



NATHAN LITTAUER HOSPITAL

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Foundation Focus

Coming in
2016

Welcoming a New Dialysis Center

We are proud to announce a partnership with American Renal Associates that will bring kidney care to our community. Our community's need for dialysis and a nephrology practice has grown, and the current lack of local services presents a great hardship for patients in need and the caregivers who support them. Many local residents currently travel to the Capital District three times each week to receive the care that they cannot survive without. "This is the right project, at the right time with the right partners," said Nathan Littauer's President and CEO, Laurence E. Kelly. Kelly said the hospital is thrilled to work with ARA. "ARA brings a wealth of understanding of dialysis facility operations coupled with an outstanding management team to the table."

The new Dialysis Center will be under the direction of Dr. Soo Lee and Dr. Hani Shahata. "Dr. Lee and Dr. Shahata are well known to our providers and our patients. It's what we were looking for in a partnership," Kelly said.

The outpatient clinic will include the latest dialysis machines as well as heated massage dialysis chairs, iPad entertainment systems, individual flat screen TVs and wireless internet for increased patient comfort. Patients cared for at ARA facilities say that they feel safe and comfortable and that they are treated with dignity and respect.

The Foundation began fundraising for construction of the dialysis building in July of 2015 by filing grant applications with New York State and preparing our year-end campaign. In January 2016, Nathan Littauer was awarded an Empire State Development grant, part of which will support this project. Our 2015 year-end campaign, the 2016 EVENT and ongoing fundraising this year will help offset the construction cost of more than \$2,000,000. We will be asking for your financial support as we work toward the facility opening date scheduled for fall 2016. Your gifts in any amount help and we offer our thanks in advance for your support. A donor naming opportunity is available to create a personal, family, or corporate legacy with this facility.

Primary Care Coming to Fonda

Nathan Littauer has recently been awarded a Certificate of Need by NYS to construct a new primary care center in the Village of Fonda. Littauer announced that it will redevelop a lot along East Main Street in the village.

In addition to traditional primary care medicine, this location will also offer a full-service patient service center for blood draw, a limited laboratory testing site, retail pharmacy, and x-ray. This primary care center will provide tremendous quality of life benefits to the residents in a wide, growing and underserved area. Fonda is also the epicenter of truck traffic in our area. Truck drivers often have untreated medical needs and suffer from high rates of hypertension, early onset diabetes, and urinary disorders. Due to their working schedule truck drivers often put-off or skip needed medical care.

We will invite those who pass through on a regular or semi-regular basis to either use our center as their primary care provider or we will collaborate with their primary care provider at home to deliver comprehensive care. The on-the-road trucker will be able to easily communicate with us, ask questions, set up appointments, and request refills by using our Patient Portal.



**New in
2015**

Endoscopy Center Opens

An entirely new, state-of-the-art Gastroenterology Specialty Care Center was opened in 2015 with the support of many. This new center will add up to 20,000 patient visit opportunities per year in an area of medicine where demand has long outpaced availability of timely care. The center is situated in the Johnstown Surgical Center on South Kingsboro Avenue in Gloversville.

With this center, patients can now be seen, pretested, and undergo their procedure all at the same site. Creating a much more comfortable process for patients.

The 1,458-square-foot suite houses three exam rooms, one procedure room, two offices, two restrooms, and a new reception area. The office is adjacent to the completely refurbished Endoscopy Center with a reception area, three operating rooms; sterilization equipment, a multiple patient bay recovery room, exam rooms, and the most complete state-of-the-art technology and equipment for all procedures.



**New in
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New MRI Facility Added

For many years, Nathan Littauer Hospital, along with our operating partner Alliance Healthcare Radiology, had provided MRI services on-board a mobile unit. In 2015, with the help of our donors, a new facility was constructed to bring MRI services inside our facility to house the latest MRI system from GE Healthcare.



“The latest MRI is both patient and clinician friendly while producing leading-edge imagery,” states NLH Director of Imaging/Cardiopulmonary Services, Dwayne Eberle.

“The image quality at Littauer is of the highest quality anywhere. You could not get a better image at another major hospital. And good imagery means a better diagnosis,” says Littauer Chief of Radiology, Doctor John Mastrangelo.

The GE Optima MR450w’s innovative wide bore design allows more space for added patient comfort. The table surface, with different cushion densities, is designed to alleviate pressure points, and a new coil array offers feet-first imaging for all exam types.

