

November 12, 2026

Dear Friends,

I want to offer my heartfelt congratulations to VNS Health and its honoree as you celebrate your 2026 Benefit.

It is my pleasure to congratulate this year's recipient of the Lillian D. Wald Award, Richard Park, MD, CEO, Co-Founder of Rendr, and Managing Partner and Co-Founder of Ascend Partners.

For more than 130 years, VNS Health has given access to important health services, from home care to behavioral health and care management, to some of the most vulnerable of New Yorkers.

As Chair of the Senate Health Committee, I am committed to championing policies to ensure VNS Health continues to deliver great care to the thousands of people they serve every year as well as support this organization's dedicated healthcare workforce.

Thank you for your compassionate service to our communities for so many years, and I look forward to our continued partnership.

Sincerely,



Gustavo Rivera
New York State Senator
33rd Senate District, The Bronx