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Dear Friends,

The New-Year has welcomed our expansion into Putnam as we officially began admitting patients to our certified home care agency on January 12, 2012. A process that took over 13 months has now come to fruition and we are very pleased to be able to bring our complete line of home care services to the Putnam community.

The growth of our organization brought about an opportunity for our volunteer and staff leadership to meet and evaluate organizational direction by analyzing market conditions, addressing community health care issues, and determining the resource needs for future development. With mounting demands on healthcare providers and the increasing needs of an aging population living longer, health care providers must have plans that are fluid to respond to a continually changing landscape.

Although the challenges are tough, the prospects look bright.

One of our recent initiatives addresses transitioning from an acute care facility to home; and staying home, which is a great challenge faced across the nation. The VNA has launched a transitional care coaching program which begins this spring at St. John’s Riverside Hospital. The goal is to assist and empower individuals to take control of their own health care after a hospital discharge, keeping them healthy and eliminating the need for emergent care. Programs and partnerships like these lead to better outcomes for patients and offer a substantial cost savings for a system that is already being over taxed.

As we move forward, the VNA focuses on continuing our excellent delivery of home health care services, always keeping our mission in site. We have a great team of professionals and forward looking leaders on our board who support initiatives and growth that make sense for the organization and the communities we serve.

Michele A. Quirolo
President & CEO

NAHC Hall of Fame

It takes the work of many to care for the millions of individuals across the nation who rely on homecare to recover and regain function after an illness. It takes the vision of a select group of leaders to carry the torch advancing homecare and ensuring its availability to all who need it. The VNA of Hudson Valley is duly blessed to have the very best staff which understands that it is a privilege to care for someone in their home, and a leader who has shown exemplary leadership on the homecare front. We are proud to recognize our President and CEO, Michele A. Quirolo, for having been inducted into the National Association of Home Care and Hospice (NAHC) Hall of Fame. Alongside fellow inaugural honorees such as Mother Theresa, President William J. Clinton, Helen Hayes, Senator Edward M. Kennedy and Rosalyn Carter, Quirolo has made a mark in the homecare industry by tirelessly advocating and leading the way for homecare access for all. Congratulations to all the NAHC Honorees and particularly VNA's own Michele Quirolo.

Michele A. Quirolo’s new advertising campaign highlights alumnae and features VNA’s own Michele Quirolo for nursing.
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On January 12, 2012, the VNA of Hudson Valley began admitting patients in Putnam County, making our agency the only home care organization to be able to offer a full complement of home care services to its residents. Individuals residing in Putnam County are now assured access to the very best homecare services which include certified home care, hospice services and home aide services.

Through a partnership, Putnam Hospital Center conferred operations for its certified home care agency to the VNA of Hudson Valley in a move to offer area residents access to the VNA’s greater scope of comprehensive programs. The VNA acquired office space in Brewster, NY, to facilitate field and office staff, home health aide training and general operations.

Michele Quirolo, President and CEO stated “This move was a natural one for both the hospital and our organization. We have always had a strong relationship with all of our area hospitals, and our ability to provide the certified home care services to the residents of Putnam further complements the programs we are already providing in Putnam County.”

Our state of the art Telehealth technology will be available to all patients which will be of great assistance, especially for those residing in the more rural areas of the county. Video access to a nurse able to monitor vital signs, answer questions and make recommendations is invaluable to those living alone or far away from a hospital. When necessary, our Telehealth Nurses interact with patient physicians and can often prevent unneeded trips to the emergency room by evaluating a patient’s condition remotely.

VNA’s presence in Putnam also offers area residents an opportunity to receive free training and guaranteed employment in the field of home health aides, the third fastest growing occupation in the nation. Our own VNA Home Health Services has been approved to offer classes at the Brewster office which has a fully outfitted training room complete with video capability, medical equipment and home care supplies. Students attend two weeks of daily courses and take a final exam. After completion of academic requirements, students are monitored in the field by a Registered Nurse as they complete the required amount of supervised practicum hours necessary to be issued a NYS Certified Home Health Aide Certificate. All students who pass the NYS prescribed program are offered employment with VNA Home Health Services. Interested applicants can call (914) 666-7079 for more information.

