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May 16, 2013
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Spring Benefit Gala

Thursday, May 16, 2013
Sunningdale Country Club
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Sunningdale Signature Tasting Menu & Dinner Buffet
Delectable Desserts

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Welcome
Elias M. (Lou) Nemnom
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Special Awards Ceremony
Presentations to our 2013 Honorees
William A. Martimucci, M.D.
Michael A. Baker
Richard H. McCarthy

Close
Michael Gargiulo

Silent Auction Throughout Evening
Dear Friends,

On behalf of our staff and Board of Directors, I am delighted to welcome you to VNS Westchester’s 2013 Spring Benefit Gala. At a time of heightened demand for high quality home care, I want to thank you for supporting our mission of providing enhanced services for our patients and the broader community we serve.

This has been a momentous year in the life cycle of our agency. We expanded our services beyond Westchester and Putnam to also include residents of the Bronx, Dutchess and Rockland counties. The State of New York granted our license to expand our operations based on our record of excellence in patient care, our commitment to reducing hospitalizations and our history of successful partnerships with myriad healthcare providers in the region. This could not have been accomplished without the hard work and steadfast dedication of our staff to whom we owe much.

In conjunction with our expansion, we changed our agency name to VNS Westchester, retaining the most recognizable parts of our name, though our reputation for quality care has spread beyond the county. We also launched a new web site and social media sites on Facebook and LinkedIn to help us better connect with patients, their families and providers.

During this period of change at our agency and throughout our industry, I offer my utmost appreciation to our Board of Directors who continue to lead and inspire us to always put the needs of our patients first – a belief underscored by our agency motto: “Bring the best care home.”

The three distinguished gentlemen we honor this evening have been generous in giving their time and expertise to our agency over the years, enabling us to fulfill our highest aspirations of service. To them – and to all of you who help us make a difference in the lives of so many – I express my profound gratitude.

With best wishes for an enjoyable evening,

Elias M. (Lou) Nemnom
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William A. Martimucci, M.D.

Distinguished Service Award

For over two decades, Dr. William A. Martimucci has been an exemplar of compassionate care for thousands of patients, particularly through his primary care services for the elderly in Westchester and in adjoining communities. Board-certified in internal and geriatric medicine, Dr. Martimucci is a member of the WESTMED Medical Group and has served as Medical Director at The Osborn Retirement Community since 1991.

He has received many accolades throughout his career, including multi-year honors as one of Westchester’s Top Doctors, as voted by his peers through a rigorous survey process designed to identify the most highly skilled, exceptional physicians in the County.

When contemplating this evening’s event and the choice of Honoree for the Distinguished Service Award, Dr. Martimucci immediately came to mind. He has always been a friend to VNS Westchester (VNSW) and truly epitomizes what it means to be a “dedicated professional.” In asking our clinical staff to describe their impressions of Dr. Martimucci, there was remarkable consensus about his stature as both a medical professional and an individual.

First and foremost, he is a tireless advocate for his patients. He never says no to anything that he believes will improve their health. He is known to think outside the box and considers the entire individual, including wellness and quality of life issues. He keeps long hours and works hard for his patients.

Dr. Martimucci is extremely supportive of home care services. He understands the value of rehabilitation therapies and the importance of coordinating patient care for the best possible outcomes. He serves an active population of over 100 home health care patients at any given time. That means 100 “face-to-faces,” 100 new sets of orders, 100 initial phone calls and endless interim orders. Yet, despite this tremendous volume of work and documentation, Dr. Martimucci’s response is always timely and without complaint. He finds the time to compliment our nurses and therapists on their care of his patients. He is admired and respected by our staff and leadership and among so many in the healthcare community who appreciate the positive impact he has on our growing elderly population.

Dr. Martimucci is well-loved by all of his patients. They see his special way of quiet caring and his devotion to detail that characterizes the high quality of care he delivers. In short, we all need a Dr. Martimucci in our lives. As such, it is with great pleasure that we honor him tonight with VNS Westchester’s Distinguished Service Award.
Honoree

Michael A. Baker

Community Leadership Award

Community leaders are often defined by their ability to shape ideas, build social capital and mobilize the resources needed to achieve common goals. These traits are characteristic of our friend, past Board member and long-time financial advisor, Michael Baker.

Recently retired after a successful financial career as First Vice President with UBS Financial Services, Michael helped guide our investment portfolio throughout the 2000’s as a member of the Board of Directors of the Westchester Visiting Nurse Services Group, Inc. (parent organization of VNS Westchester and our affiliate, Westchester Care at Home) and member of our Finance & Investments Committee. His deep experience and extensive knowledge of the investment climate helped sustain us through turbulent years in the industry, setting the stage for our future growth and service expansion.

