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ABOUT

The Woodhull Auxiliary

Every time you step into NYC Health + Hospitals/Woodhull, you have an experience. That experience is impacted by your health care needs, the Medical, Nursing and support staff and the other services that affect your care and comfort. The Woodhull Auxiliary is committed to making sure your visit and experience at Woodhull is a positive one and one that exceeds your expectations.

The Auxiliary's mission is to support and enhance Patient Care through funding which would not otherwise be available. Over the years, its support of key health services has helped to enhance the lives of our patients and the community. Much of the new, state of the art technology in the Eye Clinic, Respiratory Care Service, Emergency Department and Cardiology has been paid for with Auxiliary Funding. Recently the Auxiliary provided funds for expansion of Primary Care Services in Ambulatory Care.

Each year, the Auxiliary underwrites the Digital entertainment system for inpatient and outpatient Pediatrics with free access to 24 hours child specific programming in both English and Spanish and sponsors the Children Holiday gift giving. In addition, the Auxiliary supports the outreach activities and important health screenings to keep our communities healthy.



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President of the NYC Health + Hospitals/Woodhull Auxiliary

Dear Friends,

This is my third year as President of the Woodhull Auxiliary, and I am proud to be associated with a group dedicated to the well-being and health of the residents of North Brooklyn. When there is no other source for funding, donations from Woodhull's supporters provided the Auxiliary the means to purchase medical equipment. Thanks to your support we have funded the purchase of new equipment that has resulted in providers' ability to offer state of the art diagnostic and treatment options for Woodhull's Ophthalmology and Optometry, Cardiology, Primary and Preventive Care divisions and for the, Emergency and Surgical services that were not previously available or had reached the end of their useful service.

Today we celebrate Woodhull Medical Center and our honorees are among those who have made a difference for our community and our mission. Tonight we honor Dr. Jonna Mercado, Chief, Department of Medicine and the Designated Institutional Official, Dr. Wasif Ahmed, Interim Chief of Anesthesiology and Pain Management, Dr. Angela Edwards, Chief Nursing Officer (recently retired), and Detective Chris Charles from our neighborhood's 79th Precinct.

Each honoree embodies the spirit, innovation, and passion that is Woodhull and the vibrant communities we serve. This year has been a year of transformation, with a renewed emphasis on ensuring positive patient experiences and access to the right level of care to better meet the healthcare challenges facing New Yorkers. Woodhull's staff is united in meeting the challenges ahead, and the Auxiliary renews its pledge to support the hospital with essential medical equipment whenever possible. I want to take this opportunity to thank Woodhull's CEO, Gregory Calliste for his steadfast leadership, innovation, and devotion to our patients and communities.

The Auxiliary partners with the hospital to respond strategically to the needs of the community. However, sources of our funding are dwindling and we rely more and more on the support from the private sector to maintain this important work. Each purchase made is a direct result of your generous donations. On behalf of all the members of the Woodhull Auxiliary, thank you for your support.

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GREGORY J. CALLISTE

Chief Executive Officer | FACHE, MBA, MS

Dear Friends,

A lot has happened since the last Gala and I am truly proud of all we have done in collaboration with Woodhull Auxiliary on behalf of the communities we serve. This has been a year of change and challenge for the public health system. At Woodhull we are embracing a philosophy that enriches the patient experience and have a vision to restructure to become a more efficient and effective health care provider and to be the provider of choice for North Brooklyn while maintaining the highest quality health care.

Tonight we celebrate the Auxiliary, and the wonderful work the members do to sustain us in our critical work of constantly improving the care that we provide to our patients. More than ever, the Auxiliary has come to the rescue, providing the funding for vital equipment throughout the year.

In the past the Auxiliary has provided millions of dollars for equipment reaching nearly all areas of the hospital, including primary care, specialty services, surgical specialties and the Emergency Department. In the fiscal climate in which we function, this has made a tremendous difference in our ability to provide quality health care.

This year's honorees are special to Woodhull and are intrinsically involved in serving our patients and our communities. They also represent the foundation of our achievements. Please make it a point to congratulate them, and to recognize your own special role in what has been accomplished this past year.

Our passion, drive and teamwork unite us in creating a healthier North Brooklyn. Your invaluable role in the lives of our patients is greatly appreciated. It is an honor to work with such passionate colleagues.

Gregory Calliste

Medical Equipment

Since 2019 The Woodhull Auxiliary Board generously funded nearly a million dollars in medical equipment and/or upgrade critical medical equipment to improve services.

Listed below are a few highlights of the medical equipment purchased during the passed years.



Department of Labor and Birth
RF Assure Detector

This equipment does a supply count of items and it is able to scan new mothers after every birth to ensure nothing was retained during procedure/birth.



Department of Dentistry
Four (4) Dental Chairs with units



Department of Pathology
Tissue Processor

Equipment is used to process biopsies tissue in order to make slides for pathologist use.



