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The Parker Jewish Institute Gala supports Programs for Patients and Residents

New Hyde Park, New York, November 9, 2023 – The Parker Jewish Institute held its 2023 gala at the Queens Museum in Flushing Meadows Corona Park on Tuesday, November 7, 2023. This year’s gala featured live music, an elegant dinner catered by Abigail Hirsch, a curated patient-art auction and the opportunity to help expand access to health care for the region’s older adults.

In supporting the gala, donors and sponsors helped to advance Parker’s mission, with all of the proceeds enhancing programs and services for the Institute’s patients and residents. Funds raised from the gala also support the thousands of people who rely on the Institute’s wide-ranging services each year.

This year’s gala marked the first return to the Queens Museum, as Parker, during the pandemic, had held festive, drive-in style events outdoors on the Institute’s expansive grounds. On Tuesday, at the Queens Museum, gala supporters enjoyed an assortment of hors d’oeuvres and live music from LA Blacksmith Band. During the sit-down dinner, Wanda Houston served as musical guest, performing a mix of jazz and R&B.

Parker’s President and CEO Michael N. Rosenblut led the evening, beginning with a moment of silence in solidarity with the State of Israel. Serving as the evening’s Master of Ceremonies was WCBS 880’s Marla Diamond. The evening also featured Rabbi Joseph Potasnik, from the New York Board of Rabbis, for the HaMotzi, the blessing over bread before a meal.

About The Parker Jewish Institute for Health Care and Rehabilitation

The Parker Jewish Institute for Health Care and Rehabilitation is headquartered in New Hyde Park, New York. The facility is a leading provider of Short Term Rehabilitation and Long Term Care. At the forefront of innovation in patient-centered health care and technology, the Institute is a leader in teaching and geriatric research. Parker Jewish Institute features its own medical team, and is nationally renowned as a skilled nursing facility, as well as a provider of community-based health care, encompassing Home Health Care, Medical House Calls, Palliative Care and Hospice. Parker Jewish Institute is also home to Queens-Long Island Renal Institute (QLIRI), led by an interdisciplinary team of experienced Nephrologists and Dialysis Registered Nurses, a Renal Social Worker, and a Registered Renal Dietitian.

