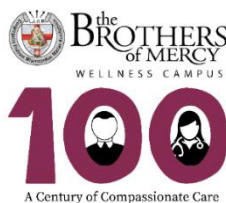


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The Brothers of Mercy Appoints Roopa Chakkappan as New Board Member

CLARENCE, NY – The Brothers of Mercy Wellness Campus Board of Directors today announced the appointment of new board member, Roopa Chakkappan.

Chakkappan, a partner at Hodgson Russ, LLP, is a member of the New York State Bar and specializes in public and private health care law. She advises health care entities on managed care contracts and provider agreements while serving as the firm's expert on the New York State Public Health Statute and federal and state Medicaid and Medicare statutes and implementing regulations.

"I and members of The Brothers of Mercy Board of Directors welcome Roopa. We are pleased to add her skills and experiences to ours in service of our mission to the elderly," said Sister Patricia Burkard, Chairperson of the Board of the Directors for The Brothers of Mercy.

Chakkappan is a member of the American Public Health Association and the American Health Lawyers Association. She is also involved with advocacy for domestic violence survivors and is an active volunteer with the Women's Health Initiative and a volunteer advocate for SAKHI for South Asian women.

A graduate of UB Law School, Chakkappan earned a bachelor of arts in anthropology from the University of Illinois and a master of public health from Boston University.

The Brothers of Mercy Board of Directors consists of Sister Patricia Burkard, OSF, Board Chair, Monsignor David Lipuma, Brother Kenneth Thomas, FMMA, House Superior of The Brothers of Mercy, Thomas Fentner, President of HR Solutions, Brother Matthias Moller, FMMA, David Nasca, President & CEO of Evans Bank, Michael E. McRae, President & CEO of St. Ann's Community in Rochester, David Rogers, Founder of Life Storage, Inc., Dr. Michael Noe, Clinical Professor Emeritus in the Department of Epidemiology & Environmental Health and Clinical Associate Professor Emeritus in the Department of Medicine at the University of Buffalo, and Peter Eimer, CEO of The Brothers of Mercy (ex-officio).

About The Brothers of Mercy Wellness Campus:

The Brothers of Mercy is a nonprofit Catholic provider of comprehensive, compassionate residential, health care and rehabilitation services for Western New Yorkers. The organization operates a Medicare-rated 5-star, 126-acre Wellness Campus in Clarence, NY. With a continuum of lifestyle options, The Brothers of Mercy ministry of care features skilled nursing, inpatient & outpatient therapies, assisted living & memory care, independent living, spiritual care, respite, hospice and at-home companion care. It is the largest retirement community in the region, as ranked by *Buffalo Business First*, and ranks annually on *Newsweek's* "America's Best Nursing Homes" list.

In 2024, The Brothers of Mercy's will commemorate its 100th anniversary of serving seniors seeking their best quality of life. From its origins of riding bicycles through the streets of Buffalo to deliver home care, the mission has remained devoted to serving the essential health needs of the community through the motto of "The Charity of Christ Urges On."

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