Along with his financial career, Michael has a wide range of experience as an independent business owner, entrepreneur and author. He has been a restaurant chef/owner of Susan Lawrence Gourmet Foods in Chappaqua, one of the Hudson Valley’s most acclaimed gourmet food stores, bakery and caterer, where he remains a partner. He served for five years as Chairman of the White Plains Rotary Foundation and was a researcher at the Ernest Dichter Institute for Motivational Research. In “retirement,” Michael is involved in Seed2Supper, an innovative educational enrichment program designed to connect children, farmers and chefs. He is also writing his latest book, The Magic Carpet Business Ride, that introduces students to the entrepreneurial spirit.

Michael’s own entrepreneurial spirit is an equal match for his passion for community service. In addition to his service to VNS Westchester, he has contributed his time and expertise to a host of other nonprofit organizations in the region, including Slow Food USA, Open Door Family Medical Centers, the Rockefeller State Park Preserve and Arc Stages Theatre Group, which is adapting his new book into a play.

Michael is that rare individual who has successfully combined his business acumen, creativity and charitable interests to elevate the social, economic, and physical well-being of people of all ages in our community. We are delighted to recognize his contributions this evening by bestowing upon him VNS Westchester’s Community Leadership Award.
Richard H. McCarthy
Katharine McCloskey Wilson Award

Dick McCarthy has had a distinguished, decades-long career in banking and commercial lending, having held prominent positions at Manufacturers Hanover Trust, Chemical Bank and JP Morgan Chase, before starting up the commercial lending arm of a local bank in Connecticut.

As his interests turned to volunteer service in his home county of Westchester, we were fortunate that Dick brought his extensive financial experience and expertise to Westchester Visiting Nurse Services Group, Inc., the parent organization of Visiting Nurse Services in Westchester (VNSW) and its affiliate agency, Westchester Care at Home (WCAH).

As a member of our Board of Directors for the past twenty years, Dick has been instrumental in providing sound financial advice that has helped us maintain a reputation for fiscal responsibility and stability within a volatile industry. A valued advisor, Dick has served in a number of Board capacities. He is an Officer of the Group Board, currently serving as Treasurer. Since the outset, he has been a member of the Finance & Investments Committee and has served as its Chairman for the past several years. He also serves on our Executive and Audit Committees. Dick previously served as Chairman of the Board of Westchester Care at Home. In addition, he has served on the Board of Hospice & Palliative Care of Westchester, one of our partner agencies.

Dick and his wife Dorothy have resided in the Village of Larchmont in Westchester County since their marriage in 1955. Two of their children, Amy and Jed, also live in Larchmont, and they enjoy spending time with their four grandchildren.

We are very pleased to honor Dick this evening by presenting him with the Katharine McCloskey Wilson Award. As Past President of the Visiting Nurse Services Association of Yonkers, Mrs. Wilson was a driving force in bringing together several visiting nurse services into one central agency that is today VNS Westchester. Embodying her spirit and dedication, Dick has brought together essential resources that have helped us to thrive and grow over time into the largest nonprofit, community-based Medicare-certified home healthcare agency in Westchester and surrounding counties.
Master of Ceremonies

Michael Gargiulo
Anchor/Reporter, WNBC 4 New York

Michael Gargiulo is co-anchor for “Today in New York,” NBC4’s weekday morning newscast that airs from 4:30-7am.

Michael joined the NBC4 news team in July 2006, after serving nine years as a national correspondent and morning news anchor in Washington DC.

Gargiulo has a special interest in reporting on military affairs and earned an Emmy Award for a series of stories from Kuwait and Iraq. He has profiled the National Guard’s training in the jungles of Panama and was able to land on Greenland’s ice cap in one of the NY Air Guard’s special ski-equipped C-130 planes. Michael was honored to report live from the deck of the USS New York, the ship made of 7 and a half tons of steel from the World Trade Center, as it entered New York harbor for its commissioning.

In addition to his time in Washington, DC, Gargiulo served as anchor/reporter at KSTP-TV Minneapolis, MN; WLKY-TV, Louisville, KY; WYOU-TV, Scranton, PA; and WSAZ-TV in Huntington, WV.

Gargiulo, a native New Yorker, is a graduate of Xavier High School and New York University. He resides in Westchester with his wife and two children.

You can follow Michael on Twitter @michaelg4ny.
Founded in 1901, VNS Westchester (VNSW) is the largest community-based, not-for-profit Medicare-certified Home Healthcare Agency serving people of all ages in Westchester, the Bronx, Dutchess, Putnam and Rockland counties.

**Mission and Vision.** VNSW’s mission is to promote and support the health and sustain the independence of residents of Westchester and Putnam counties and surrounding communities through the delivery of home healthcare and related community health services. Our vision is to be the preferred provider of comprehensive home health and related community health services, distinguished by our exceptional clinical programs, superior outcomes and high level of client satisfaction.

**Core Services.** In support of our mission, our Agency provides a full array of dedicated home healthcare services offered 7-days a week, 24-hours a day. We utilize a case management approach to ensure that patients receive all services that are needed for them to reach their maximum level of well-being and independence. Our core services include skilled nursing and general medical-surgical care; physical, occupational and speech therapy; medical social work and home health aide services.

