

Gerald H. Hart Memorial Scholarship Fund

Contributions to the Gerald H. Hart Memorial Scholarship Fund will benefit the Special Education students at the Queens Transitional Center, part of the Department of Education. The Tietz Center has had a long standing relationship for more than 20 years with this special school, giving opportunities to students to advance, gain experience, and develop a career track. Under Gerald Hart's watch, five of these students were subsequently hired by the Margaret Tietz Nursing & Rehabilitation Center. We hope to continue his legacy by giving additional students opportunities for advancement.

Please make your checks in memory of Gerald Hart to:

Margaret Tietz Nursing & Rehabilitation Center

164-11 Chapin Parkway, Jamaica Hills, NY 11432

Attn: Public Affairs Dept.

Please note in the memo:

Gerald H. Hart Memorial Scholarship Fund

Dedication & Memorial Service for Gerald H. Hart III



Thursday, October 27th, 2011

2:30PM

Margaret Tietz Nursing & Rehabilitation Center



Gerald Hart was an accomplished Professional with interests, expertise and drive in many areas. Having enlisted in the United States Marine Corps immediately after high school and postponing college, Mr. Hart served honorably for 4 years, was promoted to the rank of Sergeant (E-5) and received a Certificate of Commendation for tasks accomplished above and beyond the line of duty, a theme that seems to be a constant throughout his career. Subsequent to his honorable discharge Mr. Hart immediately re-pursued academia at Johnson and Wales University obtaining a BA in Hospitality/ Long term Care Management in 3 1/2 years with honors, while achieving the status of Captain of the University's Wrestling Team. Among his other early experiences were positions as Chef, Personal Trainer, and Commercial Fisherman on a lobster boat for 7 summers during High School and College. Recent accomplishments included becoming the recipient of the Ralph J. Barron's Scholarship from the American College of Health Care Administrators while performing his Residency at Margaret Tietz Center and placing 3rd in the 2007 NYC Triathlon with other Team Members from MTC. Mr. Hart's contribution was his excellent marathon running ability.

Education:

- Long Island University CW Post Campus, Brookville, NY
- M.P.A. Health Care/Public Administration, December 2004

Johnson and Wales University, Providence, RI

- B.S. Long Term Care/Health Care Administration, August 2001 Cum Laude
- A.S. Health Care Administration/Hospitality Management, May 2000 Cum Laude

Special Distinctions:

- Recipient of the Ralph J. Barron's Scholarship from the American College of Health Care Administrators
- Pi Alpha Alpha National Honor Society
- Certificate of Commendation for tasks accomplished above and beyond the line of duty/ Honorable Discharge USMC

Professional Activities:

- American College of Health Care Administrators, Scholarship Committee
- Continuing Care Leadership Coalition, Purchasing Committee and Quality Committee
- Healthcare Financial Management Association, Member

My deepest and sincere condolences to all of Gerry's family and friends. My family was blessed to know him through Tietz during his time there. Gerry was a warm, caring, sincere man. He was and will be missed.
- Anita Brown, Boynton Beach, FL

We would always remember Gerald as a very good friend of our family. He was always there for us when my husband was at MTC. A great loss to his family, to his friends and in the healthcare community as well.
- Mila Erana & Family

Words cannot express how sad I am about Gerald's death. I worked with Gerald for many years and he was very encouraging & supportive. Always had a big smile when I saw him and a warm greeting. We bonded over our love of dogs and stories about our grandmothers. My thoughts are with his family during this difficult time.
- Monica Wiedeman

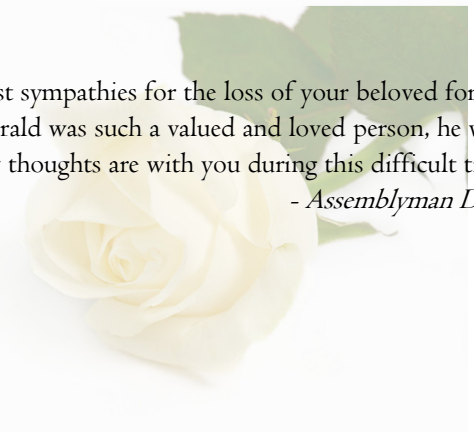
He was a man of real character and goodness. Gerald was always ready to help out someone in need. My sincere condolences to his friends and family. He was truly irreplaceable.
- Scott Wolff, Queens Assembly District 27



Condolences

Our Condolences to Mr. Hart's family and the Margaret Tietz Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. Mr. Hart will be missed.
- Councilman Peter Koo

I would like to express my deepest sympathies for the loss of your beloved former Executive Director Gerald H. Hart. Gerald was such a valued and loved person, he will be missed by all who loved him. My thoughts are with you during this difficult time.
- Assemblyman David Weprin



May God Bless you and your family.

- *Lillie Cavallari*

I knew Gerald through his work with Hospice of New York at Margaret Tietz where at every public event he would proudly announce "we are family here." Those who worked with him lost more than a boss or colleague. we lost a brother, son or father.

- *John Chermack*

He was a classmate of my son and a fellow football teammate. I found Jerry to be a funny and kind young man with a special way of engaging people--a great listener with an openness and sensitivity to all....may your memories sustain you in the days ahead.

