

# EASTERN LONG ISLAND HOSPITAL FOUNDATION

# 2020 YEAR IN REVIEW

**D**ear Friend,

2020 has been a year like no other. The Coronavirus pandemic delivered a rare combination of challenges and disruptions. We are proud to report, that with the strength of Stony Brook Medicine behind us, our local hospital overcame many obstacles, in no small part, thanks to you.

Your generosity continues to shine brightly on Stony Brook Eastern Long Island Hospital. Every dollar raised through ELIH Foundation stays here, to benefit your hospital and the community it serves. Fundraising during a pandemic is obviously no simple feat, however, once again, our community responded to the needs of others and made significant contributions.

Our COVID-19 Action Fund raised over \$410,000 and allowed us to acquire COVID-19 testing equipment, an ultraviolet (UV) sanitizing system, a microfiber cleaning system and more, to better serve our patients. Our grand, traditional Summer Gala became a creative "Gala at Home," yet still raised over \$130,000. The 2nd Annual Fishing Tournament had many boats participating and is solidifying its place among our annual fundraising events. By expanding and increasing its overall profitability, the 28th Annual Golf Classic (with careful planning for everyone's safety) was just as successful as our past classics. And, our 4th Annual 5K Family Walk/Run event became a social media event and raised awareness for our Behavioral Health and Addiction Services.

Despite the ongoing challenges to healthcare we are experiencing, we are committed to continuing to improve the services and infrastructure of Stony Brook Eastern Long Island Hospital. None of this is possible without the ongoing contributions of this generous community in which we live and work. During this season of goodwill we hope you will consider including Stony Brook Eastern Long Island Hospital in your giving plans and donate to our 2021 Annual Appeal. Gifts to our Annual Appeal provide unrestricted support for a variety of wide-ranging programs, services, state-of-the art equipment, and technology.

Thank you for your ongoing generosity, and please know: your donations remain local. May your holiday be filled with warmth, love and good health.



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## SBELIH NEWS!



### 2020 Nursing Award recipients: recognizing nurses on the front lines

**T**his year, as COVID-19 affects millions, nurses continue to go above and beyond – leaving their homes and their families each day with great courage. We thank and celebrate those who support the good health of our patients, and our community.

Congratulations to our 2020 Nursing Award recipients.



*Nassau  
Suffolk Nurse of Excellence*  
**Patricia McArdle, RN**



*Preceptor Nurse  
of Distinction*  
**Danielle McCabe, RN**



*Novice Nurse  
of Distinction*  
**Jill Dinizio, RN**



*Nurse  
of Distinction*  
**Karen Gatz, RN**



### All of our employees were named Laura Goodale Award recipients by the Rotary Clubs of Greenport and Southold



**T**his award usually honors the exemplary service of one very deserving healthcare employee, who embodies the legacy of Laura Goodale. Despite cancellation (due to COVID-19) both Rotaries went above and beyond to donate \$3000 (an additional \$500) in honor of this year's Laura Goodale Award recipients: the entire staff of SBELIH.

### The Center for Musculoskeletal Health is closer than you think!

**C**oming soon! Stony Brook Medicine's nationally acclaimed level of orthopedic care is now available for East End Residents at Stony Brook's Center of Excellence for Musculoskeletal Health. With many locations across the East End, the Center for Musculoskeletal Health treats a wide variety of muscle tone and joint conditions for all ages. This center is part of Stony Brook Orthopedic Associates - providing complete access to a comprehensive range of specialists for every orthopedic need. This program is nationally recognized by US News and World Report as one of the Top 50 programs nationwide for 2020. For more information, call (631) 638-BONE (2663).



## Three new hospitalists joined Stony Brook Eastern Long Island Hospital

In July, SBELIH welcomed three new hospitalists to our medical staff: Brian Boden, DO; Patrick Rutka, DO; Israr Shah, DO. Dr. Boden, Dr. Rutka and Dr. Shah have all completed their residency in internal medicine at Stony Brook Southampton Hospital (SBSH), located in Southampton, NY. Physicians /internists who specialize in providing and managing the care and treatment of hospitalized patients, these hospitalists will be invaluable to our community.

