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The Bellevue Association Gala

HONORING

Steven B. Abramson, MD

Chair of Medicine of
NYU Grossman School of Medicine

September 30, 2026



W E L C O M E



Thank you all for coming tonight to The Bellevue Association Gala as we honor Steve Abramson, MD for his long and distinguished career at NYU-Langone, NYU Grossman School of Medicine, and Bellevue Hospital.

The Bellevue Association was established more than seventy years ago as a partnership between the private sector and Bellevue Hospital, to support programs

that foster educational opportunities for the staff at Bellevue and improve patient care.

I became involved in The Bellevue Association some twenty years ago through my father, Dr. Saul J. Farber, who spent his career at NYU and Bellevue. Although my father held many important positions throughout his career, including Chairman of the Department of Medicine, his first love was Bellevue Hospital, an institution that he viewed as not only the best place to train to be a doctor, but the embodiment of the highest ideals of a moral society: a place where everyone received first rate medical care with dignity and respect for their humanity.

The Bellevue Association has supported large and small projects throughout its history. We built the Saul J. Farber Auditorium at Bellevue, and bought Bellevue's first MRI. Over the last several years, we have directly funded different facets of patient care, such as wigs for cancer patients, supplies for mothers and babies in the NICU, and supplies for home wound care. These are essential items that most of us would take for granted, but are beyond the means of much of Bellevue's population.

A portion of the funds raised tonight will help establish the Dr. Steven Abramson PrMEIR Medical Education Innovation Grant, providing pilot funding for Bellevue teams to develop, implement, and evaluate innovative educational initiatives. This new fund offers an opportunity not only to honor Dr. Abramson's remarkable legacy, but also to ensure that NYU and Bellevue remain at the forefront of medical education innovation while furthering our commitment to equity, education, and public health.

Beth Farber
President, Board of Directors

The Bellevue Association

The Bellevue Association, founded in the 1960s, is a group of physicians, community members, and concerned citizens who support Bellevue Hospital Center in its mission to offer high quality compassionate healthcare to all New Yorkers.

Bellevue Hospital Center

Bellevue Hospital is the nation's oldest public hospital, and one of its premier teaching hospitals. For generations, medical students and residents have trained at Bellevue and gone on to influence the practice of medicine and improve patient care all over the world.

Bellevue Hospital represents the noblest ideals of a humane society, providing free medical treatment to every person who comes through its doors, regardless of ability to pay, legal status, or illness. For almost three hundred years, Bellevue has been safeguarding the public health of New York and its global population.



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We are deeply grateful to the following individuals, whose enthusiastic partnership made tonight's event possible. They dedicated months to this effort, and their guidance and expertise were invaluable.

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STEVEN B. ABRAMSON



Dr. Abramson's career and his fifty years at NYU-Langone and Bellevue have been distinguished by his contributions to medical research, his passion and devotion to medical training and education, and his administrative accomplishments.

Dr. Abramson arrived at New York University and Bellevue as a

resident in 1974, after graduating from Harvard Medical School. He rose through the ranks under the mentorship of Dr. Saul J. Farber (1918-2006), the former Dean and longtime Chief of Medicine at NYU and Bellevue. Dr. Abramson recalls Dr. Farber as a crucial role model. *"A mentor can help you navigate your career and think critically about your profession. During my early training, Dr. Farber taught me and imbued in generations of physicians the importance of education and the physician's responsibility to medicine as a profession."*

After serving as Chief Resident and Firm Chief, Dr. Abramson eventually became Director of the Division of Rheumatology, and in 2013 he assumed the post of Chairman of the



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Department of Medicine of NYU-Langone. Dr. Farber also appointed Dr. Abramson associate dean for curriculum and he subsequently rose to Vice Dean for Education and Faculty under Dean Robert Grossman. Together they transformed medical education, including the establishment of the 3-Year Pathway to the



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MD degree, now available to all NYU graduates and at 45 medical schools nationally. An accomplished researcher, and scholar, Dr. Abramson has published over 300 manuscripts. During his tenure as Chairman of Medicine, he has strengthened the NYU Grossman School of Medicine's research portfolio and has overseen the school's ascent into the upper echelons of departments nationwide. He has also fostered a culture of innovation and patient-centered care.



Dr. Abramson credits his colleagues and mentors with his own success. *"I try to show continual gratitude, since my success is so dependent on the contributions of others."* Thus, he has made his own mentorship of physicians, scientists, and educators a central part of his career and has guided generations of residents, fellows, and junior faculty into leadership roles across academic medicine.

The Bellevue Association is proud to have Dr. Abramson as a member of its board, and to honor him for his distinguished career, his dedication to medical education, and his devotion to Bellevue Hospital.