Our move into Putnam County offers residents access to the best and most complete home health care services while offering opportunities for employment and increased home aide service to local patients who need assistance with daily activities.

VNA of Hudson Valley Welcomes New Board Members

Our recent partnership with Putnam Hospital created an opportunity for two members of the Health Quest Organization to be added to the VNA of Hudson Valley Board. Putnam Hospital Center’s Chief Financial Officer, Anthony Mirdita and Hudson Valley Home Care Executive Director, Cathy Coogan have joined as members of the VNA of Hudson Valley operating board.

VNA President & CEO, Michele Quirolo states, “We are very pleased to have Cathy and Anthony join our board of directors. Together they bring extensive knowledge of the health care industry and of even greater importance, a familiarity with the healthcare needs of our communities. Their contributions to our organization will certainly benefit the VNA and the community we serve.”
Staying safe and healthy after your hospital stay is of utmost importance to you, your family and the team of professionals who provide your medical care. All too often, individuals with chronic illness must be re-hospitalized to address recurring symptoms of their illness, and in many instances, this could be avoided with the assistance of a Transitional Care Coach.

Outcomes for patients followed up by transitional coaches are typically more favorable, and come with a cost savings. In a study of the Transitional Care Model*, a nurse-led hospital discharge along with a home follow up program for chronically ill older adults, showed a 30-50% reduction in re-hospitalizations and a savings of approximately $4,000 per patient within five to twelve months after discharge.

The VNA offers a Transitional Care Coaching Program in conjunction with hospital partnerships. The first in the county will begin at St. Johns Riverside Hospital in Yonkers, with several other area hospitals to follow. Ron Corti, CEO at St. Johns Riverside Hospital says “We look forward to maintaining the momentum of the quality improvements we have made in the past 18 months and expect that bringing this kind of care into the home will allow us to see tremendous growth and improvement in the health of our community.” VNA CEO, Michele Quirolo comments, “Providing healthcare with the best outcomes has become a team effort and we are proud to be working with our hospital partners, jointly caring for the healthcare needs of our community.”

Transitional care provides a specialized trained home care nurse to work in the hospital assessing patients who are at high risk for further health complications. The nurse, in conjunction with the physician, provides patients with a comprehensive discharge plan that includes in-home follow up. The VNA’s program follows the Eric Coleman model for Transitional Care where the patient and family caregivers are acknowledged and engaged as essential members of the care giving team. The goal of the program is to reduce re-admittance to the hospital, ensure patient safety and assist with self management.

Following a hospital discharge, the Transitional Care Nurse will conduct a home visit within 24 – 48 hours after the patient leaves the hospital. This is followed up by weekly scheduled phone calls with the patient to identify changes in health status, manage or prevent problems and make adjustments to the patient’s care plans in collaboration with the patient’s physician. In many instances, the Transitional Care Nurse will accompany the patient to their first visit to the physician following a hospital stay.

The focus of this patient centered program is empowerment of the patient to self manage their own health needs and understand the nature of their condition. Several tools helpful in assisting include:

- Medication Reconciliation: this ensures that a patient is knowledgeable about their medication, doses and when to use, as well as help set up a system at home to streamline medication management.
- Personal Health Record: A portable booklet which facilitates a central source of patient healthcare information that can increase communication and continuity for all medical professionals providing care to the patient.
- Follow up with a primary care physician or specialist within seven days after a hospital discharge is key to monitoring the well being of the patient and instrumental in assisting the patient to advocate for themselves.
- Knowledge of “Red Flags.” A patient must be aware of indications that a condition is worsening and how to respond.

