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Dear Friends,

It is my distinct pleasure to extend my warmest greetings to the many generous supporters of VNS Health as they celebrate the 2025 Benefit, "Here When You Need Us."

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 provided a safety net for New York's most vulnerable population, following the core values of empathy, integrity, and agility.

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 and gives them the opportunity to stay connected to their families, friends, and neighbors.

I also wish to congratulate the Honorable Carmen Beauchamp Ciparick and Dr. Ramon Tallaj as the recipients of the distinguished Lillian D. Wald Award for their significant contributions to the health and welfare of the individuals served by VNS Health.

Very truly yours,

Vito J. Fossella  
Staten Island Borough President