- *Susan Cleaver , Southern Pines, North Carolina*

I have been a social worker with Hospice Care Network and have been visiting patients at Margaret Tietz for the past 9 years. I know I speak for myself and my colleagues how terribly shocked and saddened we are to hear of his death. I remember him fondly as a kind, warm, compassionate man; a privilege to work with such a fine Administrator--someone who always took the time to talk to the residents--it seemed as if he knew each person living there by name. I will never forget that, or his smile. Peace be with you all.

- *Donna DiDonato, LCSW; Hospice Care Network*

He was dedicated to all that he did - family, career and enjoying life. It was a joy to have known Gerald and he will be missed.

- *Danielle Donaphin*

He was a good, kind man with a wonderful smile and concern for all. May his memory be a blessing forever.

- *Deborah Gelberg*

I hope that knowing his good life made a great impact is a comfort to those who knew him.

- *Camela Morrissey*

There was never a prouder dad than Gerry Hart the II who always introduced his son as Gerry Hart the III with a garrulous smile. Father and son had identical smiles. You could feel the love! My prayers and condolences to the family.

- *Tara Toolan*

To me, he was my friend and owned a great piece of my heart. To all, he was a great source of inspiration. No one compares to him. He was simply amazing! I am blessed to have known him. I love him and will miss him dearly.

- *Jennifer Vitiello*

My heart breaks for the tremendous grief at the loss of Gerry. My love and sympathy to my dear cousin Helen who was so admired and loved by him! I will miss you and so will the Long term care Industry miss a great Administrator!!!

- *Ruth West*

In Memoriam Gerald H. Hart III



Opening
Linda Spiegel

Introduction
Joseph Seminaro

Commemoration
Special Guests

Dedications:

Tree of Life
Linda Spiegel

Inspirational Dedication of Tree & Garden
Rabbi Richard Weiss

Having come up the ranks in a relatively short time, Gerald H. Hart is believed to be the youngest Executive Director in the Health Care sector and its most eligible bachelor. At only 31, he is named Executive Director of the Margaret Tietz Nursing and Rehabilitation Center (MTC). A not-for-profit organization with a \$35,000,000 budget, MTC is comprised of a 200-bed Nursing Facility, a 70- slot Medical Model Adult Day Care, and Skyline Commons, the first Continuing Care Retirement Community in the New York Metro Area (143 apartments, 17 beds Enriched Housing, 40 beds Skilled Nursing).

Mr. Hart is an inspirational and compassionate leader whose dedication to quality health care was unsurpassed. His stellar work ethic has brought many opportunities his way. As the "Tietz" rising star, Mr. Hart, began his association as a Masters Level Intern in May 2002 followed by a 52- week unpaid Residency also in 2002. His dedication and resolve was quickly realized by the Administration that led to his promotion to Weekend Administrator in 2003. Mr. Hart was named Chief Operating Officer in January 2006 followed by another promotion to Executive Director in June 2006. As a visionary, he is consistently seeking opportunities to strengthen the organization's leadership role:

- Guided Margaret Tietz Center through a corporate merger/ affiliation while simultaneously cutting \$1,000,000 from the facility's budget.
- Initiated the installation of 3 75-kilowatt co-generation units providing the facility with 85% of its own power.
- Growth of Short-term Rehabilitation Program, selected by NYU Rusk as their exclusive Queens site.
- Commenced Enhanced Dining concept providing a homelike environment for the residents.
- Developed the first Employee Appreciation Program in 37 years.
- Addition of Kosher Kitchen to meet community need.
- Fostered Community Outreach with successful Summer Concert Series.

As appeared in Crane's New York

Gerald H. Hart III Newsday Obituary - Guest Book

I have known Gerald since he started at Tietz. His valuable contributions to the home and his untiring devotion will not be forgotten. My sincere condolences to the family.

- Henry Conston

He will always be remembered and missed. May his family be comforted in this time of mourning.

- Benny Feldman

It was a pleasure to have worked with Gerald; he was a very inspiring person and he will be missed.

-Tataneesha Gallimore

I knew Gerald at Margaret Tietz. He was truly an amazing man. His dedication and loyalty to long term care was incredible. He loved Margaret Tietz and considered all of us, his extended family. I love you Gerald. Thank you for all you did for me. You will be missed by so many.

-Andrea Gibbon RN

I enjoyed my working days with Gerald. The longterm-care community has lost a great potential.

-Clari Gilbert

My condolences to the Hart Family, I enjoyed my working days with Gerald at Margaret Tietz. He was a great man and will be missed.

-Anthony Hatziioannou

He was a kind, sensitive young man with so much potential. He will be missed.

-Marion Hogarth

I remember how Gerald always spoke well of his family and now in your time of grief you should know Gerald loved you. I have good memories of teaching finance to Gerald for his long-term care nursing home administrator's license and will miss talking to him.

- Michael Renz, Sahuarita, Arizona

I was fortunate to have known Gerald while he was the administrator at Margaret Tietz and my husband was a resident there. Gerald's compassion and kindness towards the residents and their families will never be forgotten. My deepest sympathy to his family.

-Carol Roff

Gerald was a kind and caring person who always made me smile. I can't believe he is gone but the good he brought to the lives of our Margaret Tietz residents lives on. I will miss him always.

-Isabel Tiffen

I had the privilege of working with Gerald for a short period of time while he was the administrator at Margaret Tietz. He was bright , caring, supportive - such a wonderful person - he will be missed. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

-Connie Tomaino

Gerald was a wonderful man. The thoughts of many are with you at this time of sorrow.

-Wendi Wright