As healthcare costs continue to rise and reimbursements for providers decline, keeping patients healthy has become more of a team effort than ever before. Health care providers partnering to achieve the very best outcomes for those they serve is no longer the future, but the here and now.

*Transitional Care Model meets the Congressionally-based Top Tier Evidence Standard. Study from evidencebasedprograms.org
VNA 18th Annual Awards Presentation

Step Right Up to the 18th annual VNA Awards Presentation on May 3rd at the V.I.P. Country Club in New Rochelle. Guests will enter the world of the Big Top to experience the thrill of the circus.

VNA’s long time friend and supporter Janine Rose, News Director & Anchor for News 12 Westchester, will once again host the event and present awards to a slate of very deserving honorees which include:

CANDY BORNER
VNA of Hudson Valley Award of Merit

THOMAS H. DENNISON
Ellen Wood Health Care Award

MAHOPAC VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT.
VNA Community Service Award

JULIET M. CEFALONI
Dana Reeve Caregiver Courage Award

Tickets, journal ads and sponsorships are available and can be purchased by calling (914) 666-7616 ext 211. The VNA Awards Event offers a fun filled evening with music, themed décor and a silent auction that boasts something for everyone; from jewelry and spa treatments to ski trips, sports memorabilia and family fun.

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Telehealth Certification

VNA Registered Nurses Margaret Di Lascio and Gail Frickmann recently received Telehealth Certification from the Home Care Association of New York State, the first certification program of its kind. Participants learned ways to evaluate patients needing this service as well as ways to provide patient education to support care and quality outcomes. Various Telehealth program models along with information management and performance and quality improvement methods were addressed. Pre and post testing was administered to participants to determine their mastery of home Telehealth.

Telehealth data clearly show that using the technology to complement patient care results in keeping individuals healthy and at home; reducing re-hospitalizations and alerting patients when care is necessary. VNA patient Michael Weir comments, “I don’t want to give up my Telehealth machine. It helps me do the things I’m supposed to; keeps me regimented to check my readings at a set time daily and helps me monitor my heart if I think my rate may be off. I rely on Telehealth and Margaret to help me take care of my health.”

As the first provider of Telehealth in the region and currently the only provider of video Telehealth in our service area, the VNA continues to strengthen this innovative program by investing in equipment and staff training.

Aide Training

Job Creation. Those two words have become a mantra for our times as we continue to muddle through the recession and global economic uncertainty. According to the US Department of Labor statistics, healthcare support occupations is projected to be the fastest growing occupational group through 2010 and 2020, with predictions of home health aide positions growing by 69.4%, creating over 706,000 new jobs. VNA Home Health Services offers free training and employment placement for those candidates wishing to pursue work as a certified home health aide.

Since its inception in 2008, the home health aide training program at VNA HHS has graduated 117 students offering employment opportunities to all graduates. The VNA family of organizations employs certified home health aides for private duty care, home health care and hospice care.

The aide training program has received approval from the New York State Department of Health to teach this program in the Brewster, NY office of the VNA. A fully outfitted training room that includes medical equipment, hospital bed, training materials, video capability and furnishings offers students in the Putnam area an opportunity to gain portable NYS credentials once all curriculum and field tracking competencies have been completed. The Putnam training location also makes this program available to residents in Dutchess County who may wish to take advantage of the free training and employment opportunities.

With an increase in an aging population who is spending more on healthcare, growth in this profession is a natural response to the needs of our population. The VNA is committed to meeting community healthcare needs and our home health aide training program helps us to do so.

For more information on the home health aide training program, please contact Charlotte Smith at (914)666-7079.
Veteran’s Breakfast

On November 16, 2011, more than 125 veterans who served the military in places such as Korea, Vietnam, Iraq and Afghanistan, as well as in World War II, gathered together to be recognized for their service to our country during the third Annual Veterans Recognition Breakfast. Alongside dignitaries, and those who serve veterans, a simple act of sharing a meal, became so much more.

