



A garden honoring the life of beloved patient and Colonia resident Everett Duchin has been dedicated at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital Rahway.

"When we first discussed it, it was going to be a bench and tree," joked Everett's brother Eric of South Plainfield. Everett's immediate family, together with friends and extended family, started a GoFundMe page to raise money for the project. The Everett Howard Duchin Memorial Garden now includes ornamental trees, flowering plants, and benches around the hospital's familiar gazebo.

"We thank the Duchin Family and their many friends for providing a beautiful place for family, friends and staff," said Hospital President Kirk Tice.

Everett Duchin was 41 when he passed away at home in 2021. An infection during infancy left him severely brain damaged requiring 24/7 care. As an adult, he sometimes needed a ventilator to help him breathe. His family was devoted to his care. He was often hospitalized for weeks and months at a time.

"My mom spent many a night in a chair by his bedside at the hospital," Eric recalled. "He was hospitalized so often, we said he should have a wing."

Everett was beloved, with staff combing his hair, playing with him or just coming in to visit, recalled Everett's mom, Arleen Duchin. "He had a great smile," recalled Nurse Theresa Dobbin.

In a touching ceremony in front of the hospital's gazebo, Arleen Duchin thanked the hospital staff, hospital Administration and Hospital President Kirk Tice, her family and all their many friends for contributing to the garden.

"This gift from the Duchin family created a beautiful space for people to take a moment in their day," said Vice President of Development Heather Hays.



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The RWJUH Rahway 38th Annual Golf Classic drew 80 participants and raised \$70,000 for the hospital. Held Monday, September 12th at the Echo Lake Country Club in Westfield, it was a fun filled day of golf, networking, and supporting the hospital. The success of the outing was also attributable to the generous contributions of the many sponsors and individuals that supported the event, including their Title Sponsor – RWJUH Rahway's own Pathology Department.



RWJUH Rahway's 4th Annual Women's Golf Classic and Clinic was held in August at the Shackamaxon Country Club in Scotch Plains. This year's event drew 65 participants and raised \$30,000 for the hospital. The success of the day's outing was made possible by generous contributions from our sponsors: Infineum USA, L.P.; EBSCO Health; NJ Advance Media; Edward Jones; Lindabury, McCormick, Estabrook & Cooper, P.C.; Pashman Stein Walder Hayden, P.C.; and the Gateway Family YMCA.



Our team continues to help the surrounding community, inside and outside the hospital walls. RWJUH Rahway has a mini food pantry that provides food for our discharged hospital patients who are food insecure. The pantry is stocked with easy to open and easy to heat foods, especially appreciated by patients who are discharged to motels. The pantry holds shelf-stable food for breakfast, lunch, dinner, as well as snacks. Food insecure patients also get hot food from our cafeteria. RWJUH Rahway's backpack drive continues this year. Last year, more than 200 backpacks were stuffed with school supplies, all donated by our team. Many staff members' family got creative in the endeavor, writing notes and providing toys. The backpacks were delivered to Rahway Food for Friends Food pantry clients.

**If you have diabetes, the goal is control!** Thanks to a generous grant from Merck, RWJUH Rahway is offering another free six-week program on how to control blood sugar beginning November 3. For more information or to register, call 732-388-0057. Classes are held at The Gateway Family YMCA in Rahway.

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