burke. In 2018, we hope, with your help, to continue to raise money to fund and expand the life-changing programs and services that we offer, including initiatives such as a new therapy gym for spinal cord injury patients and the Marsal Caregiver Center.

**If you have any questions or want to know how you can get involved, call me directly at (914) 597-2491.** Thank you and I hope your year is off to a wonderful start.

—*Richard Sgaglio, PhD, Vice President, Marketing, Communications & Development*

## Case in Point: Somers Outpatient Clinic Named in Honor of Phil and Arline Diamond



If you've been to the Somers Outpatient Clinic recently, you may have noticed a new dedication on the wall: the Phil and Arline Diamond Rehabilitation Clinic. This was done thanks to a generous multi-year donation from the Diamonds. Phil Diamond is a Burke patient who has been doing physical therapy with site supervisor Vinny Orlando for the past three years and felt it was important to give back to Burke.

"Burke has been an integral part of restoring my ability to walk and carry out everyday activities of daily life," said Phil. "We felt we needed to do what we could to help others in need of therapy have the chance to have the best services available to live a more active life."

"The donation was important because it is a testament to us all that Burke is what it says it is and does what we say we do—that is to deliver the highest quality rehabilitation in this region," says Orlando.

Know of a patient or donor who might be interested in a naming opportunity? **For more information, call the Development Office at (914) 597-2847.**

## Donor Dollars at Work

Philanthropy is an essential way of supporting Burke—and allows us to provide innovative programs and services. Here's a look at what donations helped us do in 2017:

- **Launch** our Outpatient Physician Practice, offering patients—new and existing—expanded medical services from the same qualified, compassionate physicians that have made Burke a premier provider of rehabilitation for decades.
- **Assist** more than 150 new families in the diagnosis, evaluation and treatment of dementia in the METS Program, and continue supporting hundreds more.
- **Expand** inpatient physical, occupational and speech therapy services to seven days a week.
- **Provide** \$1,413,000 worth of care to patients with limited resources.
- **Install** the FreeStep, a state-of-the-art therapy system to help patients with limited mobility.

## W.M. BURKE CABINET

### 2017 Chairman's Cabinet

- Anonymous
- Adler Aphasia Center
- Burke Hospital Auxiliary
- The Charles A. Mastronardi Foundation
- David M.C. Ju Foundation
- Philip & Arline Diamond
- The Endeavor Foundation
- Donald Foley & Barbara Long
- Michelle Goldman
- The Hearst Foundations
- Leona Kern
- Barbara & Steven Kessler
- Bryan & Kathleen Marsal
- JoAnn & Joseph Murphy
- Faith & David Pedowitz
- James Rowen
- Alex Solowey, MD
- David & Karen Kelsey Thomas
- Will Rogers Institute
- George Yancopoulos, MD, PhD

For a full list, see [burke.org/donate/cabinet](http://burke.org/donate/cabinet)

## SAVE THE DATES

### FEBRUARY 28

#### 7th Annual Brain Bee

Cheer on local high school students as they compete in the 7th annual local championship for the International Brain Bee, where students learn more about the brain while also being inspired to pursue careers in neurology and neurological research. For more, call Janet Goodman, LMSW at (914) 597-2237.

### MARCH 14

#### Burke Auxiliary St. Patrick's Day Luncheon

Celebrate with the Burke Auxiliary and enjoy an authentic Irish feast. Members and non-members welcome. For more, contact Joanne Auerbach at (914) 725-3775.

### MAY 6

#### Heels & Wheels 5K

Keep your New Year's resolution by signing up for Burke's annual Heels & Wheels 5K, which brings together athletes of all ability levels. To support this event, call the Development Office at (914) 597-2847.

*Do your little bit of good where you are; it's those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world. - Desmond Tutu*