## New Psychiatry Residency Program



Left to right: Rosemarie Montecalvo, DO; Amanda Sukhu, DO; Emily Watkins, MD; Michael LaSala, DO; Harrison Strom, DO

Together, Stony Brook Eastern Long Island Hospital (SBELIH) and Stony Brook University Hospital (SBUH) provide the region's leading behavioral health programs on Long Island. Thanks to Stony Brook Medicine (SBM), SBELIH is home to a new psychiatry residency program.

Focusing on community psychiatry and addiction psychiatry, it's led by Dr. Eduardo Constantino who became Program Director in February of 2020.

Already home to several of the most highly regarded behavioral health programs in Suffolk County, our first year residents complete four months of a Medicine rotation and two months of a Neurology rotation at Stony Brook Southampton Hospital (SBSH), four months of Inpatient Psychiatry at SBELIH, and two months in the Comprehensive Psychiatric Emergency Program (CPEP) at SBUH. Residents will finish their third year of residency at Quannacut Outpatient Services, helping to meet a high demand for behavioral health services on the East End. While Stony Brook's psychiatry residency program is well established, this is a new beginning at SBELIH.

## NYS awards SBELIH \$7,920 to expand Telehealth Services for Addiction

This year, Stony Brook Eastern Long Island Hospital received \$7,920 to expand Telehealth Addiction Services. SBELIH, one of six providers on Long Island, was one of 33 providers across New York State's Regional Economic Development Zones to receive this grant.

Although home is considered a "safe place" to protect yourself from COVID-19, being home can pose risks for those struggling with addiction. More Telehealth resources will enable us to safely provide care to more members of our community, without compromising patients' or staff members' health. Thanks to the efforts of David Cohen, Director, Quannacut Outpatient Services and Susan Wilner, LCSW, Assistant Director for Behavioral Health Services, Stony Brook Medicine who worked diligently from application to approval, this funding can help purchase PCs, software, monitors, speakers, laptops, keyboards, or webcams.



## Our print ad for Quannacut won a Hermes Creative Award



**Advanced integrated treatment that's driving breakthroughs in recovery.**

**QUANNACUT OUTPATIENT SERVICES: BETTER MEDICINE. BETTER RESULTS.**  
By combining the highest caliber medicine, psychiatry and behavioral therapy all under one roof, we're offering a solution that's at the forefront of modern treatment for substance use disorders. Stony Brook Medicine specialists work together to create individualized treatment plans for each patient for optimal success. At our state-of-the-art behavioral health facility, we're not just changing lives—we're saving them.

Quannacut Outpatient Services  
601 East Main St., Westport, NY 11691  
(516) 339-4900

 Stony Brook Medicine

An international competition for creative professionals, The Hermes Creative Awards received over 6000 entries from across the US and 22 other countries in 2020. This ad, created by blumenfeld + fleming (bplusf.com) received gold.



## A YEAR OF GENEROUS GIFTS FROM OUR COMMUNITY



### Greenport Harbor Brewing Co. delivered 750 face shields

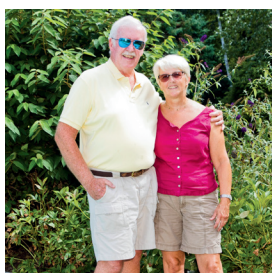


**R**ichard Vandenburg, co-founder of Greenport Harbor Brewing Company and President of the Village of Greenport Business Improvement District (BID), personally delivered 500

face shields to us. Mr. Vandenburg and the brewery's co-founder John Leigey teamed up with Jamie and Bob Mills of William J. Mills & Co. Sailmakers to develop and produce face shields for local hospitals, first responders, and community outreach volunteers. In collaboration with Mark Miller, former owner of Miller Environmental and Bob Gammon, co-owner of Woodside Orchards in Jamesport, and co-lead advisor for the Southold/Greenport robotics team, the businesses started a GoFundMe, hoping the community would step up and contribute to this worthy cause. They raised \$28,000 in three days!

### The Harolds' continued generosity provides rapid flu results

**T**hanks to the Harolds' long-standing generosity, SBELIH's laboratory is currently equipped with one GeneXpert® diagnostic system that delivers a rapid flu diagnosis in 30 minutes. Cepheid, the manufacturer of this equipment, has received FDA approval to test for COVID-19 on this same equipment with a 45-minute turnaround time for results.



### Testing, one, two, free!

**B**ig thanks to Duryea's Orient Point for making it possible for us to provide COVID-19 tests, free, to members of the North Fork Chamber of Commerce and the greater North Fork business community.