The event was a collaborative effort sponsored by four local hospices, including Hospice Care in Westchester & Putnam, Hospice and Palliative Care of Westchester, Jansen Hospice and Palliative Care and Phelps Hospice, as well as the Westchester County Office of Veteran Affairs and the VA Hudson Valley Health Care System.

The festivities began with a solemn prayer followed by the Ossining High School Choir singing “God Bless America.” Veterans in attendance represented all six branches of the military and included Mr. Gibson, the oldest veteran in the room at 103 years old.

New York State Senator Andrea Stewart Cousins spoke to the group, remembering her own father’s military service, recalling how important it was to him. Al Ramsey, Chief Master Sgt., USAF (Ret.), took a moment to recognize the service of 1.8 million women veterans, several of whom were present at the event.

Navy veteran, Chaplain Lee Carrozzi and member of American Legion Post 1048 commented “What a wonderful tribute to the many veterans who attended the breakfast. It brought back memories of dining with my shipmates in the mess hall aboard a ship almost 60 years ago. A WWII veteran from the Battle of the Bulge who sat at my table kept commenting on what a great time he was having. It was a very moving experience to witness the pride each veteran took in their years of service to our country.”

Encompassing the emotion of the event, the Ossining High School Choir sang a heartfelt rendition of “America the Beautiful.” Afterwards, each veteran was recognized for their service and presented with a certificate and a pin. Veterans stood proudly when their respective military branch song was sung by the Ossining High School Choir. The songs included, “The Army Goes Rolling Along” (Army), “Anchors Aweigh” (Navy), “From the Halls of Montezuma” (Marines), “Wild Blue Yonder” (Air Force), “Always Ready” (Coast Guard) and “I Guard America” (National Guard).

Vita Pinto, Director, Westchester County Office of Veteran Affairs reminded the audience “Lest we forget, freedom is not free,” and encouraged all to support the veterans that will be returning home soon from Iraq. Dr. Joanne J. Malina, MD, Chief of Staff, VA Hudson Valley Healthcare System, told the veterans that her staff has been working to streamline processes for returning veterans.

Over 300 patients a day are cared for by the four hospice organizations represented at the event. Of those, approximately 25-28% are veterans. Cornelia Schimert, Director of Community Relations for Hospice Care in Westchester & Putnam, spoke about hospice and how it provides solace to families in a time of need and brings peace of mind to patients by allowing them to stay in the comfort of their own homes.

She said, “Hospice is more about living than dying. It’s the circle of life...and we are there for you, if and when, you need us.”

The touching ceremony concluded with Staff Sgt. Kenneth Barnes playing “Taps” on his bugle in remembrance of the service men and women who have passed away.
Holiday Gift Baskets Brighten Spirits

The members of the New Rochelle Garden Club artfully assembled gift baskets for VNA & Hospice Care patients for the holidays. Personal items, such as scented sachets, lotions, socks, scarves, cards and many other treats were packed in beautifully decorated baskets which were delivered to over 30 patients in the New Rochelle area prior to the holidays. We thank the members and officers of the New Rochelle Garden Club and acknowledge Garden Club Member Susie McEvoy for her outstanding coordination.

Circle of Hope

The Circle of Hope Perinatal Bereavement Program is one of the many specialty bereavement services offered by Hospice Care in Westchester & Putnam. The Circle of Hope provides services and support to individuals and families who are affected by a life-threatening condition in an unborn baby or who have experienced the loss of an infant or pregnancy at any stage. Grief from the loss of a baby can create overwhelming feelings of loneliness, sadness and confusion. Unacknowledged, unmanageable and unresolved grief can have a devastating effect on an individual or an entire family. The program provides opportunities for the expression of feelings about the loss which may include support groups, art therapy, and family, group or individual counseling.

