



# NEWS From Bill Magnarelli

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Assemblyman Magnarelli speaks with Dave Perkins, Senior Category Manager of Vital Signs at Welch Allyn, and Matt Chadderdon, Vice President of Marketing Communications of Global Brand Management & Shareholder Relations at Welch Allyn.

• **S**t. Joseph’s Hospital and Health Center purchased new next-generation vital sign management devices from Welch Allyn with a \$250,000 state grant Assemblyman Magnarelli secured. The devices will increase accuracy and efficiency of patient vital signs records through an automated vital sign documentation system.

“I’m pleased to be able to help provide this leading-edge cardiac technology to St. Joseph’s and its patients. I am even more delighted that the hospital acquired this medical equipment from a local company – Welch Allyn,” said Assemblyman Magnarelli. “Anytime we are able to help two leading central New York employers to partner on a significant project such as this one, we are helping the local economy and sustaining employment for thousands in our region.”

## Governor Paterson Vetoes Gold Alert

“I am very disappointed with Governor David Paterson’s decision regarding Gold Alert,” said Assemblyman Magnarelli. “Many of our loved ones are diagnosed with Alzheimer’s, dementia or other cognitive impairments and mental disabilities – which may cause adult individuals to become confused and disorientated, often leaving them susceptible to wandering. This legislation would have provided the families of missing at-risk adults with a valuable resource and support system in their time of need.”

The Gold Alert, similar to the Amber Alert, was designed to use federal, state, and local resources to assist families in searching for adults who have cognitive impairments. Alerts would be sent out through the media, transportation outlets and to law enforcement officials in neighboring areas. In addition, the legislation required law enforcement agencies to conduct training and education for all personnel regarding the recognition and management of missing vulnerable adults

Assemblyman Magnarelli co-authored and sponsored the bill (A5220), which unanimously passed the Assembly in March. Senator Dave Valesky (D-Oneida, Syracuse) sponsored the bill in the NYS Senate.

The AARP and the Alzheimer’s Foundation supported this bill as having the potential to save lives when put into place.

Frank S. Wlosinski, 74, of Camillus, who suffered from Alzheimer’s, wandered from his home in the beginning of January and was found deceased months later. His daughter, Linda Pierik, explained how the Gold Alert could help families of those with Alzheimer’s disease or dementia.

If signed into law, New York would have joined several other states, including Illinois, West Virginia, North Carolina and Texas, in taking steps to assist families of vulnerable adults with locating their missing loved ones.



Assemblyman Magnarelli recently held a press conference about the Gold Alert being vetoed. Linda Pierik, Frank Wlosinski’s daughter; Catherine James, Chief Executive Officer of the Alzheimer’s Association; and Arlene Bolton of AARP spoke.



Linda Pierik, Frank Wlosinski’s daughter, greets Assemblyman Magnarelli after the press conference.



## SAVE THE DATE

CNY Volunteer Fair will be held from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. **Sept. 21** at the Skydeck of Carousel Center. Over forty local non-profits and volunteer organizations will be there offering information about opportunities to volunteer within the community.



## CNY Veterans Parade

The 2010 CNY Veterans Parade will be held at noon, Saturday, **Nov. 6** on Salina Street in Downtown Syracuse. Veterans, veterans’ organizations and military units are invited to participate.





• **N**ew York State Department of Transportation recently opened the Butternut Street Bridge, marking the completion of a \$17.9 million project to rehabilitate the bridge and replace two other bridges over Interstate 81.

“Renovating the Butternut Street Bridge, along with the Spencer and Court Street Bridges, is a great investment in this part of Syracuse,” said Assemblyman Magnarelli. “It is important that these vital arteries can be reopened, ensuring safe and quick routes to other parts of the city.”

The projects began in Spring 2009. Demolition of the old structures was done primarily at night to reduce traffic impacts. Minor landscaping and installation of decorative lamp posts will continue until the end of October.



**David Mankiewicz, Downtown Committee Executive Director, poses with Assemblyman Magnarelli and James Breuer, Downtown Committee Chairman at the annual meeting.**

• **A**ssemblyman Magnarelli was recognized at the 2010 annual meeting of The Downtown Committee for his work securing funding for the 300 block of Downtown Syracuse, Landmark theatre, Hotel Syracuse and numerous contributions to cultural organizations.



### College Supplies for Low-income Students

OnPoint for College will be able to assist area students in need as they head to college, thanks in part to a state grant Assemblyman Magnarelli secured.

“I am grateful to Assemblyman Magnarelli for his support. The grant that OnPoint for College received helped our students with textbooks, Math/Science grants and college supplies,” said Ginny Donohue, executive director of OnPoint for College. “Assemblyman Magnarelli truly cares and his efforts have helped level the playing ground for inner-city first-generation youth.”

The grant will be used to give about 300 students supplies to use in their first year of college. OnPoint is also using the grant to help finance enrollment and housing deposits for students with financial need.

OnPoint helped 2,012 students enroll in 190 colleges and universities since 1999. Ninety-eight percent of the students are the first in their family to go to college. OnPoint staff and mentors help the college students through the enrollment process and college with tutoring, transportation, housing and supplies.

## At the New York State Fair



**Mario Batali, of the Food Network and Iron Chef, took time out of his show to meet with Assemblyman Magnarelli.**



**A resident approached Assemblyman Magnarelli outside of the New York State Police exhibit.**



**Governor David Paterson, Assemblyman Magnarelli and State Police Major Donald DePass meet near the State Police Exhibit.**



**On Veterans Day at the Fair, Lt. Colonel Richard Rouleau presented Assemblyman Magnarelli with an accord they both signed recognizing the sacrifices of veterans.**

### About New York State Assemblyman William B. Magnarelli

Assemblyman William Magnarelli represents the 120<sup>th</sup> Assembly District, which includes the Northside, Westside, Eastwood and Valley areas of the City of Syracuse, as well as the towns of Geddes and Van Buren. He first won election in 1998 for an open Assembly seat and was reelected in 2000, 2002, 2004, 2006, and 2008. During his previous five terms in office, Assemblyman Magnarelli has focused his efforts on bringing more jobs to Central New York, lowering taxes, providing our children a better education at every level, improving our healthcare and keeping our families safe. For more information, contact Assemblyman Magnarelli’s District Office at (315) 428-9651 or visit <http://www.assembly.state.ny.us/magnarelli>.