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Dear Friends,

It is my pleasure to extend my warmest greetings to the many generous supporters of VNS Health as they celebrate the 2023 Benefit, "Empowering Our Neighbors In Need."

As Borough President, I take a great deal of pride in recognizing organizations that care for the health of Staten Islanders. Since its founding in 1893 by Lillian D. Wald, VNS Health has been on the frontlines of every crisis faced by the residents of Staten Island and New York City. The skilled and compassionate care provided by the staff of VNS Health has allowed countless Staten Islanders to remain safe and healthy in their homes where they can remain connected to their families, friends, and neighbors.

I also wish to congratulate Mike Valentine, Martha Wolfgang, and Peter Hutchings as the recipients of the distinguished Lillian D. Wald Award for their significant contributions to the health and welfare of the those served by VNS Health.

Very truly yours,

Vito J. Fossella

Staten Island Borough President