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**RotaCare's 22nd Annual Caregiver's Ball
To Honor Gerard C. Keegan, Dr. Victor F. Politi,
Senator Kemp Hannon and Drew Bogner**

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RotaCare is pleased to honor Gerard C. Keegan, Dr. Victor F. Politi, Senator Kemp Hannon and Drew Bogner at this year's 22nd Caregiver's Ball. The event will be held on Thursday, April 14, 2016 at 6pm at the Cherry Valley Country Club in Garden City, New York. Business attire is suggested.

"For 22 years, RotaCare has served to make Long Island's poorest families stronger and healthier by assisting with healthcare challenges. The approach of providing primary care to prevent complications, which may require hospitalization and costlier care, has successfully kept patients out of the hospital, minimized use of the ER, and has enhanced medication and treatment compliance. Through generous support and partnership, RotaCare has created a space where people in need can access healthcare in a dignified and respectful setting. This makes a big difference, not only for RotaCare patients, but for the overall health of our communities," says RotaCare Board President, Dr. Kathleen Lamaute.

Receiving this year's Distinguished Leader Excellence Award is, Gerard C. Keegan, Vice Chairman and Chief Operating Officer of Astoria Financial Corporation and Astoria Bank. *"I am honored to be recognized by RotaCare, an organization that does tremendous work right here in the local community. Unfortunately, access to quality health care is still an issue for many people who are uninsured or living in poverty. RotaCare is able to meet that important need, largely with the help of generous volunteers and organizations who are willing to pitch in. At Astoria Bank, we are committed to making a difference and are thrilled to partner with RotaCare to build healthier communities.,"* says Mr. Keegan of this honor.

The Distinguished Community Service Award will go to Victor F. Politi, MD, FACP, FACEP, President and Chief Executive Officer, NuHealth System/NUMC. Says Dr. Politi, *"I am humbled*

to be honored by RotaCare and look forward to continuing to support an organization so dedicated to addressing the health care needs of uninsured and vulnerable residents of Nassau County.”

Senator Kemp Hannon will be honored with the Humanitarian Service Award. The Paul Harris Award will be given to Drew Bogner, Ph.D., President of Molloy College.

RotaCare began in 1992 by members of the Mineola-Garden City Rotary Club to address the needs of the uninsured in Nassau County. It began very simply when a group of concerned volunteers at the Mary Brennan INN soup kitchen in Hempstead, New York recognized that many of the medical needs of the clients they served were not being adequately met by the healthcare system. They responded through the collaborative efforts of the Rotary Club, local healthcare professionals, local residents and Mercy Hospital by operating a weekly “MASH” unit at the soup kitchen. And, RotaCare was born. Space soon became inadequate and in January 2000, RotaCare moved to its own facility in Uniondale. A staff of volunteer doctors, nurses, support staff and translators give selflessly of their time and talent.

Recognizing its tremendous benefits to the community, RotaCare was adopted as a Rotary District 7250 project, incorporated as a 501 (c)3 and has been supported ever since by Rotary Clubs and other concerned companies, organizations and individuals.

RotaCare by the Numbers:

1,200 Patients cared for each year.

2,400 Patient visits each year.

\$4 million worth of free services provided each year.

100+ volunteer doctors, nurses and support staff, work at the health center on a rotating basis.

14,000+ volunteer hours each year.

For more information about RotaCare's 22nd Annual Caregivers' Ball, including event tickets, sponsorship opportunities and journal ads, please call Legendary Events at (516) 222-0550 or email Tracey Gittere at tgittere@legendaryevents.net.

The deadline for journal ad submissions is Wednesday, April 6th. Ticket reservation deadline is Monday, April 11th.

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