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Russell Salvatore donates \$125,000 to Kenmore Mercy Hospital for new televisions

Local restaurateur and philanthropist, Russell J. Salvatore, has donated \$125,000 to Kenmore Mercy Foundation to buy 226 new TVs and upgrade television service throughout Kenmore Mercy Hospital.

Associates gathered the morning of May 18 to dedicate a plaque in his honor and express their gratitude for the generous donation that allowed for the replacement of 28" analog televisions throughout the hospital with state-of-the-art 43" HDTVs to improve viewing experience for patients.

The new televisions are also equipped for the addition of a wellness network for patients and their families with education and information prior to discharge.

Mr. Salvatore is one of Western New York's most renowned and admired restaurateurs. Over the last several years, his philanthropy has impacted all of Catholic Health's hospitals with donations totally more than \$1 million.

"Russell Salvatore's generous gift is making a difference to so many individuals, but most especially our patients who will benefit from these televisions for years to come," said hospital president Walt Ludwig.

"We can't thank him enough for this unparalleled support. His charitable giving has become as legendary as his restaurant career."

"I believe in giving back to the community I love and making a difference in people's lives," said Salvatore. "Just as my dad always told me as a young boy, 'Give and you will receive,' and it is so true. It makes me feel good when I can help others."