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NEW YORK



UNITED STATES SENATOR

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Dear Friends,

I am delighted to send my warmest greetings to everyone attending the VNS Health 2023 Benefit, “Empowering Our Neighbors in Need.” It is my distinct pleasure to congratulate tonight’s honorees, who will be receiving the Lillian D. Wald Award for their important contributions to the health and welfare of others: Mike Valentine, Chief Executive Officer of Netsmart; Martha Wolfgang, retired Adjunct Faculty Member at the Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health; and Peter Hutchings, Board Member of VNS Health.

Since its inception in 1893, VNS Health has provided vulnerable New Yorkers with health services, education, and a safety net. Through crises such as the HIV/AIDS epidemic and the COVID-19 public health emergency, VNS Health has developed an array of significant innovations in physical therapy, elderly care, and other critical forms of support. As the nation's largest non-profit home- and community-based health care agency, VNS Health employs over ten thousand New Yorkers and serves almost 50,000 people daily. It is my sincere hope that these steadfast efforts inspire others to join VNS Health in safeguarding the health and well-being of our communities.

Please accept my best wishes for a wonderful event and many more years of continued success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kirsten Gillibrand".

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United States Senator