In 2015, Littauer performed 3,287 MRI procedures – a number up from previous years.

Littauer Announces *The EVENT*



THE EVENT is an ever-changing extraordinary gala to benefit Nathan Littauer Hospital.

Each year we choose a theme and create an experience to remember. This year, we are hosting a *Black & White Ball* with entertainment by Upstate NY's premier event band *The New York Players*.

The newly renovated indoor and outdoor (weather permitting) public spaces of the Holiday Inn, Johnstown, NY will be decorated to create unique spaces for dining, dancing and conversation.

Enjoy an elegant evening and support the new *dialysis center* at Nathan Littauer Hospital.

Do not miss The EVENT, as this year's gala will have new features that are sure to please. Guests usually choose to attend The EVENT in cocktail attire, evening wear or costume.

Patron tickets are \$250.00 per person, General Admission tickets are \$125.00 per person and for those 40 years and younger, tickets are \$75.00 per person or two for \$125.00. For more information or sponsor opportunities, please contact the Nathan Littauer Foundation office at 518-773-5505 or NathanLittauerFoundation@nlh.org.

2016 Adirondack Challenge Golf Tournament Set for July 8th

The Nathan Littauer Foundation is proud and excited to announce that the Thirteenth Annual Adirondack Challenge Golf Tournament will be held **July 8, 2016**, at Lake Pleasant Golf Course.



Since its inception in 2004, this tournament has raised over \$150,000 to support Nathan Littauer and has been "the event" that golfers don't want to miss.

Please join us in the beautiful Adirondack Mountains for a great day of golf and a delicious lunch at the Melody Lodge.

For more information about the tournament, or to become a sponsor, please contact Kelly Colby at 518-773-5505 or kcolby@nlh.org.

Gift and Estate Planning

We have always been humbled by the generosity of our community. Estate gifts help guarantee the future of local healthcare, from providers to services, for generations to come. Planning a "legacy gift" is a gracious way to give lasting support. In addition, to helping Nathan Littauer, a planned gift may reward you as well. Depending on your circumstances, you could increase income, decrease estate tax or receive a tax deduction for assets that you no longer need. We can work with you, your family and estate planning advisors or guide you to professionals that can help structure a gift that meets your goals.



If you have already included Nathan Littauer in your estate planning, please let us know so that we may recognize your commitment with membership in the *Kemp Legacy Society*.

Fund for Employee Education Established

Doctors Priscilla Parkhurst Ferguson and Robert A. Ferguson, of Columbia University, have been impressed by the Nathan Littauer Hospital and Nursing Home's plan to assist employees seeking higher education.

"We were also struck by how limited the educational fund of the hospital has had to be because of rising educational costs and other pressing hospital needs," stated the Fergusons.

"We are educators, and we know how much excitement further training can bring to a person's life and vocational career. It can literally make the difference in someone, and nothing helps morale more in a workplace than the opportunity to improve in what one is doing."

"As longtime supporters of Littauer Hospital, we decided this would be a good place to help while also serving the City of Gloversville where we own a house and participate in community life. We think of the Hospital as the most vital single institution in Gloversville. If it thrives, so does the city and its citizens," they continued.

The Fergusons said they appreciate the high quality of care and professional enthusiasm that they have encountered at Littauer Hospital. They feel that their Ferguson Fund for Education could be a way to maintain those skills and attitudes over time.

Richard B. Parkhurst, Priscilla's father, served as a longtime member and officer of the Nathan Littauer Board of Directors. The Ferguson Fund also seeks to honor his memory and his great pride in Gloversville as a place to live.

Ferguson Fund Winners Include:

2015 Awards

Danielle T. McDuffee

Pursuing an A.A.S. in Nursing
at Mohawk Valley Community College

Jennifer Elmendorf

Pursuing a B.S. in Nursing from
SUNY Plattsburgh

2014 Award

Brooke Nellis

Pursuing a B.S. in Nursing from Utica College

2015 Ferguson Fund Awards



From left: NL Foundation Executive Director Geoffrey Peck, Jennifer Elmendorf, Dr. Robert A. Ferguson, Dr. Priscilla Parkhurst Ferguson, Danielle McDuffee and NLH President and CEO Laurence E. Kelly

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