

# The Parker Pulse

A Newsletter for the Staff of Parker Jewish Institute for Health Care and Rehabilitation

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## Message from the President and CEO

### *The Melting Pot Quilt: Diversity Is Our Strength*



The staff, residents and patients at the Parker Jewish Institute for Health Care and Rehabilitation reflect the strength of the great cultural diversity that is New York and America. Recently, thirty-five residents, under the guidance of Therapeutic Recreation Specialist Karin Cohen, created a "Melting Pot Quilt" that symbolizes the diversity at Parker. Featured at a Hofstra University exhibit on "Creativity and Aging," and now adorning a wall in Parker's lobby, each square of the Quilt portrays an important expression of the resident artist's cultural background. As a popular art activity, the Quilt also brought residents together, resulting in

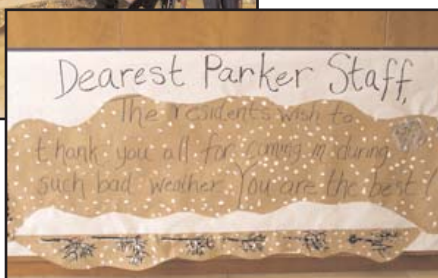
many new friendships and a warm feeling of community. The illustration of the Statue of Liberty, at the center of the Quilt, was selected by the residents because it was the dramatic harbinger of freedom that many residents or their parents saw when they first came to the United States. It was drawn by Al Gordon, a Parker resident and a former illustrator for Marvel Comics. Over the years, Mr. Gordon worked on the drawings of many well known comic characters, such as Batman, Spiderman and Superman, but never for a more appreciative audience than the residents and staff at Parker.

As we move forward to meet the challenges of providing the best, most compassionate health care to all of those we serve, let's continue to draw strength, motivation and joy from the "quilt" of our diverse backgrounds.

Sincerely,

***Michael N. Rosenblut***

President and Chief Executive Officer



## A Special Relationship

The very special relationship between staff and residents at the Parker Jewish Institute for Health Care and Rehabilitation is evidenced by the sign created by residents, thanking the Parker staff for braving February's record-breaking snow blizzard, and coming to the Institute to serve residents with the everyday excellence and warmth that has become a hallmark of the Parker staff.