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### **St. Charles Hospital Presents Annual Theodore Roosevelt Awards**

St. Charles Hospital recently presented three individuals with the prestigious Theodore Roosevelt Award. The award is presented each year to individuals who demonstrate outstanding examples of volunteerism at the hospital. This year the award was presented to Jim Buzzetta, Competition Automotive Group, Brian McGinley, M.D., and Maria Basile, M.D.

James Buzzetta has been instrumental in the growth of his family's company, Competition Automotive Group, which owns six dealerships: Competition Toyota of Middle Island, Competition Infiniti of Smithtown, Smart of Smithtown, Competition BMW of Smithtown, Mercedes-Benz of Huntington and Mercedes-Benz of Smithtown. Jim personally oversees the family's Toyota dealership in Middle Island and the Mercedes-Benz dealership in Huntington. Jim has been involved at St. Charles Hospital for twelve years. He is one of the original members of the St. Charles Hospital Foundation, which was formed in 2003, and has held the position of chairman of the Foundation for the past three years. He enjoys taking an active part in hospital events and volunteers whenever called upon. In 2008, Jim spearheaded a car raffle event at the hospital which successfully raised more than \$75,000.

Maria Basile, M.D., a colon/rectal surgeon, is a dynamic and motivated physician leader with a keen interest in health care quality, safety, and professional development. Her desire to see medical malpractice reform and the reshaping of legislative policy led her to accepting a position as co-chair of the medical staff ad-hoc committee for medical liability reform. In that role she delivered a stirring speech to a gathering of more than 1,000 physicians attending the Medical Society of New York State's 2009 Legislative Day Rally. Her speech called on physicians to use the trust, compassion, stability and hope, inherent in each doctor/patient relationship, to act as leaders in advocacy for their patients. Dr. Basile's has also served as a delegate from Suffolk County at the 2009 Medical Society meeting at the New York State House of Delegates.

Brian McGinley, M.D., an orthopedic surgeon, was recognized for his advocacy for medical malpractice reform on behalf of the medical staff. Dr. McGinley's physician leadership role began in 1999 when he became a member of the St. Charles Hospital operating room committee, a position he maintains today. In 2004, he served as president of St. Charles Hospital's medical staff. His professional experience, along with his strong commitment to the Three Village community, motivated Dr. McGinley to accept the position of co-chair of the joint medical staff ad-hoc committee for medical liability reform. In that role, Dr. McGinley has spent countless hours meeting one-on-one with legislators both locally and in Albany, testifying before legislative assemblies and meeting with hospital administrators and numerous physicians on the Mather-St. Charles joint medical staff.

For more information on the Theodore Roosevelt Award, please call (631) 474-6797.

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