

## Roosevelt Breaks Ground on ED Expansion and Redesign

**M**ore than 100 donors, residents, community leaders, volunteers, hospital leadership, and staff gathered together on March 3, 2008, for a special groundbreaking ceremony to celebrate the Roosevelt Hospital Emergency Department Redesign. This redesign and expansion project has been made possible in part thanks to a fundraising campaign that has so far received more than \$3.5 million in gifts from the Board of Overseers, grateful patients, corporations, employees, and government organizations.

"It was wonderful to have so many people come to the event and show their support for this project that truly is a community priority," said Joan Sarnoff, Chair of the Board of Overseers at St. Luke's and Roosevelt Hospitals.

Roosevelt's Emergency Department is one of the busiest in New York City and provides urgent care for more than 60,000 patients each year—a number that is expected to grow as residential and business development flourishes on Manhattan's West Side. To meet this demand, the ED is being expanded and reconfigured to double the number and size of treatment spaces. Additional plans include a dedicated CT scanner; upgrades to the trauma, resuscitation, and sexual assault treatment rooms; and improved decontamination facilities and equipment.

"For more than 130 years, the Roosevelt Hospital Emergency Department has served Manhattan's West Side with distinction," said Frank J. Cracolici, President and CEO of St. Luke's and Roosevelt Hospitals. "This redesign and expansion will give us the opportunity to build upon our longstanding tradition of providing the highest quality emergent care with compassion and concern for each patient."

At the groundbreaking ceremony held in the Roosevelt lobby, guests learned more about this important project



The family of Elizabeth Opdyke Cleveland in whose memory the Stacy Hollock Opdyke Trust gave to the Emergency Department Redesign Project

through storyboards, digital images, and the opportunity to talk with project leaders and representatives from the hospital. The event also included a speech by special guest Congressman Jerrold Nadler (see below) as well as a tour of the construction area, where guests joined in the demolition by taking a few swings with a hammer.

"This project is obviously very important to me and my colleagues in the ED," said Dan Wiener, MD, Chairman of the Emergency Department. "It was a real pleasure to see others sharing our commitment to create this new space for our patients."

## Congressman Nadler Supports ED Renovation Project



Front to Back: Lawrence S. Huntington, Frank J. Cracolici, US Representative Jerrold Nadler, and New York City Council Member Gale Brewer

The Roosevelt Hospital Emergency Department Redesign and Expansion got a big boost from Congressman Jerrold Nadler, who successfully secured significant federal funding for the project.

Congressman Nadler has represented New York's Eighth Congressional District—home to Roosevelt Hospital—since 1992. As a West Side resident himself, he understands the changing needs of the hospital's neighborhood.

"Ensuring that our local emergency medical services have the resources they need to care for the growing number of people living and working in our community is a top priority,"

Congressman Nadler said. "I am thrilled to support the expansion of Roosevelt Hospital's Emergency Department."

Thanks to Congressman Nadler's help, Roosevelt received vital federal funding to support the construction and capital equipment purchases needed to complete the renovation project.

"Roosevelt Hospital is so fortunate to have a congressional leader like Jerry Nadler who recognizes the importance of this project to our community," said Frank J. Cracolici, President and CEO of St. Luke's and Roosevelt Hospitals. "We are deeply grateful for his ongoing support."

## Spring Gala

On April 16, 2008, more than 800 trustees, donors, friends, and staff enjoyed the festivities at St. Luke's and Roosevelt Hospitals' eleventh annual Spring Gala at the Marriott Marquis in Times Square. The Gala honored Jay A. Rappaport, Esq., a founding partner of the law firm of Aaronson Rappaport Feinstein & Deutsch, LLP and Albert A. Attia, MD, Director Emeritus of Roosevelt Hospital's Gastrointestinal Service, for their unwavering commitment to St. Luke's and Roosevelt Hospitals. Raising \$1 million for the hospitals, the memorable evening featured a tribute to Dr. Attia by award-winning PBS broadcast journalist Bill Moyers as well as a performance by classical musicians Israel Chorberg and Tamara Kezerov.

Gala chairs included Morton P. Hyman, Chairman Emeritus of the Board of Continuum Health Partners; Lawrence S. Huntington, Chairman of the Boards of Trustees, Continuum Health Partners

and St. Luke's and Roosevelt Hospitals; Stanley Brezenoff, President and Chief Executive Officer, Continuum Health Partners; Frank J. Cracolici, President and Chief Executive Officer, St. Luke's and Roosevelt Hospitals; and Trustee Joan Sarnoff. Leila F. Attiyeh, Terri Benvenisty, Serene Romas, Emily Steiner, and Alice M. Todd served as dinner chairs, while Gail F. Donovan, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, Continuum Health Partners, was the journal chair. Annetta Kimball, MD, John Olichney, MD, and the late Michael Lesch, MD, served as physician committee chairs.