The Circle of Hope works in conjunction with hospitals, healthcare organizations, physicians, perinatologists and other health care professionals to provide support services, education and community outreach. The Program is coordinated by professionals from Hospice Care’s staff. All group facilitators receive specialized training, supervision and ongoing education. Services offered include; support groups, art therapy and counseling – all of which seek to create:

• A time and place to express feelings.
• Opportunities to share struggles and triumphs.
• Knowledge that one is not alone.
• Reassurance that grief is a process, not an event.

Any grieving individual or family in Westchester or Putnam who has experienced the loss of a baby during pregnancy, at birth or shortly after birth can participate in The Circle of Hope Perinatal Bereavement Program. All of our bereavement programs are open to any member of the community, at no cost to participants.

For more information and to locate a support group, please call (914) 666-4228, ext. 336.
Hospice Care in Westchester & Putnam held its 23rd annual Tree of Life celebration this past winter.

We would like to extend a special thank you to the 2011 Tree of Life families the Engelhardts and Wikanes and sponsors; Dow Chemical, Bethel Nursing & Rehabilitation Center and Highland Pork.

The Caring Circle Children’s Bereavement Program is pleased to announce the start of a lending library, made possible by generous donations made in memory of Gene DiMase. After her husband passed away, Frances DiMase requested that all donations made in memory of Gene be used for the development of a lending library and the purchase of resource/support materials.

Contributions will be used to purchase books and other reading materials for children and adults on various topics to help deal with the grief associated with the loss of a loved one.

These resources will be available at the Yorktown and Yonkers meeting sites free of charge to all participants. For information about our bereavement services, please call (914) 666-4228.

Donations of books or funds to our Lending Library are always welcome!

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**Hospice Care – Monthly Bereavement Support Group Schedule**

**Adult Bereavement Services**

**Any Loss/General Bereavement**

*Mt. Kisco:*
Northern Westchester Hospital
Second Wednesday of each month

*Carmel:*
Putnam Hospital Center
Second Monday of each month

*Cortlandt Manor:*
Hudson Valley Hospital
Third Tuesday of each month

*Cold Spring:*
Our Lady of Loretto Church
Second Saturday of each month

*Tarrytown:*
540 White Plains Road
Second Saturday of each month

*New Rochelle (Spanish Speaking):*
Sound Shore Medical Center
Solomon Katz Breast Center
Alternate Tuesdays

**Loss of Spouse**

*Carmel:*
Putnam Hospital Center
Fourth Monday of each month

**Brewster:**
Trinity Lutheran Church
First Friday of each month

**The Caring Circle:**

**Yonkers:**
Please call for location
Alternate Thursdays

**Yorktown:**
Yorktown Presbyterian Church
Alternate Wednesdays

**Child Loss Group Yorktown:**
Yorktown Presbyterian Church
Alternate Wednesdays

**New Rochelle:**
Sound Shore Medical Center
Solomon Katz Breast Center
Alternate Tuesdays

**Circle of Hope Perinatal Bereavement Program**

**Yonkers:**
Please call for location
Alternate Thursdays

**Yorktown:**
Yorktown Presbyterian Church
Alternate Wednesdays

**Yorktown (Spanish Speaking):**
Yorktown Presbyterian Church
Alternate Wednesdays

**New Rochelle:**
Sound Shore Medical Center
Solomon Katz Breast Center
Alternate Tuesdays

**Young Adult Bereavement:**

**Tarrytown:**
540 White Plains Road
Third Monday of each month

Bereavement groups are offered to support those who are dealing with the loss of someone. They provide support, encouragement and education in the journey towards healing. Services are provided free of charge. For additional information, please call (914) 666-4228.

*Pre-Registration is required for all programs!*
Things You Need to Know About Writing a Will

According to a 2007 Harris Poll, 55% of adult Americans do not have a will. According to the same Harris Poll, more Americans are making living wills also referred to as health care directives. Making sure your wishes are upheld while living is just as important as ensuring your wishes are met after your death. From guardianship of younger children to passing on assets, a will is necessary to make sure your wishes are met.

