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Oneida Health Mourns Loss of Longtime Board Member

Oneida, NY – Oneida Health is saddened to announce the passing of longtime Board Member, Victor Sirchia. He passed away Tuesday, December 14, with his family by his side. Victor had served on the Oneida Health Board of Trustees since 1993.

“It’s with great sadness that we announce the passing of our friend, our neighbor, and fellow Board Member, Victor Sirchia,” said Michael Kallet, Vice Chairman of the Oneida Health Board of Trustees. “Vic’s dedication to Oneida Health and the community it serves was second to none and he showed it over decades of selfless service. He will be greatly missed by the Oneida Health family and all those who knew him.”

Peter Hedglon, Esq, member of the Board of Trustees said, “Vic played a vital role in the many challenges we have faced in the past 28 years. From spinning off from the City as a stand-alone not-for-profit; dramatic changes in how hospitals are paid; technological changes from laparoscopic surgeries, CAT and MRI machines, to Robotic Surgery; adding services, locations and building; and the great challenge of surviving as a community hospital in a health care environment that does not truly value community hospitals. We could have not done it without him.”

Victor served as the chair of the Oneida Health Board of Trustees since 2003 and also served as the chair of the Finance Committee since 1994. Professionally, Victor was Partner, Business Advisor/Consultant and CPA for Sirchia CPAs and Financial Advisors since 1998. He was a local graduate of Vernon Verona Sherrill Central School.

“Vic was not only a leader, but a good friend,” said Gene Morreale, President and CEO of Oneida Health. “There is no doubt that Oneida Health benefited from his leadership, guidance, and wisdom over the past three decades. He helped turn a community hospital into a high quality, viable network of services that supports the health and care of our communities, every day. The impact he has made will be felt for years to come. He will be missed.”

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About Oneida Health

Oneida Health serves an area comprised of approximately 29 communities in Madison and western Oneida counties with a population of approximately 100,000. Operated by Oneida Health Systems,

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Inc, a New York State not-for-profit corporation, the organization includes a 101-bed acute care hospital, emergency department, state of the art surgery center, 160-bed extended-care and short-term rehab facility, primary care offices, internal medicine, comprehensive lab services, home medical equipment, comprehensive imaging services, outpatient therapy, and care specialties in: oncology, cardiology, neurology, podiatry, vascular, sleep, OB/GYN, orthopedics, wound care, GI, pulmonary, and ENT. To learn more about Oneida Health, visit www.oneidahealth.org.