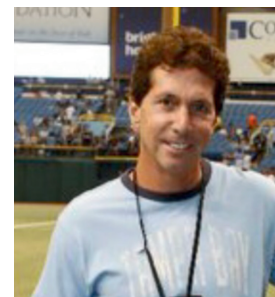
Duryea's Orient Point principals had a vision that aligned with the mission of the Chamber of Commerce and Stony Brook Eastern Long Island Hospital - to help local businesses reopen and stay open, safely.

Thanks to them, our nursing personnel administered hundreds of tests from late June through late September. Over the course of the three months, over 99% of the test results were negative- only one person tested positive!

### Owner of Shinn Estate, Croteaux, and Schreiber Farm donated \$100,000 to aid SBELIH COVID-19 Action Fund

**I**n response to the pandemic, local business owner Randy Frankel donated \$100,000 to the Eastern Long Island Hospital Foundation's COVID-19 Action Fund to aid Stony Brook Eastern Long Island Hospital.

Mr. Frankel became enamored with the North Fork approximately four years ago when he visited for the first time – and purchased Shinn Estate Vineyards the first day. We are truly thankful to Mr. Frankel for his generosity.



### SBELIH employee purchased Vapotherm® System to aid the fight against COVID-19



**S**hari Hymes, RRT has been a respiratory therapist for over 35 years. She, like most Americans, has never seen anything like the COVID-19 pandemic in all of her years in the field.

Shari personally purchased a \$10,000 High Velocity Nasal

Insufflation (Hi-VNI®) system from a company called Vapotherm®. As an employee of both hospitals, she had seen the positive effects of this equipment first-hand at Stony Brook Southampton Hospital (SBSH). The piece of equipment is a lot more comfortable and allows the patient to actually sit up in bed, which they cannot do if intubated and it's safer for our healthcare workers.





## Operation COVID-19 Defense Fund donated their Go Fund Me proceeds to SBELIH



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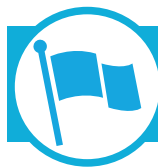
The funds will be used to acquire additional resources to support our institution-wide infection prevention efforts, including additional COVID-19 testing equipment and ultraviolet (UV) cleaning equipment.

## Wendy's Deli donated custom "SBELIH Strong" t-shirts to all Hospital employees



**W**endy Zuhoski of Wendy's Deli in Mattituck donated 450 customized "SBELIH Strong" t-shirts to Stony Brook Eastern Long Island Hospital's entire staff.

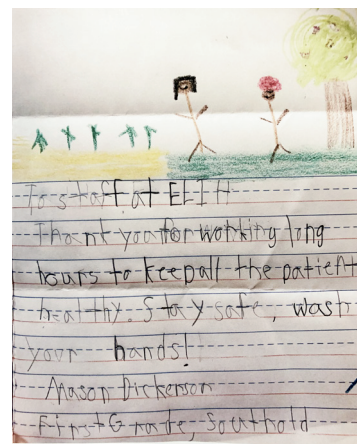
After a deli patron donated "NoFo Strong" t-shirts to Ms. Zuhoski and her staff, Wendy began to sell them and then customized them for our staff. Wendy's also donated countless meals. Their support has been tremendous.



## COMMUNITY SPIRIT

### Greenport and Southold students thanked our heroes with handwritten letters

**D**avid Gamberg, Superintendent of Greenport and Southold Union Free School Districts delivered several hundred letters to SBELIH. Each letter was addressed personally to one member of the hospital's staff, all were written by students of Greenport and Southold schools. Mr. Gamberg, accompanied by Mr. Ryan Case, Director of Educational Technology at Greenport UFSD, delivered the letters.



With schools closed due to COVID-19, this project was part of an initiative implemented by both school districts to encourage students to engage in "non-screen time" community service activities over their Spring Break.

### WLNG Radio's Rolling Roadcaster Bus stops by SBELIH for dance break

**W**LNG 92.1 FM stopped by Stony Brook Eastern Long Island Hospital (SBELIH) in their Rolling Roadcaster Bus for a dance break to show their appreciation for the hospital's healthcare heroes. The WLNG bus sported the banner "WHERE THE 'G' STANDS FOR GRATITUDE" while playing Andrew Gold's "Thank You For Being A Friend." Gary Sapiane, radio personality and GM of WLNG emceed the event alongside Program Director, and Chief Meteorologist of WLNG, Bill Evans. New York State Assembly Member Anthony H. Palumbo, who also made an appearance to honor SBELIH's essential workers, called them heroes.







