

# Glens Falls Hospital

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## New CEO Poised to Lead Through Challenges in Health Care

Dianne Shugrue has been appointed president and chief executive officer of Glens Falls Hospital. Since 2007, she has served as senior vice president and chief operating officer of the hospital and stepped into the interim president and chief executive officer role for several months following the departure of long-time president and CEO David Kruczlnicki who retired in May.

A registered nurse, she has devoted her career to health care in all levels of organizations, her first roles in a hospital kitchen and as a nursing aide. She brings



*“Like all other health care organizations, we have challenges, but I am convinced we have the right leadership and people to continue advancing health care excellence for this region,” says Shugrue.*

to Glens Falls Hospital more than 33 years experience in health care management and leadership, including previous executive level leadership roles at hospitals in Schenectady, Orange County, New York and Massachusetts.

Since taking the position, she has implemented new initiatives to assist the organization in navigating significant challenges facing health care institutions today. Hospital leaders are focusing on quality, expenses and payment models as the delivery of care has changed dramatically. She has also engaged staff to participate by encouraging them to share ideas for expense reduction and opportunities for growing volumes.

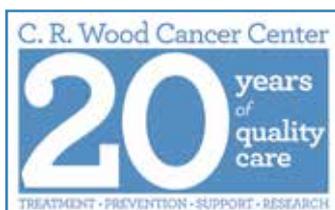
She has been instrumental in opening a dialog and collaborative initiatives with Hudson Headwaters Health Network, a not-for-profit system of community health centers in the Adirondack region. ■

## C.R. Wood Cancer Center Celebrating 20 Years

In 2001, Charles R. Wood, known as the “father of theme parks,” donated \$1.4 million to the cancer center at Glens Falls Hospital to support its fundraising goal. In recognition of this significant contribution, hospital officials renamed the hospital’s community cancer center in his honor in 2003.

Now, more than 1,000 new patients each year are diagnosed and treated for cancer at the nationally-accredited C.R. Wood Cancer Center, one of the region’s most comprehensive cancer facilities. It is fitting, in the year of the Center’s 20th anniversary, that a new linear accelerator is being installed.

The facility has prepared the vault for the new Elekta accelerator, an advanced radiation



Gifts from the successful 2012 “Communities Against Cancer Campaign” are supporting the acquisition of a new linear accelerator which will bring advanced radiation therapy close to home.

therapy machine. It is scheduled to be in use for patient treatment by the end of 2013.

The new machine could not have been purchased without the support of a caring regional community. The 2012 Annual Fund, “Communities Against Cancer,” raised \$1.9 million in support of the new linear accelerator. ■



# Irving Tissue Makes Commitment to Cancer Care



Irving Tissue Inc., maker of Scotties® facial tissues, recently contributed \$100,000 to the Glens Falls Hospital Foundation in support of the C.R. Wood Cancer Center at Glens Falls Hospital.

The family-owned company is a leading manufacturer of household tissue products in North America and a major employer in Fort Edward, part of the service area of the Glens Falls Hospital network.

“Our investment in communities goes beyond our dedication to our employees, and the bricks and mortar of our facilities,” said company president Robert K. Irving during a recent visit to the C.R. Wood Cancer Center. “We are committed to keeping health care

accessible for this region, and feel strongly about supporting the high-quality care available at Glens Falls Hospital.”

“The theme of our 2013 Annual Fund is **Making Healthy Commitments**, and Irving Tissue is certainly making its own special commitment to the wellness of our region with this very generous gift,” said Dianne Shugrue, President and CEO of Glens Falls Hospital. Shugrue notes that the two organizations currently collaborate with a full-time hospital occupational therapist on staff at the company’s Fort Edward facility with 325 employees. ■

# Physicians Promoted to Leadership Roles

Glens Falls Hospital has promoted two department of emergency medicine physicians to leadership roles.

Dr. Matthew Dunn has been named Chief Medical Officer of Glens Falls Hospital, and Dr. Douglas Girling has been selected as Medical Director of the David S. and Janet R. Sheridan Emergency Care Center.

Dr. Dunn is a graduate of the University of New England and completed post graduate training in emergency medicine at Albany Medical Center. He joined Glens Falls hospital in 2007 and has served as associate medical director of the department of emergency medicine and chief medical information officer with the department of information technology.



