

# EAC Network Newsletter



**EAC Network's 2nd Annual Gala was an overwhelming success! We thank Staten Island District Attorney Michael McMahon for his work and for sharing with 200 of our closest friends the story of our collaborative work and the shared impact of our mission.**



**Neela Mukherjee Lockel  
EAC President and CEO**



**John Durso  
EAC Chairman**

**"We thank President Neela Mukherjee Lockel, Chairman John Durso and all members of the EAC team for their continued collaboration with our office.", said EAC's Building Bridges Gala keynote speaker, Staten Island District Attorney Michael McMahon.**



**D.A. Michael McMahon**



**Geri A. Gregor  
Gala Chairperson**



**EAC President and CEO and BOARD MEMBERS**



## **Staff Members at the Building Bridges Gala**



**EAC Staff**



**COO Tania Peterson Chandler  
& CEO Neela Mukherjee Lockel**



**Dinner room  
Garden City Hotel**

**"We help people when they need it most,".  
See the dedicated and talented staff members of the EAC Network.**

**To learn more about our impact or to make a donation visit,  
<https://eac-network.org/>**



**Rachel Lugo, Director  
Judy Axelrod, Director**



**Left to right  
Seth Azizollahoff, CHRO.  
Tania Peterson Chandler, COO.  
Neela Mukherjee Lockel., CEO &  
Louis Dsouza, CFO.**



**Left to right:  
Lisa Newman, Director  
Crystal Stanton, Director**



**Left to right:  
Christopher Kelly, Grant Manager  
Joseph Bondor, Executive Assistant  
Robert Stricoff, Chief Development Officer  
Cassandre Thrasybule, PR Coordinator**



## **EAC Network In-Home Respite Caregiver's Luncheon**

**EAC Network wants to thank the dedicated companions of the In-Home Respite Program.**

**We are grateful for the services that our fully trained companions provide to the frail older adults in their homes.**

**The services of the companions are vital for family members that care for the elderly or chronically ill family members.**



**Luncheon at the Garden City Hotel**



**Left to right  
Laura Wiggins (25 years as a companion)  
Mazie Ferraro (16 years as a companion)**



**Left to right  
Neela Mukherjee Lockel, EAC President and CEO  
Dolores Pilnacek, Respite Companion**



**From left to right  
Marjory Vital, Judy Kenny, Dolores Pilnacek,  
Mary Reid.  
Over 5 years of service as companions**

**EAC Network started the In-Home Respite Program in 1986.**

**The program is funded to support family members who care for older adults, 60 years or older, in Nassau County- most often spouses or parents.**



**EAC Network is grateful to the companions who dedicate their time caring for seniors and allowing family members to get a needed break.**



## Happy Holidays From EAC Network's New Path Treatment Center

We wish everyone a happy and safe holiday season. The holiday season is a time for fun and celebration with family and friends. However, it can also be a time of great sadness.

Drunk drivers cause more than 17,000 deaths annually. This equates to 310 funerals each week or one death every 30 minutes. In New York State slightly more than 30% of fatal crashes are alcohol-related. (<https://troopers.ny.gov/impaired-driving>)



Kawan Johnson, Biller/Adm.  
William Ross, Social Worker  
Jacqueline Jackson, Social Worker  
Sherri Flournoy, Director • Kianna DeJesus, Admin.

### Here is a Mocktail recipe:

**Cranberry Spice:**  
1.5 oz sparkling water  
2 oz cranberry juice  
4 dashes of Peychaud's Bitters  
2.5 oz apple cider  
10 cranberries (plus additional for garnish)  
Orange wedge

**Directions:**  
Muddle cranberries and orange wedge in cranberry juice, and then pour in the rest of the ingredients and stir with a spoon. Garnish with cranberries and orange peel and serve on ice.

**Apple Cranberry Spritzer:**  
Apple juice  
Cranberry juice  
Sprite  
Cranberries  
Rosemary

**Directions:**  
In a glass mix equal parts apple juice and cranberry juice. Add a dash of Sprite.  
Garnish with cranberries and a sprig of rosemary.

Warmest Regards,  
[eac-network.org](http://eac-network.org)

HAPPY  
*holidays*

**Thank you for a great year, team!**

**Wishing you and your family a happy and  
safe holiday season!**

**Neela Mukherjee Lockel**

**President and Chief Executive Officer.**

