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Welcome to NJHA's Best at the Beach 2023

Dear Colleague,

Healthcare attracts people with big hearts, cool heads and a drive to help others. NJHA's Best at the Beach celebrates those healthcare heroes and their tireless work to make New Jersey a great place to call home.

Each day in our healthcare facilities, on every shift, there are stories that warm your heart and inspire the imagination. We've captured some of the very best examples in our Best at the Beach award winners, as nominated by NJHA members and judged by a panel of peers. As we applaud those honorees, this event is really about celebrating the hundreds of thousands of healthcare professionals who infuse our hospitals, nursing homes and other postacute and elder care providers with the passion and compassion that leaves a mark on people's lives.

Thank you for all you do. And as we gather to recognize New Jersey's healthcare community, let us be the first to raise a toast to you – and to health!

Cathy Bennett

NJHA President and CEO

Edward J. Condit

President and CEO, St. Mary's General Hospital

2023 NJHA Board Chair



Lifetime Achievement Award

Gary Horan, FACHE, President and CEO (ret.)

Trinitas Regional Medical Center, RWJBarnabas Health



With more than 30 years of experience as a hospital president and CEO in the tristate region, he has been a singular force that ensured continued access to hospital care for the people of Elizabeth by merging two struggling hospitals into Trinitas Regional Medical Center. His crowning achievements in his long career include overseeing Trinitas' integration into RWJBarnabas Health and the opening of a new medical arts facility to continue delivering high quality care to the city.

Distinguished Service Award

Bob Segin, EVP and chief financial officer Virtua Health



In a critical role, he helps ensure that his health system has the margin to deliver on its mission to its patients, employees and community members. He consistently delivers leadership that supports quality, accessible care and investment in healthy communities, including chairing the Board for NJHA Healthcare Business Solutions.

Tom Biga, EVP and President of the Northwest Region RWJBarnabas Health



A prime example of servant leadership, he has spent more than three decades supporting 12 adult hospitals and four children's hospitals in the RWJBarnabas System. He also shares generously with colleagues for the good of healthcare statewide, having served in numerous roles with NJHA including Chair of the NJHA Board of Trustees.

Emeritus Prize

Lori Herndon, President and CEO (ret.) **AtlantiCare**



C he has been a longtime leader working to build health and opportunity for Atlan-Itic City and its surrounding communities. An RN who worked her way from the patient unit to the CEO office, she remains a steadfast advocate for the healthcare workforce and a mentor to many.

Kevin Slavin, President and CEO St. Joseph's Health



respected healthcare executive who served as CEO at St. Joseph's Health and AEast Orange General Hospital, he helped lead NJHA and the provider community through the first year of the COVID-19 pandemic as the 2020 NJHA Board chair - the right leader at the right time.

Lifetime Achievement - Clinical Leadership

Walter Rosenfeld, MD, medical director of children's health Atlantic Health System



Distinguished Service - Trustee

Frank Fekete, Board of Trustees Chair Hackensack Meridian Health



Clinical Excellence

Suzanne Spernal, DNP, APN-BC, senior vice president of women's services RWJBarnabas Health,

and

Dr. Bipinchandra Patel, FAAP, chairman of the Department of Pediatrics and physician-in-chief,

The Children's Hospital at Saint Peter's Healthcare System (posthumously)

Finalist

The Maternal-Fetal Medicine Center, Englewood Health

Healthy New Jersey Award

Center for Healing Cooper University Health Care

Finalist

Community Health Team, Bergen New Bridge Medical Center

Excellence in Patient Experience

Patient Experience Team Morristown Medical Center

and

Southgate Special Care Christian Health New Jersey

Finalist

Community Health Team Bergen New Bridge Medical Center

Meet Our 2023 Best at the Beach Honorees Diversity and Inclusion Award

Social Equality Council
Valley Health System

Finalist

Marie Anderson, Director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

Hackensack Meridian Health

Innovation in Elder Services

Roberto Muñiz, President and CEO

Parker Health Group

Finalist

Manisha Parulekar, MD, Hackensack Meridian Health

Emerging Leader Award

Diana Candelejo, Assistant Vice President for Economic Inclusion, Social Impact and Community Investment RWJBarnabas Health

and

William O'Connor, Executive Director at The Chelsea at Bald Eagle Chelsea Senior Living

Connect Award for Outstanding Communication

Shining a Light on Team Members Hackensack Meridian Health

and

"Class of 93" Colon Cancer Awareness Campaign Virtua Health

HealthPAC Campaign Leader Awards

1989 Society

Brian Gragnolati, President and CEO Atlantic Health System

Amy Mansue, President and CEO Inspira Health

> Scott Leighty, EVP and Chief **Health System Officer** Atlantic Health System

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2023 Legislators of the Year

Senate Majority Whip Troy Singleton (D-7)



Assembly Majority Leader Lou Greenwald (D-6)



These two leaders championed the safety of New Jersey's healthcare teams with their sponsorship of the Health Care Heroes Violence Prevention Act, adding to their long record of support for healthy communities, strong hospitals and sound healthcare policy in New Jersey.