Department of Ambulatory Care
Two (2) Scopeguide Processor Units

This equipment provides real time three dimensional view of the position and configuration of the endoscope inside colon.



Department of Ambulatory Care
Pentacam AXL Machine

Provides cataract surgeons with diverse measuring options of the corneal surface to retina. Measures the front and back surfaces of the cornea, cornea thickness and total refractive power.



Department of Medicine
Fibroscan 502

A point of care medical device that enables providers to perform a non-invasive test that helps assess the health of a patients liver.



Department of Medicine
Sonosite Point of Care Visualization Equipment

Ultrasound system fluidly brings together an intuitive interface, imaging performance, advanced features, and educational resources in a convenient, all-in-one kiosk design.



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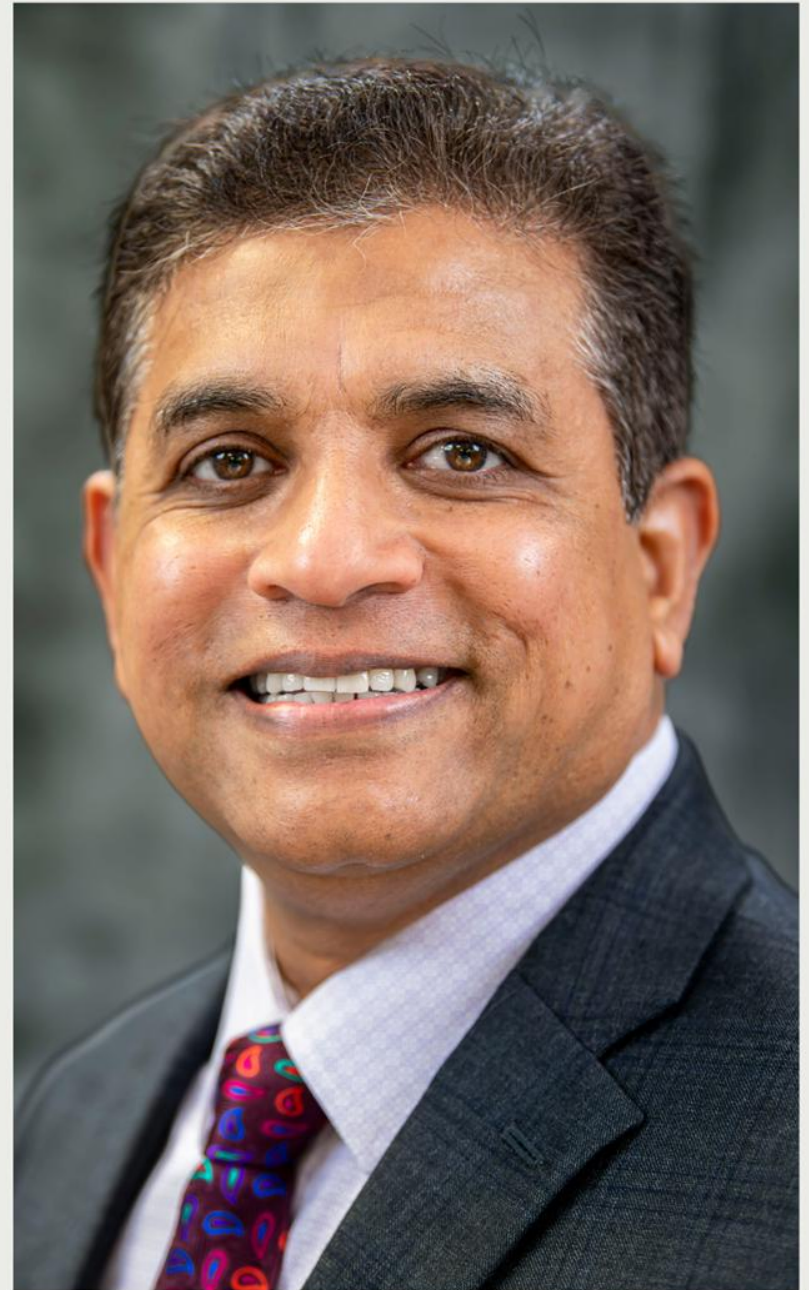
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Honoring

DR. WASIF AHMED

Interim Chair of Anesthesia IA & Pain Management

After graduation from medical school in India and completing his Anesthesia residency at Maimonides medical center in Brooklyn, Dr. Wasif Ahmed joined Woodhull and saw a hospital that placed a great importance on patient safety and provided him the opportunity to treat patients and help the community, which he has done so for the past 18 years. His clinical skills and first hand experience helped him turn a department faced with many unique challenges to be more organized and efficient. He helped streamline the process of ordering and organizing Anesthesia supplies. He played a vital role in the smooth transition of the department of Anesthesia during the implementation of EPIC. Under his leadership the department of anesthesia was ready to help provide services when the hospital was expanding towards robotic surgeries. His cordial relations with his staff and colleagues has helped foster a sense of teamwork and respect amongst those in his department. His 18 years of dedication and hard work has helped him become a key figure and backbone to the department of Anesthesia. Looking to the future he intends to continue putting his heart and soul into helping Woodhull and its patients. When he is not in the hospital, he loves to spend time with his family and ride his motorcycle at every opportunity he gets from busy schedule.



