January 18, 2019

Dear VCU Health Supporter,

On May 18, 2019, the VCU Health trauma center will host our 11th annual Shining Knight Gala. We invite you to join us in experiencing patient stories from the perspective of care providers whose coordinated efforts resulted in a highly sophisticated life-saving scenario. In 2019 we will also feature a patient and their family who has found a way to give back to VCU Health trauma and inspire others.

VCU Health’s team of trauma experts care for more than 4,500 central Virginians each year who sustain major traumatic injuries. As the region’s only Level I Comprehensive trauma center, VCU Health has 24-hour, on-site emergency staff, surgical staff, dedicated operating rooms, nursing staff, and 24/7 access to laboratory services and subspecialties including: cardiac surgery, neurosurgery, plastic surgery, anesthesiology, and radiation. In addition to being the longest established and largest trauma center in Virginia, VCU Health is designated by the Commonwealth and verified by the American Surgeons as meeting the highest standard for trauma care. When you need us most, we are here for you!

As always, at the annual Shining Knight Gala, you will learn that in addition to providing the best possible care, our team members are passionate about preventing traumatic injuries. The funds raised will support our Injury and Violence Prevention programs. Through these programs we work locally and regionally in partnership with organizations to make our community a safer place. These efforts extend beyond the walls of the trauma center and the roles of doctor and patient. We are dependent upon your generous gifts to sustain these numerous injury and violence prevention programs.

This year we are humbled to welcome Clay and Randy Reynolds as our Gala honorary co-chairs. The Reynolds are active in the community both professionally and philanthropically through Reynolds Development and their family foundation. Both Clay and Randy share a passion for the work of VCU Health, the trauma center, and the care providers.

Please join us in 2019. We hope you will be interested in supporting us through a sponsorship, by purchasing a table, or recognizing a loved one as a “Shining Knight.” The enclosed informational sheet outlines our opportunities for support. Please contact Leslie Stewart or Quentin Dill at 804-828-3684 with any questions.

Thank you for your consideration and your continuing support. We look forward to seeing you on May 18, 2019 at the VCU Health Shining Knight Gala.

Sincerely,

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