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Lori Herndon, MBA, BSN, RN
Past President and CEO, AtlantiCare

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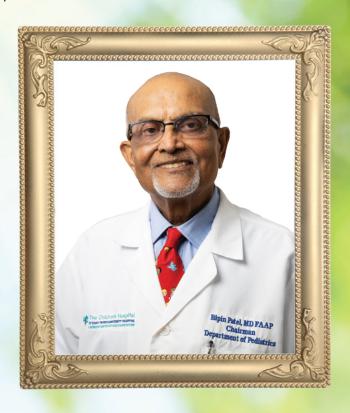
AtlantiCare congratulates Lori Herndon on being awarded the **New Jersey Hospital Association – Emeritus Prize**, recognizing a retiring leader who has left a legacy of unselfish commitment to the association and New Jersey's provider community.

Congratulations to all of the NJHA Best at the Beach 2023 honorees for making a difference in our community.

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Celebrating the Legacy of Bipin Patel, MD, FAAP



"A life not lived for others is not a life."

– Mother Teresa



RWJBarnabas Health proudly supports the **NJHA's Best at the Beach** and congratulates this year's honorees:

The Lifetime Achievement Award

Gary Horan, President and CEO (ret.), Trinitas Regional Medical Center

Distinguished Service Award

Tom Biga, Executive Vice President and President, Northwest Region

Clinical Excellence Award

Suzanne Spernal, DNP, APN-BC, Senior Vice President of Women's Services

Emerging Leader Award

Diana Candelejo, Assistant Vice President for Economic Inclusion, Social Impact and Community Investment



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Congratulations to all honorees, especially
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Hackensack Meridian Health Board of Trustees



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is proud to congratulate our NJHA "Best at the Beach" Honorees

Lifetime Achievement - Clinical Leadership

Walter Rosenfeld, MD

Medical Director of Children's Health
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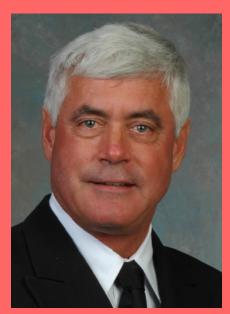
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Assemblyman Ned Thomson would like to congratulate Gary Horan on the Lifetime Achievement Award!



Assemblyman Ned Thomson, 30th District



Congratulations William O'Connor



William O'Connor, Executive Director The Chelsea at Bald Eagle West Milford

NJHA's Emerging Leader of the Year

You have been an excellent role model and we are proud of all that you do!

Congrats on this well deserved honor!



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Senator Declan O'Scanlon

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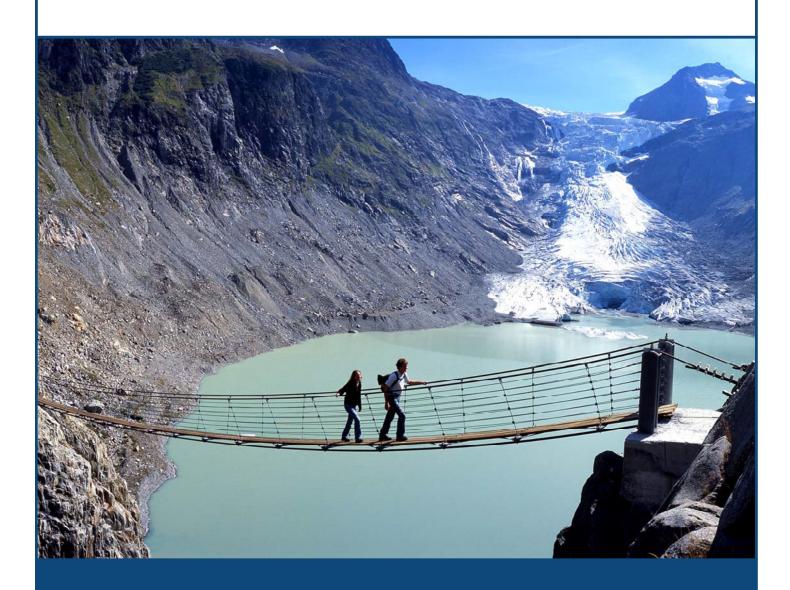
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