Dr. Girling was most recently a physician in the Glens Falls Hospital department of emergency medicine, one of the busiest in Northeastern New York, providing care to more than 50,000 patients annually. Dr. Girling will lead a multi-disciplinary team specializing in emergency care and available 24 hours a day, seven days a week for any medical situation.

Drs. Dunn and Girling have more than medicine in common. They are both extreme runners and have completed several 100-plus mile races around the world. Together they have completed races in Chile’s Atacama Desert and another in the high altitude Himalayan mountain range in Nepal, covering between 26 to 60 grueling miles per day through extreme terrain and severe weather conditions. ■

Right: Dr. Matthew Dunn and Dr. Douglas Girling suit up at the beginning of the Atacama Desert race in 2010.

Above: Drs. Girling and Dunn at the finish line of the ultra-marathon.



# McClellan Foundation and Glens Falls Hospital Key to Region's Good Health

Residents in the southern Washington County region have a benefactor committed to advancing their good health. The Mary McClellan Foundation, established in 2007 with assets of the foundation that supported the former Mary McClellan Hospital, makes grants to nonprofit medical organizations serving the five towns of southern Washington County and the town of Hoosick in Rensselaer County.

The Foundation strives to focus on community needs that have increased since the 2003 closure of Mary McClellan Hospital. In its five years of existence, the Foundation has granted more than \$600,000 to support local rescue squads, increase the availability of home health care, and expand the service area of the Tri-County United Way's RSVP medical transportation services in the town of Cambridge.

The largest single recipient of grant funds has been Glens Falls Hospital health centers in Cambridge, Salem, Hoosick Falls and the Greenwich Regional Medical Center.

It recently awarded the Greenwich Regional Medical Center a generous grant to attract physician "talent" to the region formerly served by Mary McClellan Hospital. Specifically, it will support educational loan forgiveness for newly hired physicians, a significant and common issue facing medical



graduates as they enter the profession. The grant will aid in recruiting and retaining quality providers to the Washington County region and will be awarded over the course of five years to encourage retention.

More information about the Mary McClellan Foundation and its grant program can be obtained at its website, [marymcclellanfoundation.org](http://marymcclellanfoundation.org). ■



*"The Mary McClellan Foundation plays a key role in the operations of our Washington County health centers."*  
Barney Rubenstein, MD

Pictured: Dr. Barney Rubenstein, Medical Director, Adirondack Medical Services and Ann Marie Hatch, Senior Director, Physician Practices. Above: Greenwich Regional Medical Center

## Collaboration Connects Lab Services

Glens Falls Hospital and Hudson Headwaters Health Network are increasing their collaborative efforts to improve quality health care for the region.

Laboratory tests conducted on patients at HHHN health centers, most recently sent to Champlain Valley Physicians Hospital in Plattsburgh, will now be sent to Glens Falls Hospital for processing.

The addition of new lab services will have a positive impact on hospital finances.

"Increasingly, collaboration will be the key to success in this difficult health care marketplace," said Dianne Shugrue, Glens Falls Hospital President and CEO.



Dr. John Rugge, Hudson Headwaters chief executive officer, notes that the organizations have collaborated in the past but welcomes a strengthened relationship. "I am encouraged at the number of new ideas being shared through our frequent partnership meetings," said Dr. Rugge. ■

# Charitable Gift Annuity

## Your Generosity Can Pay You Back

There are many ways to support Glens Falls Hospital, one being a charitable gift annuity (CGA) which enables donors age 60 or older to transfer cash or marketable securities to the Glens Falls Hospital Foundation in exchange for an income tax deduction and the organization's promise to make fixed annual payments to the donor (and to a second beneficiary, if desired) for life. A variety of resources -- cash, stocks or bonds -- can be used to establish a CGA.

