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The Junior Board of Christiana Care Hosts 2018 Medicine Ball to Benefit Dental Care at Wilmington Hospital

Event Features Popular Steinway Spirio Self-Playing Piano

WHAT: 2018 Medicine Ball

WHEN: Thursday, April 26 from 4:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

WHERE: Christiana Hilton at 100 Continental Dr. in Newark, Del.

WHAT: The Junior Board's 2018 Medicine Ball will benefit the renovation and expansion of Christiana Care's Wilmington Dental Clinic. Delaware is one of four states without adult Medicaid for dental/oral health conditions, and many people in the community have limited access to oral-facial clinical services. For more than 70 years, Christiana Care's Department of Oral & Maxillofacial & Hospital Dentistry has cared for the community by providing general and advanced dental and oral-facial care for vulnerable and underserved populations. The clinic sees approximately 14,200 patients per year.

This year's Medicine Ball will be of special interest to lovers of music and technology, as the event will feature a <u>Steinway Spirio self-playing piano</u>, donated by Jacobs Music. According to Steinway & Sons, the Spirio produces the most accurate reproduction of live performances ever achieved on a Steinway & Sons piano.

Journalists who would like to attend to the 2018 Medicine Ball should contact Christiana Care's Senior Manager of Media Relations Hiran Ratnayake at (302) 327-3327 or <u>hratnayake@christianacare.org</u>.

About The Junior Board of Christiana Care

The Junior Board of Christiana Care is a not-for-profit independent organization that advances the mission of Christiana Care. Junior Board members log thousands of hours by volunteering at both hospital campuses and participating in fundraising activities. They can be seen in their distinctive pink jackets at the Information Desk, Surgical Waiting Lounge, and Maternity Department at Christiana Hospital. They also serve at the Helen F. Graham Cancer Center & Research Institute. At Christiana Care's Wilmington Hospital, Junior Board volunteers work as greeters at the entrance to the hospital as well as in the Emergency Department and the Surgical Waiting Room. Volunteers also staff the hospital gift shops. To provide cheer and comfort to patients and their families, the Junior Board provides floral arrangements in the hospital chapels and delivers poinsettias on Christmas Eve to hospitalized patients.

About Christiana Care Health System

Christiana Care Health System is one of the country's largest health care systems, ranking as the 22nd leading hospital in the nation and 11th on the East Coast in terms of admissions. The health system includes The Medical Group of Christiana Care, a network of primary care physicians, medical and surgical specialists as well as home health care, preventive medicine, rehabilitation services and patient/family advisors for core health care services. A not-for-profit teaching hospital affiliated with Sidney Kimmel Medical College at Thomas Jefferson University, Christiana Care is recognized as a regional center for excellence in cardiology, cancer and women's health services. Christiana Care has an extensive range of outpatient services and works closely with its medical staff to achieve better health, better access to care and lower cost. Christiana Care is home to Delaware's only Level I trauma center, the highest capability center and the only one of its kind between Philadelphia and Baltimore. Christiana Care features a Level III neonatal intensive care unit, the only delivering hospital in Delaware that offers this highest level of care to the most critically ill newborns. Christiana Care includes two hospitals with 1,100 patient beds.

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