### PHOTOS

- 1 Frank J. Cracolici, Albert A. Attia, MD, and Bill Moyers
- 2 Steven Hochberg, Janet Green, Dr. and Mrs. Joseph Krespi
- 3 Arthur Sarnoff, Frank J. Cracolici, Joan Sarnoff, and Richard A. Goldstein
- 4 Arthur Lennon, MD, Carl Braun, MD, and Lawrence S. Huntington
- 5 Alison Estabrook, MD, and Sharon M. Rosenbaum Smith, MD
- 6 Stanley Brezenoff, Louis B. Harrison, MD, and Gabriel Sara, MD
- 7 Gail Donovan and W. Brian Maillian
- 8 Alice M. Todd, George J. Todd, MD, and Janet Carrus
- 9 Robert C. Steinman, Hilary Klotz Steinman, and Kathleen Kearns
- 10 Leila Attia, Albert A. Attia, MD, Jay A. Rappaport, Esq., and Harriet Rappaport
- 11 Xiao Wei Sun, Donald Schnabel, and Frank J. Cracolici
- 12 Victoria Sharp, MD, Morton P. Hyman, and Chris Hyman



## Endowed Fund Honors Dr. Albert Attia's 50 Years of Service

In 1958, Albert A. Attia, MD, came to Roosevelt Hospital as an intern—and began a remarkable medical career that has benefited thousands of patients over the past 50 years. To honor Dr. Attia's half century of distinguished service, the hospital has created the Albert Attia Endowed Medical Training and Education Fund in the Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology.

So far, the fund has raised more than \$190,000 from grateful patients, friends, and colleagues, as well as a personal gift from Dr. Attia himself. In the spirit of Dr. Attia's humanistic commitment to compassionate care, this fund will be used to help teach the hospital's clinicians, residents, and fellows about the need for better communication, mutual respect, and a deeper emotional connection between physicians and their patients.

"Obviously I'm extremely grateful to everyone who's given to this fund," said Dr. Attia, who has dedicated his career both to the education of trainees and to the practice of gastroenterology. "I've been passionate about humanism and

compassion in medicine throughout my entire career."

Through educational activities such as invited lectures and visiting professorships, the fund will focus on enhancing humanism in medicine and will make small grants to enable hospital physicians to attend academic conferences for the joint purposes of professional development and promotion of the division.

"What I want to do through this endowment is create a teaching program to help physicians and other paramedical professionals to understand the importance of listening, demonstrating respect, honesty, and consideration while treating patients with dignity," Dr. Attia said.

"Over the past 50 years we have seen great advances in medicine and people are living longer," he added. "However, time constraints resulting from managed care have short-changed the interaction between physician and patient. I am trying to improve that relationship by educating the medical community about its immense importance."



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### PHOTOS

1 Carl Braun MD, and Albert A. Attia, MD

2 Albert A. Attia, MD, Leila Attia, Nicholas A. Romas, MD, and Serene Romas

## Komen Greater NYC Renews Support for SLR Breast Service

**F**or the third consecutive year, St. Luke's and Roosevelt Hospitals' Comprehensive Breast Service and SHARE (Self-Help for Women with Breast or Ovarian Cancer) have been honored with a generous grant from the Greater New York City Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure. Now totaling nearly \$185,000, the foundation's support funds the services of a bilingual patient navigator, a bilingual survivor patient navigator, and a bilingual outreach representative.

"We are so pleased to have contributed to the successes of the Comprehensive Breast Service at St. Luke's and Roosevelt Hospitals over the last three years. The program is able to provide a spectrum of crucial services to hundreds of women each year, particularly those without insurance, so they have access to free screening and, if needed, lifesaving treatment for breast cancer," said Mary Haviland, Esq., Director of Grants and Public Policy for Komen Greater NYC. "We count on St. Luke's and Roosevelt to provide sensitive and culturally appropriate services to underserved women in Manhattan."

Since the St. Luke's site serves a substantial number of Latino immigrants lacking English-language skills, Spanish-speaking staff members are essential. The program also helps to educate the community regarding breast cancer risk factors, prevention, and the availability of screening and treatment.

Sharon Rosenbaum Smith, MD, a breast surgeon and medical director of the Comprehensive Breast Service, oversees



Carmen L. Santos and Sharon Rosenbaum Smith, MD

the Patient Navigator program, and finds that the services make a significant difference to the working of the clinic.

"The assistance of the patient navigators helps ensure that our patients communicate more effectively with us, reduce the amount of time that elapses between their abnormal test results and treatment, and overcome any barriers to a full course of treatment," Dr. Rosenbaum Smith said. "From fear and confusion, patients are brought to a level of comfort and security that helps them carry on with their treatment through a sometimes confusing system. I believe the service the navigators provide for our patients is invaluable."