



NORTH HUDSON  
COMMUNITY ACTION CORPORATION

*Gala*  
Saturday, January 25, 2025



# JOAN QUIGLEY

Joan Quigley had just completed her term as leader of New Jersey's Junior Woman's Clubs in the summer of 1974 when she received a call from Sister Ambrosina McConnin inviting her to become the first laywoman on the board of St. Francis Hospital in Jersey City.

It was the start of her half century in healthcare.

Joan, the only child of Julia and Edward Duane, graduated from St. Dominic Academy and Katherine Gibbs School, then married maritime attorney

John J. Quigley, Jr. and had three children – Jack, Suzanne and Robert – and was looking for something interesting to do.

She was hooked, she said, on health issues from her first meeting at the downtown Jersey City hospital. With her family's encouragement, she also enrolled in both Hudson County Community College and Saint Peter's University at the same time and graduated from both only two years later, summa cum laude.

By that time she also had begun to work full time, first for the United Way, then for the Hudson County Department of Health and Social Services. In 1979 after she earned her Masters in Public Management from Rutgers University, Sister Ambrosina encouraged her to join the St. Francis staff as VP of public relations.

Joan also maintained an informal relationship with The Jersey Journal, writing occasional articles under the pen name Judy Johnson and chairing both its Women of Achievement and Everyday Heroes search. In 2013 she officially became a columnist.

She joined several community boards and organizations, often becoming chairman or president, and receiving many awards, including the first New Jersey Pride award from New Jersey Monthly Magazine, along with Bruce Springsteen.

In 1993 she joined North Hudson Mayor Nicholas Sacco and Secaucus Assemblyman Tony Impreveduto in a run for the State Legislature. They were elected and Joan chaired several committees and became Assembly Caucus leader. Her favorite role, she says, was as Chair of Homeland Security while Albio Sires was Speaker.

All the while she had worked for the hospitals that now comprise the Carepoint Health System, but in 2013 she left to become CEO of North Hudson Community Action Corporation.

She and North Hudson loved each other, their bond strengthening during the pandemic when North Hudson led all similar organizations in testing and vaccinating against Covid.

# CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

## **Honoring Leadership, celebrating 60 Years of Impact, and Beginning a Bold New Chapter**

We gather to honor Joan Quigley, our CEO and President, for her dedicated years of service to NHCAC. Under her leadership, the organization has navigated immense growth and critical challenges, particularly during the pandemic. Joan's steadfast commitment to public service has left a lasting impression on NHCAC and the wider community. We express our sincere gratitude to her and wish her happiness as she enters this new chapter of life. In her retirement, may she finally enjoy the rewards of her lifelong dedication and take the well-deserved rest she has earned.

This year, we celebrate the 60th anniversary of the North Hudson Community Action Corporation (NHCAC). This milestone invites us to reflect on a legacy rich in service, compassion, and dedication to community wellness. Founded in 1965, NHCAC has been a vital support system, empowering individuals and families through innovative programs and unwavering care. At the core of our mission is a profound commitment to our community's most vulnerable members. From providing healthcare to the uninsured and assisting those in need with housing to offering educational opportunities for underserved children, we strive to ensure no one is overlooked.

This celebration recognizes the many achievements made possible by the vision of our founders and the tireless efforts of generations of staff, leaders, and supporters. Influential figures like Chris Irizarry and Michael Leggiero have played crucial roles in shaping NHCAC into what it is today.

As we celebrate this Diamond Anniversary, we reflect on the resilience and clarity that have supported NHCAC through six decades of service. Today, we proudly represent New Jersey's largest Federally Qualified Health Center, facilitating over 268,000 patient visits annually. Offering a range of services from medical and dental care to housing assistance, food security initiatives, and early childhood education through Head Start, NHCAC profoundly impacts the lives of those we serve.

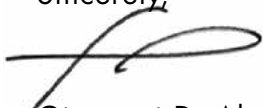
Looking forward, we are motivated by the opportunities that lie ahead. Guided by our Board of Directors and supported by our dedicated team, we are working to rebuild trust and realign our organization with its core mission of community service excellence. With David Selig stepping in as interim CEO and President, we are poised to embrace innovation and adapt to the evolving needs of our community. Together, we will continue to enhance our services, strengthen partnerships, and create a lasting impact for future generations.



This celebration signifies a tribute to our past and a commitment to learn from our history. By carefully considering areas for growth and improvement, we reinforce our dedication to staying true to our core mission and values, ensuring that NHCAC remains a vital resource for the community. Let us honor the foundation forged by those before us by striving for progress, equity, and compassion in all our endeavors. From our inception to the present, we also acknowledge the employees and board members whose relentless work has been crucial to our success. Their commitment has solidified NHCAC as our community's trusted and essential resource.

