
ST. JOHN'S RIVERSIDE



November 17, 2020

Dear Friend,

We can all agree that 2020 is a year that we will never forget and our idea of “normal” has been changed forever. As COVID-19 swept through our community, it felt surreal as we put our regular lives on hold and navigated through a difficult time without a roadmap. Many of us lost family members, friends and neighbors and in some cases, we weren’t able to say goodbye. As the pandemic unfolded, we looked to our healthcare workers for guidance as we met the countless challenges. Our healthcare workers have always been essential to our community, but they became heroes as they showed up every day to battle an invisible enemy. During the toughest days of the pandemic, there were countless doctors and nurses who couldn’t return home after work to ensure the safety of their families. Dedicated staff members worked overtime because so many of their colleagues were out sick at one time or another. We know the war is not over. We still have challenges ahead of us and we may not know what the future holds, but it is clear that our Healthcare Heroes will be there for us and our loved ones should we need them.

Ordinarily, we would be able to come together to celebrate and reflect on the past year at our annual Gala, but due to government mandates and our concern for the safety of our staff and community partners, we have decided to cancel the Gala this year. However, we feel strongly that it’s important to remember the inspiration, bravery, and comradery that came from such a difficult time that none of us were fully prepared for or could have ever anticipated. To commemorate some of those moments and to show our appreciation for one another, we have decided to create a Heroes Journal that will tell our story through ads, quotes, and photos.

In lieu of our annual Gala this year, we invite you to purchase an ad in the **Heroes Journal**, which will be available digitally and in hard copy. Proceeds from the Heroes Journal will support our COVID-19 Relief Fund, which will help us pay for equipment such as high flow oxygen devices and PPE for our staff, as well as any additional needs we may have in the future. Our goal is to continue to offer the exceptional care and services we have delivered over the past 150 years. We recognize that you have already done so much but we ask for your support again so we are prepared should the community need us.

Please contact Denise Mananas at 914-798-8990 or dmananas@riversidehealth.org, if you have questions. Thank you again for all that you have done to get us through this storm. With your support we can continue to be Community Strong!

Warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ronald J. Corti".

Ronald J. Corti
President & CEO