

**Monroe Community Hospital's Kristen Schmidt Rund and Mary Weidert Recognized with Rochester Business Journal's "Health Care Heroes" Awards**

**ROCHESTER BUSINESS JOURNAL**  
**Health Care HEROES**

**CELEBRATE HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS ON MARCH 24TH AT 1 P.M.!**

Watch an on-line multimedia presentation that will share the stories of these incredible caregivers. Celebrate with your team and secure tickets early by purchasing a sponsorship. To learn more about sponsorship opportunities, contact [shuettner@bridgetowermedia.com](mailto:shuettner@bridgetowermedia.com).

**March 24, 2022**

**Join us to congratulate these outstanding honorees!**

**Advanced Practice Provider**

- Brett Hogan** Strong Memorial Hospital
- Gregory Rosinski** University of Rochester Medical Center
- Christine Visic** Jewish Senior Life

**COVID-19 Heroes**

- Stephen Harrington** UR Medicine Thompson Health
- Irene Perillo** Highland Hospital
- Kristen Rund** Monroe Community Hospital

**Health Care Innovation**

- COVID-19 Vaccine Trials** Rochester Clinical Research
- Virtual programming for underserved populations** Alzheimer's Association Rochester and Finger Lakes Chapter
- York Wellness & Rehabilitation Institute** Nazareth College

**Health Care Staff**

- Naveen Daniel** University of Rochester Medical Center
- Shari Matthews** Arc of Monroe
- Mary Weidert** Monroe Community Hospital

**Lifetime Achievement**

- David Levy** Eastman Institute for Oral Health
- Michael E. Pollock** Brighton Volunteer Ambulance
- Joseph Searles** Trillium Health

**Management**

- Ebony Caldwell** Rochester Regional Health
- Mary Kate Corey** UR Medicine Thompson Health
- Christine Van Vessem** Jewish Senior Life

**Medical Professional**

- William Carroll** Rochester Regional Health
- Michael Flannery** Strong Memorial Hospital
- Kirsi Jarvinen-Seppo** University of Rochester School of Medicine

**Mental Health**

- MIPS Mobile Vaccination Team** University of Rochester Medical Center
- Patrick Seche** University of Rochester Medical Center
- Sara Taylor** PICD - BIPOC PEEEEEK Mental Health Project

**Nurse**

- Bryce Bishop** Rochester Regional Health
- Jennifer Jesske** Highland Hospital
- Julie Mooney** Rochester Clinical Research

**Physician**

- Bilal Ahmed** Highland Hospital
- Matthew Davis** Rochester Clinical Research
- Carl "Chris" Reynolds** Rochester Regional Health

**Senior Care**

- Jennifer Meagher** Senior Life LLC
- Annette Medina Walpole** University of Rochester Medical Center
- Colleen Rose** Rochester Regional Health

**Special Needs Advocate**

- Nicole Cilento** CP Rochester & Happiness House
- Kathy McCarthy** Heritage Christian Services
- Heather Quermous** Holy Childhood

**Volunteer**

- Bill Olsen** Friends of Strong Memorial Hospital
- Joan Stevens** Rochester Regional Health

**To learn more about this event visit [rbj.com/event/health-care-heroes](http://rbj.com/event/health-care-heroes).**  
 Access to the online celebration is limited to sponsors and a small number of access tickets that will become available after sponsorships close on March 7th.

*For information about purchasing tickets or the event contact [rbjevents@bridgetowermedia.com](mailto:rbjevents@bridgetowermedia.com)*

KRISTEN RUND: In addition to her traditional role, Rund became the lead for our in-house COVID testing of our over 800 staff members. This included training staff in sample collection, PPE use, inventory and quality control. During resident outbreaks, she herself became a tester for some of our 500+ residents. Ms. Rund always finds a way to help, often volunteering to provide direct patient care to assist nursing when staffing levels were challenged. And it's important to also note that she did all of this while going through a very difficult personal situation. Rund goes above and beyond daily and would be a worthy recipient for an employee of distinction recognition.

MARY WEIDERT: Weidert truly exemplifies MCH heart. After working here for nearly two decades in a variety of roles with increasing levels of responsibility, Weidert feels a special affinity for this place and the people living here - and it shows. Whether she's coordinating a group of volunteers to do a garden cleanup, or asking her neighbors to join her in submitting a piece of art for our recent competition highlighting artworks in the theme "MCH Heart," or pitching an employee recognition program to Administration, Weidert truly goes above and beyond, each and every day. Weidert is a charismatic, friendly, warm-hearted person who instantly puts residents at ease and always jumps at the chance to work collaboratively with her colleagues in support of MCH. She is a joy to work with and be around, and we here at MCH would be truly thrilled to have an opportunity to recognize her many contributions.