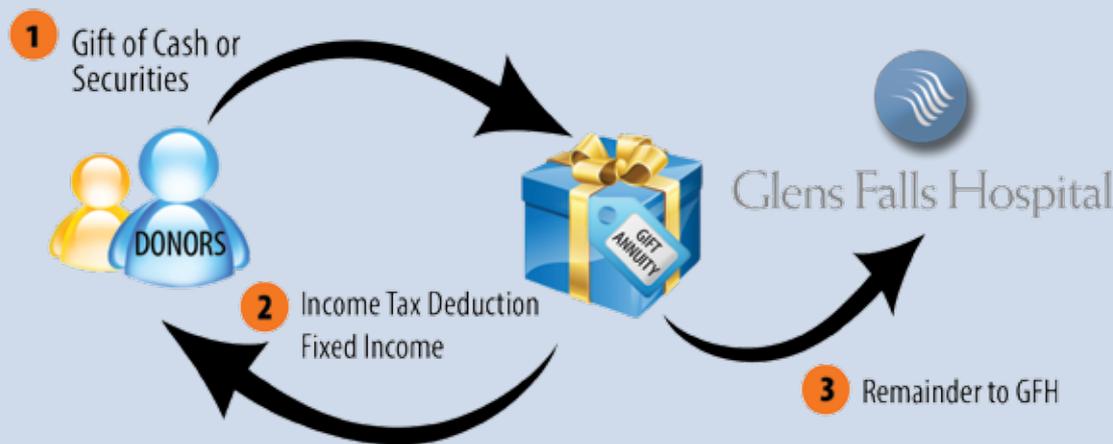
### Advantages of a Gift Annuity

- Guaranteed income in exchange for an irrevocable gift (usually cash or securities.)
- Your fixed annuity payments will be immune from fluctuations of the economy.
- Charitable income tax deduction if you itemize your tax return.
- A lower minimum gift amount (\$10,000) and may be funded, in some instances, with appreciated assets.
- If you fund the CGA with appreciated assets, you may be taxed on only part of the gain.

I decided to make a charitable gift and help my financial well-being in my retirement years with a charitable gift annuity. A portion of my money is dedicated for the Hospital and I receive payments to supplement the retirement income. As my late husband said, "You give back to the community that takes care of you."

*Charlotte DeFilippo, Indian Lake*

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- Your estate may enjoy reduced probate fees and estate taxes.
- Easy to set up – no fees!
- Can be arranged for one or two individuals age 60 or older.

Your gift remains local and helps keep health care accessible in our region by supporting vital medical equipment, advanced technology and important patient programs and services at 27 Glens Falls Hospital locations in the Southern Adirondack region.

Charitable Gift Annuity donors become members of our legacy giving group, The 1897 Society. This special recognition acknowledges those who support Glens Falls Hospital Foundation through charitable gift provisions in their estate plans.

For more information with no obligations, contact the Glens Falls Hospital Foundation at 518-926-5963 or visit our website, [www.glensfallshospital.org](http://www.glensfallshospital.org) and after linking to "Give to Glens Falls Hospital," select "Planned Giving Guide." ■

## December to Remember Huge Cash Raffle

**Date:** Friday, December 13  
**Time:** 12:00 noon  
**Drawing:** Glens Falls Hospital

Only 600 tickets sold at \$100 each  
**Grand Prize.....**\$20,000  
**2nd Prize.....**\$5,000  
**3rd Prize.....**\$3,000  
**4th Prize.....**\$2,000

*Proceeds will benefit the 2013 Annual Fund, "Making Healthy Commitments."*

*This raffle has sold out the past few years but if all tickets are not sold, it will be a 50/50 with four prizes awarded. Winner need not be present to win. Tickets available through the Glens Falls Hospital Foundation, 126 South Street, Glens Falls, NY 12801. Phone: (518) 926-5960*

## Second Annual Sokol's Tavern Night to Benefit the C.R. Wood Cancer Center

**Date:** Friday, October 18  
**Time:** 5 p.m. to midnight  
**Place:** The Tavern

Sokol's Plaza, Queensbury

Entertainment: George Normandin, Bobby Dick, and Ray Agnew

*Board members, Business Committee members and Glens Falls Hospital staff will be your servers and bartenders. A portion of the proceeds from the night will be donated to the C.R. Wood Cancer Center.*



# SAVE THE DATE!

## Glens Falls Hospital Guild Tree of Lights

**Date:** Wed., December 4  
**Place:** Glens Falls Hospital