



Featured Letter: A Call to Action for Our Community

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To the Editor:

Last summer, Southold resident Jonathan Tibett experienced firsthand the exceptional care provided by Stony Brook Eastern Long Island Hospital (SBELIH) when his father, Art Tibett, faced a life-threatening heart issue. Thanks to the swift action of the hospital's emergency room staff, Art's life was saved, and he continues to be a cherished member of our community.

Jonathan and his wife, Magdalena, have since become substantial supporters of SBELIH, recognizing the hospital's critical role in our lives. They were honored at the hospital's annual gala, where they joined the efforts to raise \$1.5 million for the creation of a primary stroke center—an essential facility for the North Fork's aging population, where nearly three-quarters of strokes occur in individuals over 65. With our community's unique demographic needs, a dedicated stroke center will provide timely and specialized care to those most at risk, improving outcomes and saving lives.

As Paul Connor, Chief Administrative Officer of SBELIH, emphasized, the establishment of a stroke center is crucial for our community. The funds raised will not only make this a reality but also support the purchase of new medical equipment, including a CT scanner, telemedicine technology, and essential resources necessary for the stroke center's success. These advancements will help us provide comprehensive, high-quality care to all who need it, close to home.

We invite you to join us in supporting SBELIH's mission to enhance the health and safety of our community. Every donation makes a significant impact, moving us closer to building a state-of-the-art stroke center that will safeguard the well-being of our loved ones for years to come. Together, we can make a real difference.

How You Can Help:

- **Donate:** Your financial support is crucial. Contributions can be made [directly to SBELIH's fundraising campaign](#).
- **Spread the Word:** Share this story with friends and family to raise awareness of the hospital's needs.
- **Attend Future Events:** Participate in [upcoming fundraising events](#) to show your support.

This is not just about one family—it's about ensuring a safer, healthier future for all of us on the North Fork. Let's come together to provide SBELIH with the resources needed to continue its vital, life-saving work.

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Sincerely,

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