**Specialty Services.** In addition to our core services, we offer a number of innovative specialty programs to address additional community health needs, including:

- Mental Health Home Care
- Advanced Wound/Ostomy Care
- TeleHealth Monitoring
- Dysphagia Care (swallowing disorders)
- Chronic Disease Management
- Rehabilitation Services
- Cardiac Disease Management
- Pain Management/Palliative Care
- Low-Vision Services
- Smoking Cessation

**Community Education Programs.** VNSW provides a wide range of community services to preserve the health and well-being of residents in the areas we serve. Our programs, often presented in collaboration with community partners, emphasize healthy living, wellness, and chronic disease prevention. Our staff routinely participates in community health fairs, providing health screenings and educational presentations. We also offer Influenza Immunization Clinics at senior residences, schools, businesses, and other community centers. A Smoking Cessation program is also offered at various locations.

VNSW is accredited by the National League of Nursing’s Community Health Accreditation Program (CHAP), and we were named as a 2012 HomeCare Elite™ agency based on meeting rigorous national performance measures in key areas including home health quality, patient satisfaction and financial performance.
Nita M. Lowey
Congress of the United States
17th District, New York

May 16, 2013

Visiting Nurse Services in Westchester
360 Mamaroneck Ave.
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Dear Friends,

I am pleased to have this opportunity to extend greetings to everyone gathered for the Spring Benefit Gala of Visiting Nurse Services in Westchester. Please accept my best wishes for a successful and memorable event.

I would particularly like to congratulate your honorees, Dr. William A. Martimucci, Michael A. Baker and Richard H. McCarthy, for their outstanding leadership. They are more than deserving of this recognition.

On this special occasion, I want to thank all of the hard-working nurses, therapists, home health aides, and others bringing top-quality health care into patients' homes. Your innovative programs—smoking cessation, cardiac disease management, wound care and remote monitoring among them—bring a better quality of life to so many thousands in this area. Home health care is a growing field, as you well know. Because of your dedication, our community is stronger and we are better able to take care of one another.

I am confident of your continued success and grateful for all you do.

Sincerely,

Nita M. Lowey
Member of Congress
May 16, 2013

Dear Friends;

It is a great honor to have this opportunity to welcome each of you to the Visiting Nurse Services, 2013 Spring Gala. It is important to take this time to come together in celebration of the many resources that Visiting Nurse Services provides our community.

Visiting Nurse Services provides a crucial link in the delivery of health care to more than 9,000 patients and their families. Its role as the largest non-profit, Medicaid certified home health care provider serving Westchester, the Bronx, Dutchess, Putnam, and Rockland counties, ensures quality care designed to sustain the health and well being of patients in a home setting.

I am pleased to recognize the many accomplishments of this evenings honorees, and join with you in expressing my appreciation for their service to our community. Dr. William A. Martimucci, The Osborn Retirement Community, Michael A. Baker and Richard H. McCarthy are worthy of our deepest appreciation and support.

I am grateful to the many individuals who have made this Visiting Nurse Services, 2013 Spring Gala possible and thank each of you, for your support of this important community resource, which helps so many people in need.

Best Wishes,

Senator Andrea Stewart-Cousins
Democratic Conference Leader
May 16, 2013

Dear Friends:

It is my pleasure to join Visiting Nurse Services of Westchester on the occasion of its annual Spring Benefit Gala. This wonderful program gives us an opportunity to recognize the outstanding efforts of this year’s honorees, Dr. William A. Martimucci, The Westchester Medical Group; Michael A. Baker, UBS Financial Services, Inc.; and Richard H. McCarthy, VNSW Board Member.

Founded in 1901, VNSW, a not-for-profit, Medicare-certified home health care agency, serves Westchester residents and provides a wide variety of services including skilled nursing care; physical, occupational and speech therapy; home health aide services; medical social work services; and community health education. We are truly fortunate to have VNSW in our midst.

I hope all gathered for this memorable and enjoyable event have a wonderful time. My sincere best wishes for your continued success in all that you do.

Sincerely,

Robert P. Astorino
County Executive
Greetings to the guests of the Visiting Nurse Services in Westchester Spring Benefit Gala:

Visiting Nurse Services in Westchester is a precious resource to the community and has earned the distinction as the largest community-based, not-for-profit Medicare-certified home health care agency serving Westchester, the Bronx, Dutchess, Putnam and Rockland county residents. Headquartered in White Plains, VNSW serves patients of all ages, their families, and caregivers. In 2012, more than 9,000 patients benefited from the skilled nursing care, rehabilitative therapies, home health aide services, medical social work services and community health education programs offered to residents.

It is an honor and pleasure to extend congratulations to this evening’s honorees:

DR. WILLIAM A. MARTIMUCCI
Internal Medicine & Geriatrics, The Westchester Medical Group
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MICHAEL A. BAKER
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