We sincerely appreciate the local, county, state, and federal leaders and elected officials. Your steadfast support and partnership have been essential to our mission. Without your commitment and advocacy, NHCAC could not provide the vital services that sustain and uplift our community. Thank you for standing with us as we continue this journey together. Here's to 60 years of achievements and an even brighter future.

Sincerely,



Giovanni D. Ahmad

Chairman

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North Hudson Community Action Corporation



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# TRUSTEE MESSAGE

It is both an honor and a privilege to continue serving as Chairman of the North Hudson Community Action Foundation for the upcoming year. The achievements we have realized together are truly extraordinary, and I am eager to advance new initiatives while building on the remarkable progress we have already achieved.

The North Hudson Community Action Foundation was established in the spring of 2002 to support the critical health and social services provided by the North Hudson Community Action Corporation (NHCAC). For 60 years, NHCAC has stood as a beacon of hope and stability in Hudson County, New Jersey. Over time, its reach has expanded into Bergen and Passaic counties, offering essential health services to those in need. Through its commitment to delivering high-quality care in Internal Medicine, Pediatrics, and OB/GYN, NHCAC ensures that underserved community members receive vital support at little or no cost.

On behalf of the North Hudson Community Action Foundation, I am delighted to celebrate and honor Joan M. Quigley on this momentous occasion. Joan's extraordinary 50 years of service in healthcare, including 13 years of unwavering dedication to NHCAC have left an indelible impact on our community. Joan's leadership, compassion, and tireless commitment to improving lives exemplify the essence of service and inspire us all.

We are proud to recognize Joan's incredible legacy, which serves as a shining example of what can be achieved through dedication and a genuine desire to uplift others.

Congratulations, Joan, on this well-deserved recognition. May your legacy continue to inspire us all to reach new heights in our service to the community.

With heartfelt appreciation,

Christopher Brazzano  
North Hudson Community Action Foundation

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*Happy 60th Birthday*

## NORTH HUDSON COMMUNITY ACTION CORPORATION

The impact of North Hudson Community Action Corporation's work in the past 60 years is not only measured in statistics; it is seen in the lives we have transformed by the care and support we have provided. Last year, we treated 72,489 patients totaling 220,000 visits across our ten health centers and assisted 32,304 individuals enrolling in state and federal insurance programs. Through our Head Start programs, we provided essential educational resources that helped 511 children grow and thrive. Additionally, 4,825 women, 4,366 infants, and 7,706 children received nutritious food, breastfeeding support, and nutrition education through the WIC program.

Our efforts extended beyond health services. We supported individuals through the job placement program and helped resolve housing challenges for 155 households via tenant-landlord counseling. Also, 21 households improved their financial well-being, 8 households completed Financial Literacy classes, 19 households completed Fair Housing workshops and 41 households participated in Pre-purchase workshops. We also assisted seniors with pressing concerns. A total of 1,869 seniors received social and health assistance, and 5,503 senior contacts resulted in linkages to necessary resources. We provided 1,168 hours of care management for service coordination and 33 emergency situations were addressed. For those facing immigration challenges, we provided aid to 2,693 individuals. Out of these, 2,120 clients received clarification on immigration notices and we translated and notarized 916 immigration documents.

During times of crisis, we distributed 4,164 food vouchers to 89 families, provided 486 rent payments for 114 households to prevent homelessness and covered 32 security deposits. We ensured that 201 families had a safe place to sleep, offering 1,018 nights of emergency shelter. Through our Job Placement program, 32 clients obtained employment, 8 clients completed job readiness training, 145 clients received career counseling and 306 clients participated in interview preparation.

These figures go beyond mere statistics—they represent real people who found hope, relief, and the means to build better lives. Every dollar raised at this gala goes directly toward helping people in need.

