



NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLY

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Dear Friends:

Welcome to the VNS Health 2025 Benefit – *Here When You Need Us*.

Founded in 1893 by Lillian D. Wald, VNS Health was a pioneer in the fields of social reform, nursing and public health, providing health services, education and a safety net to the most vulnerable New Yorkers in lower Manhattan during a time when disease was rampant. Over a century later, VNS Health has been a trusted partner in delivering high-quality care to vulnerable and marginalized communities. Be proud of the compassionate services and support you consistently deliver to New Yorkers in need.

In 2024, VNS Health – with your generous supporters and community partners – provided \$69 million in charitable care and community benefit programs. I join with you all in celebrating such magnanimous support.

I would like to extend my most sincere congratulations to this year's recipients of the *Lillian D. Wald Award*: Hon. Carmen Beauchamp Ciparick (ret.), Of Counsel, Greenberg Traurig, LLP, and Ramon Tallaj, MD, Founder and Chairman of the Board, SOMOS Community Care. The *Lillian D. Wald Award* is presented each year in recognition of those who have made significant contributions to the health and welfare of others. I join with their family and friends in saluting them for a job well done.

Again, congratulations to tonight's honorees and best wishes to VNS Health for your continued success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carl E. Heastie".

CARL E. HEASTIE
Speaker