## RECORD BREAKING YEAR FOR ELIH AUXILIARY



### ELIH Auxiliary raised over 500K for SBELIH

Our Auxiliary broke previous fundraising records by donating over \$500,000 in 2019. This spectacular donation makes the Auxiliary the hospital's top donor of 2019. At the close of 2016, the volunteers made a generous contribution of \$400,000 to the hospital. Incredibly, they have increased their annual contribution to the hospital each year since hitting that milestone.



### ELIH Auxiliary Opportunity Shop Named 2019 Platinum Best Consignment/Thrift Shop

By Dan's Papers "Best of the Best"  
on the North Fork



## ELIH BOARD NEWS

### ELIH Foundation welcomes new Chairman, Paul J. Romanelli

The Eastern Long Island Hospital (ELIH) Foundation named Paul J. Romanelli, Chairman of The ELIH Foundation. Romanelli is the fourth Chairman in The ELIH Foundation's 14-year history. As President of Suffolk Security Systems, Romanelli has deep and relevant professional experience. His predecessor, Dr. Z Micah Kaplan, remains on the board.



### David C. Basile and Terence L. Kelleher, Esq., join our Board of Directors

Founder and Principal of RD Global Research, LLC, a company specializing in development of systematic investment strategies and portfolio assembly, Mr. Basile is a graduate of Queens College with a bachelor's degree in Accounting and Economics.



Mr. Kelleher is retired from Combined Coordinating Council, Inc. (CCC), where he served as President and Chief Executive Officer for over ten years. CCC is a not-for-profit corporation that provides risk management advisory services and claims management for its clients in the field of healthcare. After completing his undergraduate studies at St. Peter's University in New Jersey, Mr. Kelleher earned his Juris Doctor (JD) degree at Fordham Law School in Manhattan.





## 2020 EVENTS: WHAT A YEAR IT WAS!



**Summer Soiree Gala at Home**, held in August, raised approximately \$130,000. Donors were invited to order gourmet take-away meals and give a virtual toast to the hospital from the comfort and safety of their own homes; thanks to the creativity and efforts of the ELIH Foundation and the Gala Committee, the event was a success. Plans for the 2021 Annual Summer Gala(s) are underway.



**28th Annual Golf Classic**, held in October, at North Fork Country Club, raised \$134,000. This year's classic had approximately 165 golfers in participation, a record number of sponsorships, and raised more than our 2019 Classic.

This year we honored SBELIH Healthcare Heroes. Jack and Maggie Biggane of the Mollie Biggane Melanoma Foundation, the original 2020 honorees, "took a mulligan" and asked to be honored at a later date, as they felt the Healthcare Heroes of Stony Brook Eastern Long Island Hospital should be recognized for their efforts both on and behind the frontlines of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Top sponsors included Title Sponsor: BNB Bank, Gold Sponsors: Denise and James Martin, and Employee Table Sponsors: Susan and James Sweeney.

**2nd Annual Fall Striper Showdown Fishing Tournament**, held at Port of Egypt Marine, in September, raised nearly \$45,000. 23 boats participated. Big thanks to Sponsors: Port of Egypt Marine, Greenport Harbor Brewing Co., Mystic Oysters, Southold Fish Market and Osprey's Dominion Vineyard. Blue Fish Sponsors included Claudio's Greenport and Zemoga, while Duryea's Orient Point, the Plumbers Local Union No. 200, and MLMIC Insurance Company took Gold Sponsorships. Generous donors included Binder Pools, Inc., Sally and Terry J. McLaughlin, M. Wein Realty, and Peconic Landing. Thanks to the foresight and creativity of the tournament planning committee, led by Dave and Maryellen Basile, the event was both safe and successful. The Fall Striper Showdown Fishing Tournament is the brainchild of Dave Basile of Shelter Island, who joined our Board of Directors this year.



## 2021 FUNDRAISING EVENTS

In these uncertain times, planning anything is a challenge. We are planning and looking forward to many exciting events in 2021. Please continue to check our website for updated event dates and details!

***"With your vital support, we are stronger and better able to serve you than ever before."***

***This challenging year highlighted our resilience as a hospital and as a community."***

- Paul J. Connor, III Chief Administrative Officer, SBELIH

## Transforming healthcare on the North Fork & Shelter Island



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