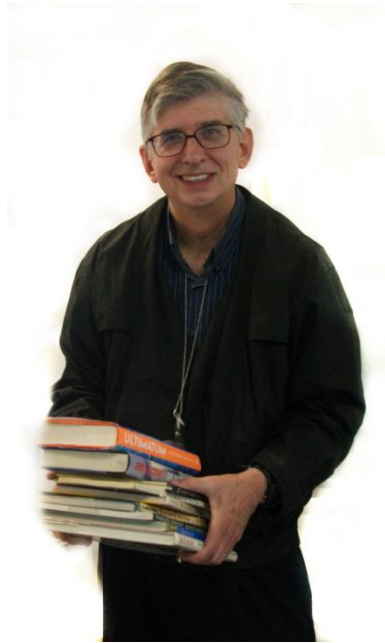


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John Nangle Gives His Ear, Books and Compassion to JMC Patients
Veteran Educator is Outstanding Volunteer at Jacobi



Bronx, New York – The committed volunteers of the North Bronx Healthcare Network (NBHN) are proving the expression “You get what you give,” as they help with many aspects of hospital care - acting as patient escorts and companions, helping sort and transport needed materials, delivering food to patients and assisting with administrative, clerical functions. As NBHN seeks to promote service and charitable giving in Bronx County, the Network will regularly profile volunteers at both Jacobi Medical Center (Jacobi) and North Central Bronx Hospital (NBHN).

Morris Park resident John Nangle, who has lived in the area for over thirty years, is one of those dedicated volunteers. As an English teacher in the NYC Department of Education for 34 years, Mr. Nangle taught students from all over the borough, including teenagers at Walton High School, where he opened young minds to grammar and poetry for 22 years.

Despite often working long and tiring hours in the school system, Nangle felt a pull to volunteer his time. So along with his wife and daughters, he regularly volunteered with such charitable groups as “God's Love We Deliver,” a meal delivery service for those suffering with AIDS; and DOROT, a Jewish social service organization that provides assistance and companionship to homebound seniors.

“I remember taking my daughters to some places that were pretty grim during the ‘90s,” recalls Nangle. “But I always felt it was important to show them how to give back to those in need.”

While many would consider taking time off to travel or relax with their family upon their

retirement, Mr. Nangle yearned to keep serving others. Three years ago, he began donating his time to Jacobi Medical Center, where he provides books and other reading material to patients receiving medical care. He now serves three days a week, visiting with patients from four different units of the hospital, where he provides more than just books, but also a listening ear and helpful encouragement to those who may need a bit of support.

“Every day I come in, I realize I’m doing something meaningful,” says Mr. Nangle. “Each time, I visit, one or two patients share with me how much they appreciate the service I’m providing.”

As he makes his way through the units, Nangle often chats with patients eager to share something of their lives and experiences. Inspired by many of their stories of time spent at Jacobi, Mr. Nangle has acquired a deepened appreciation for the journeys many patients take during their recovery and for the care provided by their medical teams.

One memorable encounter was with a patient who had been admitted to Jacobi over 180 times, yet remained optimistic about her eventual recovery. Mr. Nangle also met with a gentleman whose leg had just been amputated due to medical complications. As Nangle tried to offer him comfort in a difficult moment, the man informed him that no one should pity him and that he planned to be on the bus tomorrow morning for his normal commute.

“I’m here to serve the patients, yet I find that their faith and spirituality often inspires me,” he shares.

Those interested in volunteering are encouraged to contact Ms. Luisa Hernandez at (718) 918-4881. Volunteers are encouraged to commit between three to six hours a week for at least six months. A background check is required prior to approval.

About Jacobi Medical Center

Jacobi Medical Center is part of HHC’s North Bronx Healthcare Network, which includes North Central Bronx Hospital. Jacobi is a 457-bed teaching hospital affiliated with the Albert Einstein College of Medicine. The facility offers numerous Centers of Excellence, including its renowned trauma center, multi-person hyperbaric unit, burn center, surgical intensive care unit, stroke center, regional perinatal center, breast health center and bariatric service. Jacobi’s new Ambulatory Care Pavilion is a stunning complement to its recently constructed inpatient facility and allows staff to provide outpatients with high-quality care in a modern, state-of-the-art environment.

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