Honoring

DR. JONNA MERCADO

Chief of Medicine & Designated Institutional Official

Dr. Jonna Mercado was born and raised in the Philippines. She is the youngest of 9 siblings. She completed medical school and an Internal Medicine residency at the University of Santo Tomas in the Philippines. In 2006, Dr. Mercado was accepted to the Internal Medicine residency program at New York Medical College (NYMC) - Metropolitan Hospital. She completed her residency in the same institution where she was selected from among her peers to serve as chief resident. She has a passion for medical education and has been involved in teaching medical students at NYMC since 2010. She was Associate Program Director of the Internal Medicine program at Metropolitan Hospital from 2011 to 2021 while interest in health policy/management and health services administration, Dr. Mercado completed her Master's Degree in Public Health with Academic Distinction at NYMC in 2017. She was honored by the Delta Alpha Chapter of the legendary Delta Omega Honorary Society in Public Health (founded at Johns Hopkins University in 1924). Dr. Mercado joined Woodhull in June 2021 as Chief of Ambulatory Care and was later promoted to become the Chairperson of Medicine in February, 2022. In this current role, she leads the department's administrative, quality of care, clinical and academic activities and its operations. Subsequently, she was appointed as Woodhull's Designated Institutional Official in October 2022 and is responsible for overseeing all of the hospital's residency programs, all its related education and oversight activities as well as ensuring the prerequisites for the Graduate Medical Education at Woodhull Hospital are met.

During her spare time, she enjoys traveling and discovering new places with family and friends. She loves the arts, music and theater and takes pleasure in going to museums, and watching Broadway shows.



Honoring

DET. CHRISTOPHER CHARLES

NYPD Community Affairs 79th Precinct

Detective Christopher Charles is a vital part of the daily operations of the 79th Precinct as he keeps personal contact with civic and community groups within the command. Detective Charles excels in the management and preparation of large events organized by the 79th Precinct and events that take place in the 79th Precinct. In the past, the 79th Precinct held multiple large-scale events, which included the Annual Detective Liu & Detective Ramos Community Day. Detective Charles worked and planned this event with several precincts and city agencies for a positive experience that honored our fallen officers. In addition to this event, various youth related events, clergy events, toy and food giveaways and other community outreach events. He also works with the youth and supports victims of crimes with resources and support. In addition to these events, Detective Charles has worked with the Detective Rafael Ramos Foundation to assist them with their annual Back to School Event, annual Toy giveaways and various other initiatives led by the organization. Lastly, Detective Charles has assisted Woodhull hospital with various events such as their annual back to school event.



Honoring

DR. ANGELA EDWARDS RN, DNP, FABC

Chief Nursing Officer (Retired)

Dr. Angela Edwards has been a Registered Nurse for forty-one years. Dr. Edwards obtained her Nursing Diploma in Trinidad and Tobago before migrating to the United States in 1989. She went on to obtain her Masters Degree in Nursing from Columbia University and Doctor of Nursing Degree from Chamberlain University.

Angela is now retired. During her career, she worked at academic, teaching and community hospitals. She held several leadership positions ending her career at NYC Health + Hospitals Woodhull as the Chief Nursing Officer for ten years.

While practicing bedside nursing, Angela focused on the whole person when caring for her patients. As a Nurse Leader, Angela was widely known for being organized and her very keen attention to detail. Dr. Edwards is passionate about nursing practice and promoting evidence-based nursing practices. Under her leadership at Woodhull, the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) achieved the Beacon Gold Award from the American Association of Critical Care Nurses. This award signifies exceptional care in a unit that puts patients first. Woodhull's ICU was the first Brooklyn hospital to achieve such an important and significant award. Woodhull also achieved Baby Friendly Hospital status, another first under her leadership.

When not focusing on Nursing, Angela enjoys traveling and exploring new places and cultures with friends and family.



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Dr. Angela Edwards

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Detective Christopher Charles

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS, 79TH PRECINCT, NYPD

***The Auxiliary has chosen superior leaders and
role models to honor in 2024.***

And to Jonna, Wasif and Angela:

*Thank you for your years of strong leadership and selfless dedication to
ensuring our patients receive the best quality of care and for
training legions of physicians, nurses the other members of
the health care team to be the best they could be.
I am so proud to be able to call you colleagues and friends!*

— Dr. Edward Fishkin

CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER, NYC H+H WOODHULL (RETIRED)



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From the Faculty Members, Residents, Physician Assistants,
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We honor the memory and vision of our friend and colleague, disability rights advocate Marilyn Saviola, as we work to improve health equity for people with physical disabilities.

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