Planning your estate through a will is a process to be undertaken carefully, and you should be wary of certain incorrect assumptions or mistakes people sometimes make:

Thinking you don’t need a will, or that only rich people need a will. Don’t you believe it. Everyone needs a will. If you own property, or even if you anticipate your estate will be small, it’s still important to have a will: protecting your assets through an estate plan will avoid delays and expenses that reduce the size of your estate.

Thinking you only need a will if you have dependents. Again, anyone who owns property needs a will if they want to have a say in who receives it. A will reduces delays, reduces probate costs (the legal process of proving a will is authentic) and other costs, and minimizes estate taxes.

Believing the state will take care of everything for you. If you die intestate, or without a legal will, you have no way of ensuring your assets will be distributed as you would like – you give the state where you live the right to decide who will receive your property – and, assets may go to heirs that you had no intention of providing for.

Since state law can’t provide for every possibility, your assets will be distributed through a one-size-fits-all plan: usually children receive equal amounts, and there are no provisions for special gifts for friends or favorite charities. Preparing a proper will is the only way you can be sure that your loved ones are taken care of and that your favorite charities are remembered as you wish.

Thinking you don’t need a will because your property is held jointly with your heirs with rights of survivorship. There can be advantages to doing this, but joint ownership does not reduce the need for a will, and can even create unintended gift tax liability. It can also deny you control over your property while you’re still living.

Writing your will by hand. A handwritten will is not legal in every state. Yes, there are places where a handwritten will – known as a holographic will – is perfectly valid, but is saving the cost of an attorney’s fee worth the risk of having your will invalidated? Keep in mind that the cost of having a qualified attorney draft your will is generally only a few hundred dollars.

Not keeping your beneficiary designations up-to-date. When you establish savings accounts, annuities, life insurance policies, and individual retirement accounts, you name beneficiaries as part of the process. You should be aware that these named beneficiaries will take legal precedence over any instructions in your will about distributing your assets. When you draft your will, be sure to review all of your accounts – savings and retirement accounts, as well as life insurance policies – to make sure your assets will go where you want, and will benefit the people and/or organizations of your choice.

And then you need to review your plans periodically because life happens, and things change. Tax laws change. Beneficiaries or executors may die before you do. Estate values grow or shrink. Children grow up, or marry, or go to college. Family members divorce. Friends become estranged. Charitable wishes may change when charities change.

A periodic review of your will ensures that your estate plan continues to match your state of mind.

Believing you’re too young to need a will. Don’t fall into this trap. Actually, this is when you need a will the most. A properly drafted will is your way to provide detailed instructions for the care of young children, and provides you with the foundation you need to build a strong financial future. You can always update your will as needed to reflect changes in your financial situation.

Leaving everything to your spouse. This is the obvious choice for
Things You Need to Know About Writing a Will (Continued)

many people, but there are a few issues to consider:

- If an accident claims you and your spouse beneficiary at the same time, the state may be in control of distributing your assets.

- If your spouse is not the parent of your children, even if you both agree on what to do with your property upon your death, there is always the possibility that unintended beneficiaries may receive your property.

- Your spouse may not feel the same way you do about an heir or charity. This may mean that bequests you would like to make go unfulfilled.

So, unless you have a crystal ball and can predict the future, an up-to-date will should be on your ‘to do’ list. If you already have a will, we encourage you to review it every five or so years or at the time of a significant event – marriage, birth of a child, death of an heir, interest in a new charity, loss of a special friend, acquisition of a major asset. And, when you take time to review it, please consider a bequest to the VNA & Hospice Care Foundation of Hudson Valley, if you haven’t already

Many of the changes you might want to make to update your will don’t require writing an entirely new document. In fact, many can be handled by using a codicil (or amendment) to your will. A codicil is then attached to your original will, to be executed with your will.

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