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WESTCHESTER COUNTY ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCES LAUNCH OF HEALTHCARE TALENT PIPELINE PROGRAM

Funded by a Grant from Westchester County, WCA's Program Will Train and Place 100 Workers with Regional Healthcare Providers and Have an Annual Economic Impact of More than \$3.5 Million

White Plains, N.Y. (February 25, 2022) – During the Annual County Executive's Breakfast hosted by [The Westchester County Association](#) (WCA) on Thursday, February 24, 2022 at the Sleepy Hollow Hotel & Conference Center in Tarrytown, New York, County Executive George Latimer and WCA President & CEO Michael N. Romita jointly announced the launch of the Healthcare Talent Pipeline Program (HTPP). Conceived by the WCA, the HTPP will help relieve the regional workplace challenges faced by our hospitals and medical groups by recruiting and training 100 job seekers and incumbent works for high-demand healthcare jobs.

The WCA's annual event brought together 200 of the region's most influential business, nonprofit, and government leaders to hear from the County Executive on his plans for the new year. Susan Fox, Chair of the Board and President & CEO of White Plains Hospital, gave opening remarks followed by an address by C.E. George Latimer which include the HTPP announcement. To conclude the program, Lynne Richardson, Dean of the LaPenta School of Business at Iona College moderated an expert panel discussing the current state of the economy and its impact on the region. Panelists included Michael P. Goldrick of PCSB Bank, Shannon Seery of Wells Fargo Corporate & Investment Bank, and Michael Vitale of Webster Bank. The conversation covered a wide array of topics from diversity in the workplace, to supply chain issues, development and more.

"As the leading independent voice of Westchester's business community, the WCA advocates on behalf of the region's key business sectors. Through collaboration with our working groups, we also develop initiatives designed to have a tangible and lasting impact on the economy," said Michael Romita, President and CEO of Westchester County Association. "Moreover, it is essential that we have the County on board to help support us our efforts. Special thanks to the County Executive, the County Board of Legislators, and all of our training partners for recognizing the importance of this initiative for the regional healthcare sector."

"Healthcare workers are essential, critical, and indispensable employees," said County Executive George Latimer. "This pandemic has precipitated the need for trained and talented workers, and we know we can tap into our neighbors here in Westchester seeking training and employment. Westchester is proud to partner with the WCA to keep our County on the cutting edge of the healthcare industry."

The HTPP program seeks to serve individuals with barriers to employment and employers with significant talent shortages. Recruitment will be led by WCA, Nonprofit Westchester and their members,

Westchester Community College, SWBOCES, Career Centers, DSS Office of Work Activities and their partners.

“The WCA is uniquely positioned to help create a pipeline of locally educated and trained talent and we appreciate the support from the County and all of our community partners for helping to create this essential program,” said Susan Fox, Chair of the Board and President & CEO of White Plains Hospital.

Additional information related to Westchester County’s funding will be released soon. To see photos from this breakfast event, please click through to the link [HERE](#).

About Westchester County Association

The [Westchester County Association](#) is the most influential organization of businesses and non-profits in Westchester and the surrounding region. We unite and mobilize professional leaders to promote issues and lead initiatives that strengthen our regional economy. We are dedicated to smart business growth and advancing the well-being of the community. Our key objectives are to promote positive economic development in the region, foster business development, and provide our members with access to key public and private sector individuals, agencies, and organizations. For more information about the Westchester County Association, visit www.westchester.org.

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