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## **Musical Tribute by Jazz Greats to be a Highlight at Christian Health Care Center Event to Honor David F. Bolger and the Bolger Foundation**

Christian Health Care Center (CHCC) in Wyckoff is proud to honor David F. Bolger and the Bolger Foundation for their legacy of service, leadership, and commitment to the community Thursday, September 12, 2013, at The Estate at Florentine Gardens, River Vale. The event Co-chairs are Audrey Meyers, President and CEO, Valley Health System and The Valley Hospital, and Thomas M. Wells, Esq., Senior Partner and CFO, Wells, Jaworski & Liebman, LLP.

A special musical tribute will feature jazz greats Warren Vache, Bucky Pizzarelli, Nicki Parrott, Steve Johns, Harry Allen, and Derek Smith.

“These talented jazz musicians provided us with a dynamic and successful Taste of Jazz event last spring,” said Douglas A. Struyk, CPA, LNHA, CHCC President and CEO. “We are delighted that they are participating in our event to honor Mr. Bolger and pay tribute to him.”

Warren Vaché, a Rahway native, began playing piano in the third grade but switched to cornet so he could play in the fourth-grade band. In the mid-70s, he began playing with the Benny Goodman band.

Paterson-born Bucky Pizzarelli began his professional career at 17 as a jazz guitarist with the Vaughn Monroe dance band. He became a staff musician for NBC, playing with Skitch Henderson.

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He was also a member of The Tonight Show Band and has collaborated with Les Paul, Benny Goodman, and many other music legends.

Australian native Nicki Parrott began playing bass at age 15 and later studied jazz at New South Wales Conservatorium of Music in Sydney, Australia. She began performing at the Iridium Jazz Club in New York City with Les Paul. She has also performed with Michael Legrand, Jose Feliciano, and Scott Hamilton, and has appeared in several Broadway shows.

Steve Johns decided to pursue jazz as a lifelong ambition at age 15 and began an intense three-year study with the great drummer and master teacher Allan Dawson. He studied classical percussion at the New England Conservatory of Music in Boston and has worked, recorded, and collaborated with The Count Basie Orchestra.

Harry Allen, tenor saxophone, has more than 30 recordings to his name, three Golden Disc Awards, and the New Star Award. He has performed alongside musicians such as Rosemary Clooney, Hank Jones, Kenny Burrell, Tony Bennett, James Taylor, Sheryl Crow, and Kenny Barron.

London native Derek Smith began his professional jazz piano career at age 14 and by the early 50s was a staple on the British jazz scene. After moving to New York City, he became a session musician in high demand by studio orchestras and was a member of The Tonight Show Band.

The proceeds from the event will be used to support the Center's 2013 Annual Fund, which will be used for renovations and improvements within Ramapo Ridge Psychiatric Hospital. Ticket price is \$250. Event sponsorship and ad journal opportunities are also available. For more information or to purchase tickets, contact Darcy Bickert, CHCC Foundation Assistant Director, at (201) 848-5796 or email [dbickert@chccnj.org](mailto:dbickert@chccnj.org).

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more than a century ago.

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Pictured are Bucky Pizzarelli, seated, and, standing from left, Derek Smith; Warren Vache; Douglas A. Struyk, CPA, LNHA, Christian Health Care Center President and CEO; Nikki Parrott; Harry Allen; and Steve Johns at Christian Health Care Center's Taste of Jazz event last May