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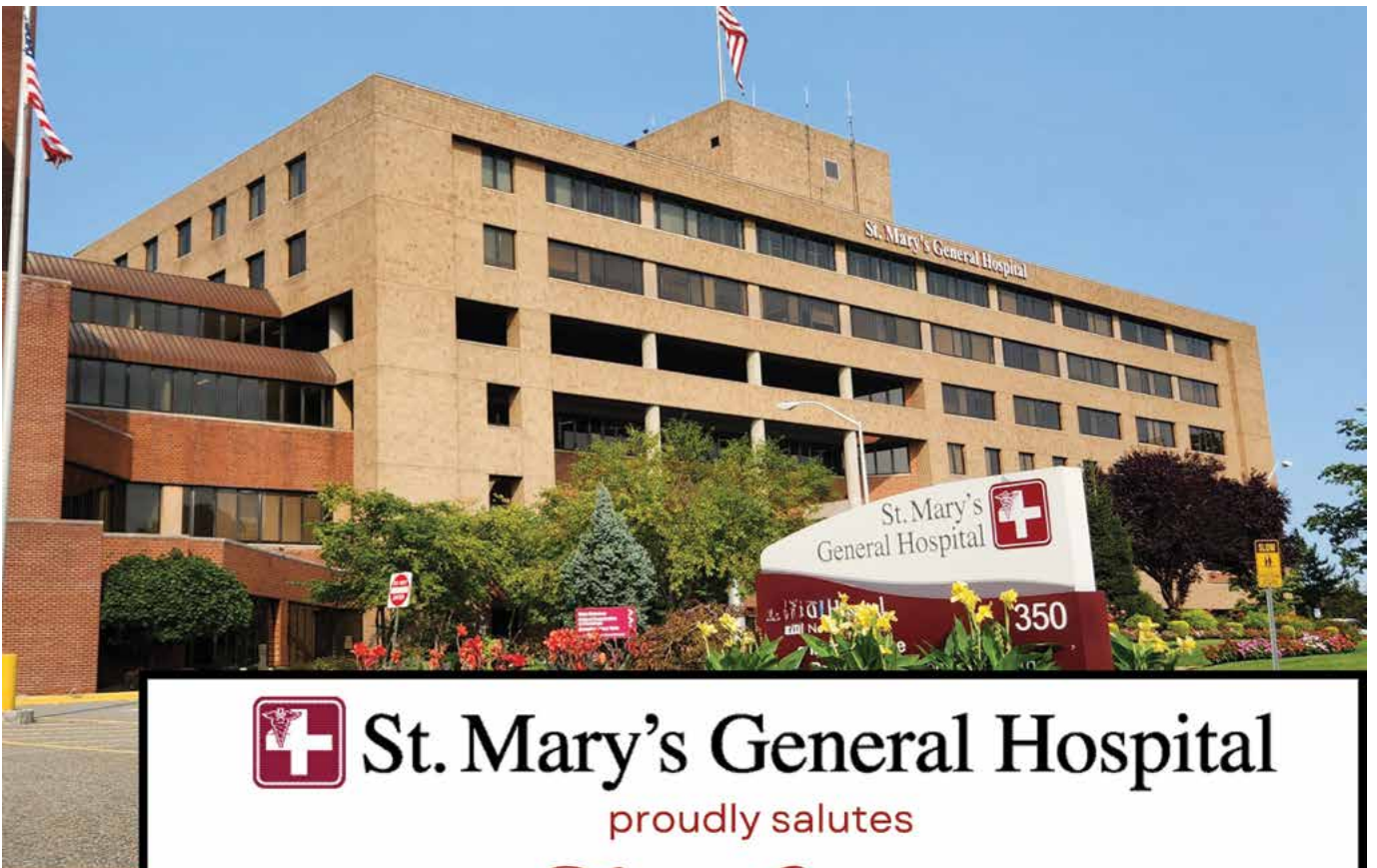




Thank you to **Joan Quigley**  
for your invaluable dedication, time, and service.

From your friends and partners at  
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Joan M. Quigley

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*Congratulations Joan  
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mentor, and great friend.*

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**JOAN QUIGLEY**

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**Joan M. Quigley**

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*Joan Quigley*

*Congratulations!*  
*On Your Retirement*



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## **Congratulations to our Honoree Joan M. Quigley**

On behalf of the entire North Hudson Community Action Corporation family,  
I extend my deepest gratitude and admiration to Joan M. Quigley  
for her unwavering dedication and exceptional leadership.

As the President and CEO, Joan's vision, compassion, and commitment  
transformed lives and strengthened communities.  
Her legacy of service will forever inspire us to continue the mission  
of empowering those in need.

It is an honor to follow in your footsteps, Joan.  
Thank you for your relentless efforts and the profound mark you've left.

With heartfelt appreciation,

**David Selig**

*Interim President & CEO*

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Enjoy your well-deserved retirement, Joan!



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**To our dearest friend, Joan Quigley  
An inspiration to us all  
Congratulations on your well-deserved honor**

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PROUDLY CONGRATULATES

**Joan Quigley**

President & CEO of the North Hudson  
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The New Jersey Primary Care Association congratulates Joan Quigley on her retirement and proudly celebrates her enduring impact on healthcare excellence in New Jersey.

Thank you for sharing your passion and dedication!



**Joan,**

*I*t has been an honor working with you since July of 2013 witnessing first hand your compassion towards others, your resolve to the mission all while acting diplomatically and with elegance.

**BART MONGELLI, ESQ.**

Congratulations & Best Wishes  
to Honoree

**Joan M. Quigley**

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