In a 2017 interview, he offered this reflection: *"There's something very special about being a doctor,"* he said, *"and that brings obligations regarding how we behave, not just with our patients but with everyone."*



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A LEGACY OF EDUCATION AND CARE: PROGRAMS FUNDED BY THE BELLEVUE ASSOCIATION

The Bellevue Association supports educational and research opportunities for medical students and staff at Bellevue, as well as funding programs that directly benefit patient care.

Our oldest continual program is the annual Saul J. Farber Student Research Awards in Public Health, a competition in which the Association recognizes the year's best public health research projects created by NYU-Grossman medical students. Winners receive a monetary prize and present their research at an annual ceremony

This year, we will be establishing a grant in honor of Steven Abramson, M.D. which will support research by a staff member of Bellevue in the area of health equity.

Each year, the Association also reaches out to the Hospital's clinical departments, asking them what products or initiatives would best help their patients. This past year we received over 30 proposals from clinical departments to fund the programs which benefit patient care, ranging from the establishment of a support group for young stroke survivors, to purchasing strollers for new mothers and babies. Often these proposals ask for funds to purchase items that most of us take for granted, but are beyond the means of Bellevue's patient population.



Here are some of the projects funded by **The Bellevue Association**:

-  Built the Saul J. Farber Auditorium, an invaluable part of the Bellevue campus.
-  Bicycle helmets for patients in the Trauma Program
-  Hearing aid devices for patients in the Geriatric Out-Patient Clinic
-  Funds for home care of wounds for the patients in the Breast Surgery and Surgical Oncology Center
-  Wigs for patients treated by the Surgical Oncology teams.
-  Clothing, footwear, hygiene supplies, glasses, mobility equipment, medication management tools, transportation resources and funds for obtaining vital documents through the Safety Net Program
-  Support for Project Health Care, which brings student volunteers to Bellevue every summer to encourage students to pursue careers in public health.



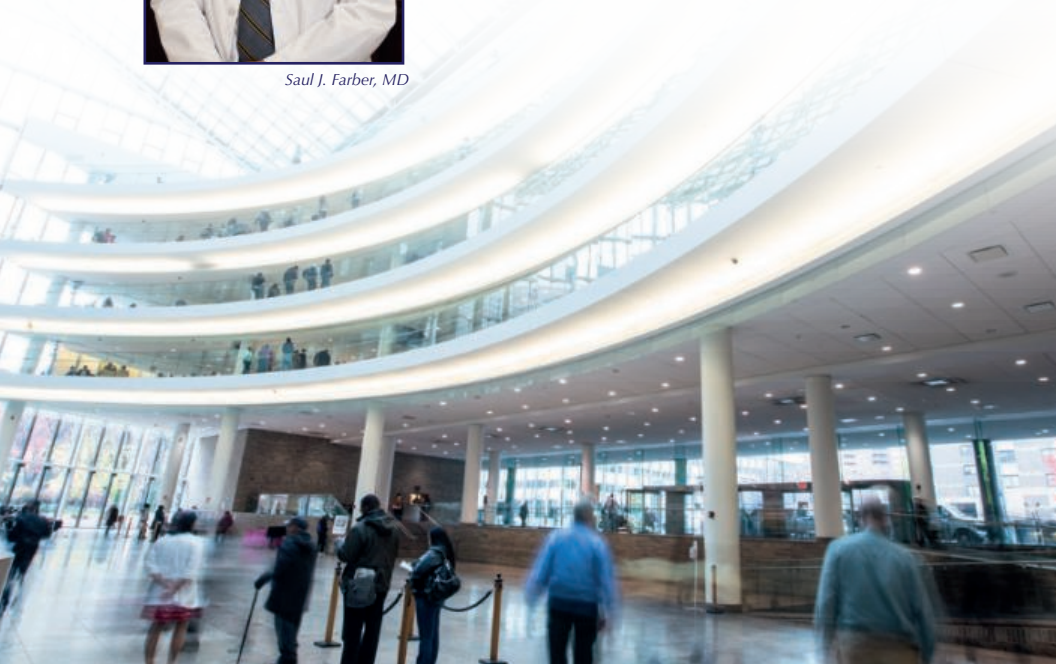
 Funded PEP, which sends doctors from the emergency department into city schools to educate students about the dangers of drugs.

 Pediatric Lifestyle Adult Engagement Toolkit (PLANT) which contains educational videos demonstrating food preparation, tips and nutrition facts, sample recipes, interactive tools, and family friendly healthy activities to encourage a more plant-based diet for children and their families.



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