



Bronx Community
Guardianship Network, Inc

3RD ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

SEPTEMBER 16, 2026

**PELHAM BAY & SPLIT ROCK
GOLF COURSES**





On behalf of Bronx Community Guardianship Network, Inc. and our Board of Directors, Peter Masella, MD, Chairperson, Victor Ayala, PhD, and John D'Alessandro, Esq., I welcome you to our 3rd Annual Golf Outing and Dinner and celebration of BCGN's 15th Anniversary.

When I interviewed with Richard Weisman, Esq. for my position at his law firm in 1998, he made note of my involvement in IDEA, the non-profit organization Rose Rodstrom and I started at PS 175, The City Island School. Richard said he had a goal to start a non-profit organization one day. In 2010 when the Bronx Court lamented that there was a shortage of guardians, in consultation with John D'Alessandro, Esq., Court Attorney Referee, the idea to start a non-profit guardianship organization was born. We introduced Becky Bigio, NP-P, a psychiatric social worker to Phil Conran, who was retiring as the guardianship clerk in Bronx Supreme Court and BCGN came into existence in November, 2011. Richard Weisman was BCGN's first attorney. Marjorie Varrichio, Esq. currently serves in that capacity.

Since 2011, BCGN, Inc. a non-profit 501 (c) (3), has collaborated with the courts, government agencies and other community organizations to meet the needs of its clients and has kept its commitment to be Bronx based and to serve the people of the Bronx. We deploy a multi-disciplinary approach that features regular meetings and frequent communication with clients as they work to address their individual and unique needs and make sure they have the things that make them content. With input when available from family, friends and neighbors, the team makes small but meaningful gesture, purchasing new walking shoes, art supplies, favorite foods, music therapy, improving the health and well-being of our clients, and ensuring that they live with dignity. Services include a range of activities from managing finances to helping prevent evictions and assisting with transitioning from a nursing home or hospital to a more appropriate residential setting. After death, BCGN, Inc. ensures that our clients have a dignified burial, in keeping with their individual faith traditions.

As we acknowledge that artificial intelligence is creating a technological shift, we recommit ourselves to human interaction and communication. At BCGN, Inc. we listen to our clients, we care about them, we provide them with support and we advocate for them. As Mother Teresa said, "We can do no great things, only small things with great love."

BCGN, Inc. serves many clients who have no resources. In these matters, we serve without compensation. There are hundreds of other people who also need our services, and we cannot help them without the support of institutions like our Platinum Sponsor: Morgan Stanley; our Gold Sponsor: Orange Bank & Trust Co.; and our Silver Sponsor: Apple Bank.; our elected officials, especially Assembly Member Michael Benedetto; our Golf Hole Sponsors; and our Supporters.

Tonight, we express our gratitude to the members of our Board of Directors and to our Chairman of the Board, Peter Masella, MD, for his leadership and to Board Members: Victor Ayala, PhD, for his guidance and insight and to John D'Alessandro, Esq. who provides stellar pro bono legal services to BCGN, Inc.

Additionally, BCGN, Inc. showcases a team of first-rate professionals, our Care Managers: Donald Klocek, Senior Care Manager and Care Management Coordinator; Joseph Gunn, Senior Care Manager; Christine Doyle, MSW, Care Manager; Erica Falcon, Care Manager; Gloria Rivera, Care Manager; as well as Karla Betances, Bookkeeper Aide; Martina Morrissey, Client Care Support Assistant; Diego Ocasio, Intern; and our medical consultant, Christopher Hennessy, MD. A special mention goes to Monica Yehle Glick, our social media consultant who is interviewing our clients to preserve their stories, because as we have realized, their stories are our stories.

We wish to thank the members of our volunteer Golf Committee for sharing their talents and time to advance our mission. They have spent countless hours planning and organizing this day: Christine Doyle (Jimmy), Joseph Gunn (Maureen), Christopher Hennessy (Erin), Cait O'Dwyer (Richard), Erica Falcon (Eddie) and Karla Betances and a special thank you to Chairperson, Christina Hennessy (David). I have added their spouses/partners in parenthesis to acknowledge their contributions, too. Finally, a special thank you to my husband, David, for his love and support. He makes all things possible.

Thank you for your support of this event and for sharing this celebration with us.

PATRICIA HENNESSY, MSW

President

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OUR VISION

Bronx Community Guardianship Network, Inc. ("BCGN") is a not-for-profit organization which was founded in 2011. BCGN provides a multi-disciplinary approach to life-planning, adult and juvenile guardianship, and trustee services within the context of New York State Article 81 Mental Hygiene Law.

OUR MISSION

As the only Guardianship program with a principal office in Bronx County, our organization collaborates with local officials, the Courts, and other multidisciplinary agencies and organizations to meet the needs of the numerous residents of the Bronx who desperately need quality guardianship services. BCGN is currently serving as Court-appointed Guardian of the Person and/or Guardian of the Property and Trustee for guardianship clients residing in the community, in assisted living, rehabilitation and nursing home facilities.

Since 2011, BCGN has provided assistance to hundreds of Bronx residents. BCGN is dedicated to improving the quality of life for each of our guardianship clients, utilizing a highly individualistic and holistic approach to care management.

OUR COMMITMENT

BCGN is committed to upholding the highest ethical standards. We serve the most vulnerable populations, the underserved elderly, the poor, those with chronic illnesses and/or mental or functional limitations, and those whose needs are most acute, without reference to gender, race, religion, ethnicity, and/or sexual orientation.